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GOOD FELLOWSHIP CLUB MEETS WED. JAN. 10

Farmers To Form Testing Association

Farmers Meet Friday Night And Agree To Organize Association In Near Future.

14 READY TO JOIN AT ONCE

Some 30 farmers of the vicinity of Belmond met at the city hall last Friday evening, for the purpose of forming a dairy testing association. The men present were those more or less directly interested in better milk cows and better dairy products. County agent Edwards had been notified and was present with a Mr. Eves of Waterloo, who is connected with the dairy division of the state. He gave the audience a very interesting and educational talk along testing lines, and proved to them that by forming a testing association they could weed out the "boarders" from their herds make milking a better paying business.

Fourteen of those present signified their intention and willingness to join a testing association. They were:

Joe Sampson.
Chester Cullinan.
Leo Delaney.
Guy Baker.
Frank Christie.
Ira Christie
M. G. Luick
Max Baker
D. C. Ables.
Dell Luick
G. C. Baker
James Kurtz
Ed Hauge
Easton & Fetrow.

Twenty-six are needed to form a testing association. It is planned to secure the additional members needed here, but if this cannot be done, to secure them at either Kanawha or Klemme. When the association is formed, a man will be sent by the state—paid, however, by the association—who will visit each member once a month. He will weigh the feed fed each cow morning and night and figure the cost; take a sample of each cow's milk night and morning, weigh and test it, and average the figures up, thereby arriving at the production per month per cow, the cost, and the profit. It is the same method as used in Wisconin where dairying is developed to a high degree. This man will also advise regarding the best feeds.

A man will be sent by the state to help organize a testing association here in the near future. Anyone who is interested may see any of the men named for particulars as to the association and to join. This is a progressive move in the right direction and means better profits to the farmers.

Ed. Patton of Dows also gave a talk on dairy and poultry standardization which was highly interesting.

ANOTHER GOOD RECORD

Speaking of testing for T. B. and other tests, Dr. Brown recently tested 26 Holstein cows for M. J. Kerman that stood the test 100 per cent, not an animal having a trace of T. B. one reason given for this is that regular intervals new blood is introduced from some of the leading herds which have been tested. Thru building up a sturdy and disease-resisting herd this bunch ran as high in grade as 15-16. In August one of the cows had twin calves from a grade Hereford sire. As they were very weak the cow was premitted to raise them. The cow is very thin now, but the calves are a square, blocky beef type fit for the butcher and feed lot. Some of the other cows have had a year's test in the Klemme Cow Testing association, and during the year returned $5 to $6 for every dollar of feed consumed, with the per cent of butterfat running as high as 4, 5 and 6.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Martin and Albert, and S. D. Martin drove to Cambridge Saturday to visit at the Ketchum home. They returned Tuesday.

COMMUNITY CLUB

The Community Welfare club met at the library last Friday afternoon. On account of the holiday season only about thirty members were present. The secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks to Henry Crist for his generous donation to the club charity fund. Also letters of appreciation to attorney Jensen and Loyd Skovlin for the good work they have been doing in the community and to let them know the club was standing back of them.

Mrs. J. J. Sharon led the afternoon lesson which was on Iowa writers. Iowa can well be proud of her list of famous writers. And during the lesson the club learned many things they never knew before that had been written by Iowa writers.

After the lesson, refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed.

JENSEN NOW CO. ATTORNEY

Atty. J. M. Jensen of this city assumed his new duties as County attorney on Tuesday morning. Atty. Jensen will maintain his resident in Belmond making his home here, where his family will live, and he will have an office at the county seat dividing his time between the two places. J. M. is a capable, go-getting young man and the people of Wright County will have a good and efficient servant in him.

HAMPTON TEAM REINSTATED

The Hampton High School athleti department received notice last wee from the Iowa State High Schoo Association that the ban on th Hampton school would be lifted o January 1st, and consequently there was much rejoicing in that city. The school is again enabled to compete with other schools in the state in athletic contests, and is making great plans for copping the basket ball games this winter. The Hampton school was suspended this last fall for having and playing on its football team an ineligble player, Paul Davis of Hansell. The suspension of the school beat Hampton out of the state football championship in the estimation of many, as they had a wonderful team and were cleaning up on every town they tackled.

SOME PERFUME

It has always been said in newspaper circles that a reporter should have a good nose for news. There was a piece of news Saturday morning that didn't need a good nose to discover. In fact, the better your nose was, the worse off you were. A youngster caught a civet cat in a trap east of town, and brought it home alive. He wanted to sell it and on reaching town stopped at the first place he came to which was Waller's. He didn't get inside the door there, and that was the reception he got at each place where they saw him first. However, he was informed that Harve Sweigard wanted a skunk to play with his dog Jack, and he made for the postoffice. He entered the lobby and there he remained until Harve came to find out what was the matter. The boy and the skunk met Harve at the door, and the kid was ordered to git. He next went to Schneider's but Louie Krall saw him coming. He met Ed Rhodes on the street and chased him up an alley. He tried to get into the south side meat market but failed, and by that time he seemed to think that he had had enough fun. But, say, that post office gang all worked with clothes pins on their noses all forenoon and they were uglier than they usually are at Christmas time, and hat's saying a good deal. —Garner Signal.

START AIR PUMP AT CORNELIA

The air pump bought last winter and installed to pump air under the frozen waters of Cornelia has been put in use and the lovers of the fishing sport are seeing to it that the fish are kept from smothering. Donations to carry on the work will be responsible for this as in the past.—News

ATTENTION!

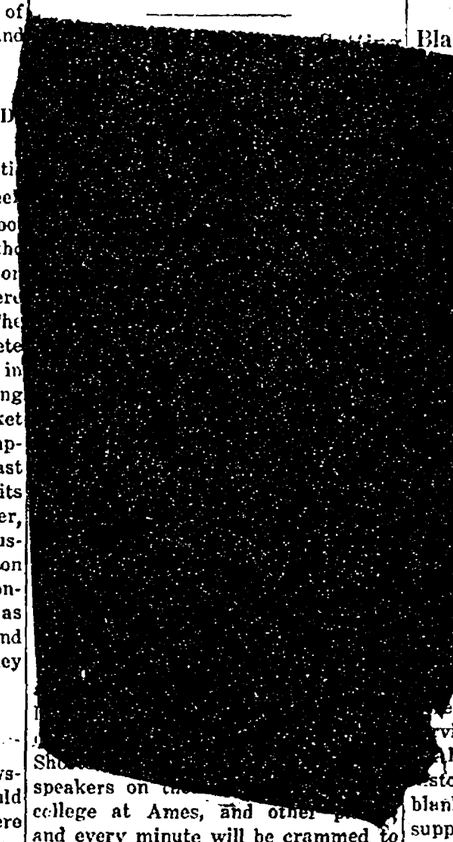
All Ex-Service Men

Bonus applications will be filled out at the local Post's Club Rooms

Thursday Night, January 4, 1923

Bring Your Discharge Papers

SHORT COURSE FOR BELMOND ASSURED



Sho... speakers on th... college at Ames, and other ... and every minute will be crammed to the full with something interesting.

The committees now working have not yet completed their arrangements so that full particulars cannot be given at this time. Watch the papers for full information as to dates and premiums, and be ready to enter into the biggest event of the winter. Farmers are advised to be getting their exhibits ready.

TRINITY CHURCH

Choir practice Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the church.

Thursday evening prayer meeting at the home of Mrs. H. Jacobson.

Saturday the class meets at the church at 10:00 o'clock.

Sunday morning Sunday School at the usual hour. Norwegian service in the morning at 11:00 o'clock. English service in the evening at 7:30.

Monday January 8, at 1 p. m, the annual business meeting of the church will be held. All voting members must be present.

ST. OLAF

The North Ladies Aid meets at the home of Mrs. Henry Lein, Wednesday afternoon.

Sunday morning the lay brethern will conduct the service at 11:00 o'clock in the Norwegian language All are welcome and asked to attend.

The firemen's annual dance took place on Monday night at the opera house. As usual at these affairs, there was standing room only, and a large crowd of dancers enjoyed the evening. The boys cleared up a nice little sum from the affair.

APPLICATIONS FOR BONUS RECEIVED

Blanks To Be Filled Out At The ...on Hall Tonight; Lo... Banks Have Blanks.

...cation blanks for the state ...ave been received in Belmond Belmond Savings Bank and ...te Bank of Belmond. The ...oard has announced that the ...will be paid in the order that ...lications are filed and efforts ...g made to get the blanks in any unnecessary delay.

...desired by the state depart... that where it is possible the ...re of an ex-service man on ...plication blanks be acknow... by a former officer of the ...war forces. For this reason ...dvisable to have the blanks ...t the Legion headquarters. ... of the details that ex-service ...hould remember are these; ... should bring their discharges ... them.

... must know their place of resid... at the time they entered the ...vice.

...ll should ge ready to answer the ...storical questions asked on the blanks, as these are intended to support the data required to make each soldier's record complete.

All should remember that the first correctly filled blanks will be paid first.

Full information and details can be secured at either of the two Belmond banks, or at the banks of any town where the application may reside.

GETTIN' BY PRETTY SLICK

To write this article and comply with the times and the law, is going to be a hard proposition. It has to do with something which the law says you mustn't talk about, in print anyway.

The merchants of a near by town had a trade extension and trade getting campaign recently, in which they-uh-well, in which Santa Claus played a part. You know, Santa Claus gives presents. Well anyway, the extension campaign was a huge success ,and as per arrangements and agreements therefore made. Santa Claus was on the job with two nice shiny presents for two unknown (and unnamed) people. In describing Santa Claus' visit, one of the newspaper said.

"The event of the day was pulled off at 3:00 o'clock. The parade started at the corner of Reeve and fourth streets and ended at the city park.** For about 15 or 20 minutes things were exciting and everybody was holding their breath."

Which is a pretty slick way of giving the news and at the same time complying with the law.

F. C. Aldrich of Rowan was a business caller in the city on Monday afternoon.

JAMES WESLEY TREESE

James Wesley Treese was born on May 10, 1849, in Ohio. Later he moved to Illisois where on Jan. 11, 1872, he was married to Miss Allie Donley, of Ohio. To this union were born eight children, five of whom are living: Clifford, Mrs. H. H. Dochterman, Mrs. Howard Forestal, and Mrs Otto Madison of Belmond, and Howard of Baltimore, Maryland.

Mr. Treese came to Belmond about 43 years ago, and endured some of the hardships incidental to pioneer life. After coming here and remaining a few years he moved to Scotland county, Mo., where he lived about 18 years, then returning to Belmond where he resided until his death.

He united with the Methodist Episcopal church when quite a young man, and remained faithful to his church. Death came without warning Friday evening. He seemed to sleep away as his heart failed.

Mr. Treese had more than reached the limit of three score and ten, being at his death 73 years, seven months and 19 days old.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church Wednesday afternoon with Rev Wilkinson in charge, and interment was made in Franklin Grove cemetery.

HEN THIEVES AGAIN

The chicken thieves with their auto truck are at it again. Recently they called at the John Chapman farm with the evident intention of making a clean up. John, however, had been warned to be on the look out and was waiting with a shotgun. His dog gave a bark and scared the thieves before John could get a good chance to try his aim, the thieves beating it for the car and going to less watchful parts. Too bad that John could not have given them a dose of the only medicine that is good for this disease. Next time may he have better luck.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Beckett a daughter, Roberta Jane.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Marshall of Lincoln township, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Verner Reed of Grant township, a daughter, Ione Jay.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Morford of Grant township, a son, William John.

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tomke of Clarion, a daughter, Sophie Mary.

To Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pletcher of Dayton township, a daughter Vurele Eileen.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph LaBarr of Lincoln township a daughter.

Marriage Licenses

Chris John Brinkman to Mary Joyce Riggan.

Orr Beaumont McGowan of West Union to Sarah Beatrice Leinbach of Belmond.

Albert Phusha to Nellie Bowman.

Chester W. Moellering to Thelma L. Brooks.

Benjamin Heginger to Galinda Bohning.

Orval M. Joseph of Goldfield to Esther Thompson of Eagle Grove.

Conard W. Hinkel to Hazel Snyder.

Shelby E. Bech of Goldfield to Rosa Belle Garman of Lincoln Neb.

Shirley Ketchum to Mildred A. Duffy.

Chas. A. Hilpipre to Alma S. Edwards.

Frank Pyle of Charles City to Mae E. Talle of Basset.

Harry Peterson of Badger to Julia Mandsager of Eagle Grove.

Thomas Diewanawski to Garnet Bamford.—News.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Sunday morning at 10 will be the first services of the New Year. We hope to have at least 125 present. This is but a few more than our average for 1922.

Our first communion services at 11:00 a. m. At this hour members will be received and welcomed into the church.

Our evening services are always interesting and helpful. The orchestra is furnishing us with good music and the house should be full at this service.

Fort Dodge Man To Give Address

Next Meeting Of Club Planned To Be One Of Best Yet With Big Time.

FINE PROGRAM SECURED

Next Wednesday evening, January 10th, at the library basement, the Good Fellowship club will hold its next meeting. This meeting is going to be one of the best yet, judging from present indication, and those who miss are certainly going to say things to themselves afterwards.

Rev. Dr. W. W. Pickett of Fort Dodge will be the speaker, and those who know him and have heard him talk will come thru any sort of weather to hear him here next Wednesday. He is a wonderful entertainer, mixing plenty of humor with sound sense, and his address is bound to please.

The program committee have gone the limit for entertainment and secured a rousing good one. To tell what it will be, would spoil half the fun. You will laugh as you haven't laughed for a long time, A full evening of enjoyment awaits every one who is present, so don't fail to attend. "It's gonna be good!" The eats will be right on deck, good ones, and a lively social hour afterwards.

Chalk down Wednesday night January 10, as an open date, and be at the library.

BOHNING-HEGINGER

Christmas Day witnessed the marriage of Miss Galinda Marie Bohning daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bohning of Belmond, to Mr. Benjamin Heginger, of Goodell, the ceremony taking place at high noon at the home of the bride's parents. Rev. A. H. Waalkes of the Reformed church, officiated at the service, which took place in the presence of the immediate relatives of the bride and groom.

Following the marriage ceremony, a sumptuous wedding dinner was served, and the happy young couple then left on a short honeymoon trip to Ackley, Cedar Falls, Sigourney and other points where they are now visiting relatives.

The bride is one of Pleasant township's best known and popular young ladies. She has made her home with her parents on the farm and has a host of friends who unite in extending congratulations.

Mr. Heginger is a well known young farmer of near Goodell, owning a farm west of that town, and he will take his bride there where they will be at home after February 1st.

The Independent joins with their friends in wishing them the best of all good things in their future life.

EAGLE GROVE GIRL KILED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Miss Agnes Nelson of Eagle Grove daughter of Mrs. Godfrey Nelson, was instantly killed just before Christmas in an auto accident between Eagle Grove and Goldfield. Mr. Nelson, his wife and three children and a relative were returning from Goldfield, and in passing another car Nelson drove off the grade. He managed to get back on the road again when he seemed to lose control of the car, and went into the ditch on the other side, turning over and skidding along the ditch. Miss Nelson was killed, while the rest of the party escaped without serious injury.

MORE FARMERS AS LAW MAKERS

Representation of farmers in Iowa House of Representatives was materially increased by the last election in November. Sixty-five are listed for the present Legislature, while two years ago there were but fifty-one in the lower house, a gain of fourteen. Of the 108 members of the house, over half are farmers. There are 14 farmers among the members of the senate this term, a gain of of one over two years ago.

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AN APPEAL TO STAND BY

In taking up the cause of law and order against disrespect of law and a wide open community, the men who have started the movement to clean up Belmond should be given the united and hearty support of every decent lawabiding citizen. Personal grudges which might be held against anyone connected with the campaign should be laid aside, that a united effort may be made and the best results accomplished. There is none, and there should not be, any politics mixed in the affair. This claim has been made ,but it is utterly false. The men who started the movement were actuated by a disire for a better and cleaner community, and by disgust at the way things have been going. They must necessarily be ready to accept, as any agitator for better government must, the derision of a certain class. But they should ignore these ravings. There can be no two ways about this movement: Either you are for or you are against, cleaning up; either you are for booze or you are against it. You will be judged by your words and your actions. If you are against the booze gang, the lawless element, then say so, and lend, at least your moral support to the men who are fighting the battle.

Because the Independent has come out flatfootedly for law enforcement, and has takn a definite stand against the lawless element, it has been severely criticised and condemned by some. The statement has been made that sixteen subscriptions were cancelled in one day. This is absolutely false in every particular. That many have not been lost in the past month. The only ones lost which were directly traceable to the anti-booze stand of the Independent were those of Jack Finn and Guy Lynch. In their place two new ones were added the same day, and in all more new ones have been added than have been lost from any and all causes.

Let this be a finish fight. Either the rough necks are going to run the community and the law abiding people move out, or the decent people are going to get rid of the toughs There are no two ways about it, it is going to be one or the other. The churches are back of the clean-up, the business men are behind it, the Community Club has endorsed it—which side of the fence are you on? Do you want your young boys reared in an atmosphere of law violation, of disrespect for decency, of booze. Do you want your young daughters your wives, your sisters and mothers subjected to nasty remarks and vulgar stares from a gang of booze-soaked rummies as they go down the streets? Do you want decency, order and law, or do you want your town wide open, an invitation to the lower instincts of the human animal to run wild?

Where do you stand? If for law enforcement and a cleaner town. Than come out and tell the men who are fighting. Back them up! Give your support! "United we stand; divided we fall."

THE SHORT COURSE

Every live citizen will jump in and help boost for the Short Course to be held in Belmond soon. Such an institute cannot help but be a good thing for the community, and the more vim expended in making it a success the greater success it will be. Primarily it will benefit the farmer, but in doing that it benefits all, for what helps the farmer helps business also.

Short Courses have been held here before, some of them huge successes, and some of them not so good. It all depended upon the enthusiasm displayed. Let this one be a good one, and it can be if we all go after it in the right manner. Boost for the short course, work for and with it; and you will benefit yourself as well as the other fellow.

Happy New Year! Have you made out your income tax yet?

Also have you secured your 1923 auto license?

The way things seem to be going, a fellow will be taking chances if he sings that old favorite "One Keg of Beer."

Anyway, it will be perfectly in accord to render "How Dry I Am."

A lot of good shining New Year's resolutions are beginning to show signs of rust by this time.

Wonder if there is any danger of overloading the water wagon.

SOCIETY

Phone 316

Priscilla—

The Priscilla club met at the home of Mrs. Ben Hoganson on Wednesday afternoon of this week. A goodly number were present and a social time enjoyed.

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W. F. M. S.—

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. church will hold their next meeting this (Thursday) afternoon, at the home of Mrs. E. F. Bailey.

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Chain of Ten—

Miss Helen Harberts will be hostess on next Monday afternoon to the ladies of the Chain of Ten.

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Standard Bearers—

The members of the Standard Bearers held a meeting Tuesday evening at the parsonage of the Methodist church.

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Family Gathering—

A very pleasant affair was the family gathering held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scott, near Olaf, last Friday. Some 25 relatives were present representing five generations. An enjoyable time was spent by those in attendance, but the pleasure of the occasion was saddened by an accident which befell little Ronald Purcell who fell from a pony he was riding and broke his arm. A bounteous dinner was served by the hostess. The out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bergsma of Huron, South Dakota, Mrs. Frank Prathers of Camp Crook, South Dakota, and Mrs. Angie Walton of Iowa Falls.

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Surprise—

The children and grand children planned and carried out a complete surpise on Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hanson, Wednesday, December 27, the occasion being Mr. Hanson's 75th birthday. Seven of the eight children were present, and 19 grand children. A bounteous dinner was served at high noon, and a pleasant afternoon enjoyed by all present. The children who were here for the occasion were: Mrs. Severt Lonning of Crystal Lake, Mrs. R. S. White and Mrs. M. B Gardalen of Dows, Mrs. J. K. Johnson, Mrs. Gundvel Johnson and Ole Hanson of Kanawha, and Mrs. P. J. Bamford of Belmond.

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Progress—

Mrs. C. P. Luick entertained the Progress club at her home, Tuesday afternoon.

The lesson for the afternoon was "The Songs of Solomon." The leader was Mrs. J. E. Wallace.

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Kensington—

The Kensington club was entertained by Mrs. C. C. McGuire at her home, Wednesday afternoon. At the close of a pleasant social afternoon, a delicious luncheon was served by the hostess.

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Bridge—

The girls Bridge club met at the home of Miss Gertrude Ely, Monday evening. Miss Mary Wallace won the highest score. Light refreshments were served.

It isn't always wise to speak adversely of your neighbor. He may be vindicative enough to tell the truth about you.

To retain your popularity with pretty girls, you should never kiss them unless you are willing to repeat the offense.

AUTO ACCIDENT NEAR ALGONA SUNDAY EVE

A terrible auto accident happened Christmas eve about four miles east of Algona in which Hebrert Calkins of Fort Dodge, a brother of Rev E. Dale Calkins, pastor of the Congregational Church at Britt, was killed. Rev. Calkins and his brother who was a singing evangelist, had attended a meeting at Whitemore and were on their way to Britt. The lights on their car had gone out and they met a car from Mankato which had no lights. Both cars were going at a fair rate of speed when they met in head-on collision with such force that both cars were ditched and wrecked.

Mr. Herbert Calkins was thrown through the windshield of his brother's car onto the pavement, and seriously injured. It is also reported that another car coming along before he was picked up ran over him. He was taken to the Algona hospital and died at 4 o'clock Christmas morning.

Rev. Calkins and the parties in the other car were not seriously injured. They were also taken to Algona and cared for at the hospital. Both cars were totally wrecked.—Garner Signal.

BARBERS GO BACK TO THEIR OLD PRICES

There was considerable comment and a lot of pleasant joshing when the barbers posted signs Saturday that prices had gone back to haircuts 50c and shaves 25c. Now here is a matter that ought to be controlled by the barbers and we don't blame them for asking and getting a price that will allow them a living. They state that under the new price of 20c for shaves and 40c for haircuts they continually run behind, and furthermore that the number of people they worked on during the rate was actually less than it had been before. What were they to do when the money received did not take the place of the expenditures but to raise their price to a level where they could live and not run behi[nd]. It is a sad thing that the far[mer] cannot contol the price he gets [for] crops produced. Some way ought [to] be devised that he could, but t[his] seems to be a big problem. A[ny] business that cannot get enough [out] of their business to live would bet[ter] close shop and we are with the ba[r]bers when they run their own bu[si]ness and charge enough to ma[ke] ends meet.—Britt News-Tribune.

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OVER THE FENCE

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Mr and Mrs. Ed Jacobs of Kle[m]me, and Mr. and Mrs. Chas Papo[u]sek of Belmond, were guests at t[he] Chris Jacobs home over Christma[s] —Garner Signal.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Luick, of Bel[l]mond spent Christmas at the hom[e] of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lu-Verne Smith.—Klemme Times.

Mr and Mrs.. J. T. Richards and Miss Nita were guests over Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shipley in Belmond.—Garner Leader.

Mr and Mrs. Parker of Belmond were Christmas guests at the Jas. Rourk home.—Kanawha Reporter.

Miss Evelyn Greenwood of Belmond is visiting at the Joe Stearnes home.—Times.

A number of Kanawha young folks attended a dance at Belmond Monday evening. There was a very large attendance. Albert Judd and orchestra furnished the music.—Reporter.

Mrs. M. L Reed of Belmond came Friday for a week end visit with her sister Mrs. A. D. Eley.—Monitor.

Harry Newgard and L. O. Skovlin of Belmond were county seat caliers Thursday.—Monitor.

OLD AND WARY ANIMALS ARE HARD TO TRAP OR SHOOT

It is one thing to hunt predatory animals in practically virgin territory, and make a spectacular killing and quite another to go into a district where only the wicked old offenders that have eluded everybody are left to catch. Hunter John N. Martin was sent by the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture to some sheep ranges near Plainview, S. Dak., adjoining the Cheyenne Indian Reservation, and found that during the preceding winter and spring the country had been hunted and trapped over by bounty hunters, with the result that all pups and young animals, or those easy to take, were gone, sheep losses, nevertheless, were occurring constantly.

Working steadily for two and a half months, Hunter Martin took 35 coyotes and 2 bobcats, all old animals. About two-thirds of them bore evidence of having been in traps from which they had escaped, or of having been shot and wounded at some previous time. In addition to this kill, Martin reported that 59 poisoned baits were taken. The bounty system has been abandoned inmany places as a result of demonstrations by the Biological Survey, as it has been found that better results in stopping live-stock losses are obtained when a hunter is hired to give all hiis time to hunting, trapping, and poisoning and is held responsible for destroying the actual live-stock killers.

The world is full of men who will dance attendance upon a flirt and then waltz up to the altar with a sensible girl.

"It was during the short skirt period," begins a story; and a lot of people will wonder why the past tense.

If you have anything you want to sell, or if you want to buy something, need help or have something to trade, try an Independent want ad. They bring big results.

Business Directory

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Opening Night

Any Seat 15c Anybody

plus tax

Don't Miss It!

Belmond Opera House

ANNOUNCEMENT

I Wish to announce to the people of Belmond and vicinity that I have opened a General Blacksmith and Welding business in the Miller Welding Shop situated one half block north of the Motor Inn.

I am thoroughly experienced in this line of work, having worked at the trade for 25 years, during which time I have been employed in some of the largest shops in the Central West. I will be glad to have you bring me your most difficult work. I know no such word as CAN'T.

I am prepared to do all kinds of General Blacksmith work, Horseshoeing, Plow work and Welding.

Give me a trial. Prices right, Work Guaranteed.

BILL, the Blacksmith

Formerly with the Motor Inn Company

Belmond, Iowa

Lighting Bills Are Higher In January Than In July

IN July, You have your evening meal, do the dishes and sit out on the porch or in the yard and visit by daylight. You turn on the electric light for only a few minutes while getting ready for bed.

IN January, You prepare the evening meal and eat it by artificial light. The family sits around in the living room for several hours reading and visiting. Some go to their rooms to read or study.

IN July, You spend many of your evenings out-of-doors and away from home.

IN January, It is too cold and sloppy out. You are at home more.

IN July, You never need artificial light to dress by in the mornings.

IN January, You frequently use electricity for lighting in one or more rooms for an hour in the mornings.

IN July, You don't burn porch lights because they attract mosquitoes and other insects.

IN January, The porch light gives a homey comfortable aspect to your property and cheers the wayfarer on the street.

IN July, At your office or store or factory you seldom need artificial light before closing time.

IN January, You frequently turn on the lights for an hour or maybe two hours before the business day is ended.

IN July, The weather outside is usually sunshiney and bright. You never think of turning on electric lights during the day.

IN January, Bleak cloudy days occur. Often you burn the lights in the house or office or store, just to cheer yourself.

THERE ARE FOUR TIMES AS MANY ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING HOURS IN JANUARY AS IN JULY.

Iowa Falls Electric Company

FARM BUREAU NOTES

New Soil Acidity Test

A new test for soil acidity has been perfected which has the advantage of showing the results quickly and at the same time indicating the degree of acidity.

The old litmus paper test was fairly rapid but gave no idea of the degree of acidity. The Truog test used by many county agents was good in the latter respect, but it was necessary to boil the soil sample.

A quantity of the Richorpoor solution as it is called, has been secured by the county agent and tests will be made throughout the county.

Arrangements are being made for a soil testing demonstration in each township in the county when all samples which are brought to the meeting will be tested free of charge.

Tuberculosis in Children

Leading medical authorites state that a general summary of investigations made in the United States, Great Britian, and Germany, show that approximately twenty-five per cent of the general tuberculosis in children under five years of age comes from infected cows' milk, and is therefore of bovine origin. These investigations also show that approximately sixty per cent of the bone tuberculosis, and seventy per cent of the abdominal tuberculosis in children under five years of age comes from cows' milk. Many of our leading medical authorites now maintain that much of the tuberculosis in natural life originates during childhood from infected milk, but the disease remains dormant until some illness or injury reduces the vitality of the person infected in early life, and the disease begins to manifest itself, progressing further, frequently terminating in the death of the patient.

The greatest danger to children from this source of infection is when the vitality is lowered through malnutrition or any other cause. In the Paris, Illinois case, where five children out of a family contracted tuberculosis from the milk of one cow, it was quite apparent that the children were not fully nourished.

State Wide Farmers' Debate

Much interest is being evidenced over Iowa in the question selected for the farmers' debates this coming winter. It is "Resolved that the producers contract is essential to the greatest success of cooperative marketing."

The rural organization section of the Extension department at Ames is directing a contest in which township teams will be selected and intertownship debates held following the selection of the best township team to represent the county laer in the district debates. The final state debates will probably be held in March.

This is a well belanced question of interest to rural communities. We might very profitably return to more debates and discussion in our township meetings.

Lincoln township is the only community in Wright county which has taken an active interest in this debate.

O. E. Bradfute a Dirt Farmer

Oscar Edwin Bardfute, newly elected president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, is one of Amarica's best known and most progressive famrers. He lives on the old home farm near Xenit, Ohio, where his grandfather was one of the early settlers.

Mr. Bradfute has served his second term as vice president of the American Farm Bureau Federation. He is also president of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation and one of the trustees of the Ohio state university. Mr. Bradfute is a stockman and farmer and has specialized in pure bred beef cattle as senior member of the firm of D. Bradfute & Son, world-famous breeders of the Aberdeen Angus cattle.

When the farm bureau movement came along Mr. Bradfute was one of the first men to see that it was founded on a rock and bound to sweep the country. He was drafted into leadership, and after serving the organization for two years as vice president, is one of the leading figures in the organization.

J. W. Coverdale Chosen Secretary

John W. Coverdale was again chosen executive secretary of the American Farm Bureau Federation to serve for 1923. Mr. Coverdale has been one of the pioneer workers in the farm bureau movement. He started with the beginning to the farm bureau work in Iowa as state county agent leader. After the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation was organized he was chosen executive secretary and after the organization of the American Farm Burerau Federation he was chosen secretary of the bigger organization. These advancements speak well for his work of leadership in this great movement.

At the recent annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation they paid special tribute to his work by the following resolution: Resolved ,that a vote of appreciation be given to John W. Coverdale for his very efficient services to the American Farm Bureau Federation during his term as secretary. We wish to pay a testimonial to the high character of his work, in all interests that pertain to the success of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Cow Testing Association

The farmers of the Belmond community who are interested in dairy production met at the city hall last Friday evening for the purpose of organizing a Cow Testing association.

John P. Eves, state dairy expert of Waterloo, who was the principal speaker at this meeting, gave a very interesting talk on the dairy work throughout Iowa Mr. Eves explained thoroughly the plans of organization to be used in forming a cow testing association and seemed to think that with the interest which has already been created in and around Belmond there will be no difficulty in organizing an association of this kind.

According to Mr. Eves it is necessary to have twenty-six members in the association in order that the cow tester may spend one day at each farmers place. The object of the association is to check up the production of each cow once a month by weighing the milk and testing for butter fat content. Experience has shown that this is the only method by which one is able to know what a cow is producing and one big advantage is that when the cow is sold she is sold on a definite record as to her production qualities.

Considerable interest has developed in the Belmond community during the past year in the dairy industry, there having been four or five carloads of dairy cattle shipped into the community. With this interest which has already been aroused in the dairy industry in this particular community it is quite probable that a cow testing association will be organized in Belmond. This is evidence that dairying is becoming more popular than ever.

FORD SALES RECORD BROKEN

According to a statement issued by the Ford Motor Campany deliveries of Ford cars and truck to retail buyers during the month of November totaled 106,327. This is a new high sales record that has never before been approached by the campany at this season of the year and one which stands out in marked contrast to the November, 1921, retail delivery figures which totaled slightly over 58,000 cars and trucks.

For eight consecutive months, beginning with April 1st of this year, retail deliveries have exceeded 100,000 Ford cars and trucks each month the accumlated total for the first eleven months of 1922 being approximately 1,200,000. While the company points out that it is not unsual for Ford retail sales to exceed the 100,000 mark during the spring and early summer months when the demand is at its peak, the manner in which business has held up thruout the balance of the year is without precedent.

Credit for this remarkable showing is attributed by the Ford Motor Company to the many improvements which, have lately been made on Ford cars and particularly to the new low level of Ford prices, recently put into effect. These new low prices not only broaden the field of prospective Ford purchasers but go still further in making the Ford car the best value from the stand point of the retail buyer that it has ever been.

Altho the Ford factories have been operating at capacity for the past eight months, sales have equalled production and judging from the unsual manner in which orders are coming in at this season of the year Ford dealers will be unable to accumulate an adequate stock of cars during the winter months for delivery next spring.

In the opinion of the Ford Motor Company, November sales are an indication that many prospective purchasers, realizing the exceptional value now being offered in Ford cars, are beginning to anticipate an unsual spring demand and are, therefore, placing orders during the fall and will continue to do so thruout the winter to avoid disappointing delays in delivery later on. While this will steadily increasing demand for Ford cars is nevertheless sure to create an acute shortage as the season advances.

Accordingly, the Ford Sales Organization is urging prospective Ford purchasers to arrange for delivery during the winter months in order that the demand next spring will be relieved as far as possible.

Belmond Auto Co.

FIGHT BEGINS ON BONUS LAW

Suit to restain State Treasurer W. J. Burbank from the sale of the soldier bonus bonds and the executive council from levying the taxes for payment of the sum was brought in the Polk county District court by Senator Henry W. Grout, of Waterloo. The suit was filed by the attoneys of Senator Grout, the firm of Farrish, Cohen, Guthrie & Watters, of Des Moines.

Attorney Parrish said he would not ask for advancement of the case and would not start arguments of the case before the latter part of next week. With this delay, the case may not be appealed to the Supreme court in time to be heard at the January term unless a special date is set by the high court, for the hearing of the appeal.

In view of the importance of the case it is probable that the attorneys will ask for a full bench hearing, which would require a special date for this case, as the regular full bench for the January term does not meet until April.

The filling of the suit will naturally stop all bidding for the bonds and it is probable that the treasurer will cancel the sale date fixed by him. It will be impossible for him to fix a new date for selling until he learns something about the time a decision may be expected in the case.

It is probable that the case will be heard by Judge Lester L. Thompson in the district court as he is expected to assume the equity division on January 2nd. Judge Thompson has declared that he will require that the case be fully argued before he makes a decision.

The petition of Senator Grout asks that the state treasurer and the executive council be restained from carrying out the provisions of the bonus law on the ground that it is void and unconstitutional. Seven grounds are set forth by the plaintiff why they should be declared invalid, most of these dealing with alleged violations of the state or federal constitutions.

While the test suit is being tried the bonus board will continue its work of passing on applications of former soldiers. The applications were mailed out to legion posts and it is believed that many applications will be filled out and returned to the board before the end of the week. Gen. Harry E. Wilkins, executive secretary of the board, stated that none of the applications would probably be passed upon of copying records still remains to be done and when this is completed General Wilkins expects to file and number the first batch of applications before passing upon any of them. He expressed the opinion that 50,000 of the applications may be passed upon and the warrants be written before any of them are sent out, as it is improbable that the warants will be sent to the soldiers until the bonds are sold and the money is in the treasury.

Humboldt Republican.—Some time ago this paper commented on the suit brought by J. M. Olesen to have certain portions of his farm set outside the corporation of Humboldt. This paper said that the act presumably was to escape the high taxes of the municpality. Mr. Olesen says that the idea of taxes had nothing to do with the petition. He calls attention to the Humboldt ordinance that no hogs may be kept within the city limits if anyone objects to their presence. It is well known that his hog houses and barns are within the city limits if on his farm. If anyone should complain he would have to remove his silos, hog houses and barns, and he does not like to take the risk. He also says that the corporate limits and the school district do not follow, and that being outside the corporation will have no influence on his school taxes, and that the school taxes are what are excessive in Humboldt. There is a lot of truth in what he says and the Republican regrets if it misintrepreted his move.

Griesy's Store News

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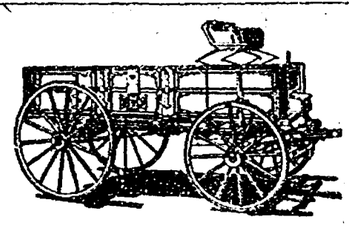

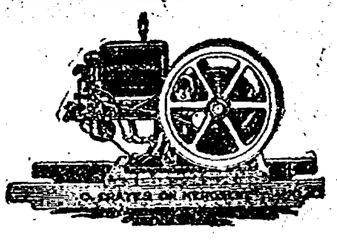

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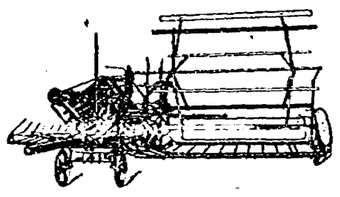

Closing Out Public Sale

Having decided to quit farming, I will sell at public sale on the Dr. Best farm, 3 miles north, 2 1-2 miles east of Clarion, southwest of Lake Cornelia, on

Thursday, January 11, 1923

at 12:30 the following described property:

27 - Head of Livestock - 27
Consisting of 7 head of Horses and 20 head of Cattle
60 acres Corn Stalks Some Straw Hard Coal Burner
Farm Machinery and Household Goods

Free Lunch

TERMS: Sums of $10 and under, cash. Over that amount 11 months' time will be given on bankable notes bearing 8 per cent interest from date. No property to be removed from premises until settled for.

Mrs. John Licklider, Prop.

Auctioneer--Cowley & Munnis. Clerk---A. E. Weber.

Robinson's

Weekly Bulletin

Bulk rolled oats, 5 lbs.	25c
90 pound bag	$3.50
Jersey Cream pancake flour	25c
Try us on bulk dates, per lb.	15c
Roast beef, 1 lb. can	20c
Special, Peaberry coffee, lb.	35c
Black tea, lb.	40c and 50c

SPECIAL SATURDAY

Lux 10c

STRENGTH SERVICE

SECURE VALUABLES

Those valuable papers that could not be replaced; those heirlooms; those important records.

Don't keep them at home where they are subject to fire, theft or "spontaneous disappearance."

Keep them behind locked steel doors in the safety vaults of this bank. Act now for safety first and always.

STATE BANK OF BELMOND
BELMOND
IOWA

1923 BABIES . . .

CONTINUING OUR USUAL CUSTOM THISBANK WILL GIVE ALL BABIES BORN IN 1923 AN OPPORTUNITY TO START LIFE WITH A BANK ACCOUNT.

NAME THE BABY AND BRING ONE DOLLAR TO THE BELMOND SAVINGS BANK. OPEN A SAVINGS ACCOUNT IN THE BABY'S NAME AND WE WILL ADD ANOTHER DOLLAR TO THE ACCOUNT.

THIS OFFER IS LIMITED TO BABIES BORN IN BELMOND AND VICINITY IN 1923.

INTEREST IS PAID ON THESE ACCOUNTS AT 5 PER CENT, PAYABLE SEMI-ANNUALLY.

BELMOND SAVINGS BANK, Belmond, Iowa

MESERVEY SECTION

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Barber Shop

H. F. REIF, Prop.

Laundry Dry Cleaning

Herman Jr. and Marie Fischer were visiting relatives at Mason City one day last week.

The Misses Viola and Evelyn Thomas were Mason City callers last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joan Stattlander motored to Mason City last Saturday. Mr. S. said they called it a short "honeymoon" trip and also planned having their photos taken.

Harm Meintz, wife and sons of Chapin were Sunday visitors at the Joan Stattlander home.

John P. Pals and daughters Gertie and Grace were Belmond callers last Thursday.

Mrs. Joan Stattlander served chocolate coffee and cake at the Ladies Aid Society which met in the Reformed basement last Thursday p. m.

A. E. Muller had an appointment with a dentist at Mason City last Friday.

Mrs. L. B. Hulsebus Mrs. Nels Faaburg and Mrs. Gar Roecker were Mason City callers last Friday.

Joan Stattlander, Mrs. Emma Stattlander and John Jordan were Belmond callers Thursday of last week.

Carl Eckhoff went to Bradford last Friday to visit a short time at the home of his sister.

Mrs. P. D. Ankeny, a teacher in our public school last year called on friends here Friday, returning to Mason City Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Keilman and children and Mr. Keiman's mother of Bristow came Monday to visit at the Joan Staltlander home. They attened the Xmas program at the Reformed church Monday night, leaving the next day for Minnesota to visit relatives, making the trip in their car.

Cards were received here last Thursday announcing the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Barger, at Hampton. The young man has been named Howard Cooper Jr.

Celebrate Silver Wedding

On Wednesday of last week Mr. and Mrs. Joan Staltlander observed their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary by entertaining a few friends at their home in the afternoon. The guests were composed of the Sunday School teachers of the Reformed church, the pastor and family and a few close friends. The afternoon was pleasantly spent and a good time is reported. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served.

The pastor, Rev. Pannkuk made a few fitting remarks suitable for the occasion. A number of beautiful and useful gifts were presented to this worthy couple, accompanied with good wishes and congratulations. In the evening a chirivari crowd gathered to remind them of the wedding day twenty-five years ago, by giving the usual "serenade," thus making the occasion seem more real. We join with the friends, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Staltlander many more happy wedded years.

H. K. Pals entertained, onlast Thursday evening at the pleasant farm home of Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Pals, a bunch of young people were pleasantly entertained at a party, in response to invitations sent out Monday. Those present report a delightful evening. Suitable games were played music enjoyed and refreshments consisting of chicken sandwiches, pickle, fruit salad with whipped cream and cake were served. At an hour when all knew 'twas time to leave, the guests departed, voting the Pals' family royal entertainers, and accepting an invitation to spend another such an evening in the future.

SCHOOL PROGRAM

On January 5th there will be given the first of the "free movie programs. During the program the audience will be entertained by a radio concert, thru the kindness of Mr. Jones. After the movies a basket social will be held for the benefit of the High school. Everybody welcome.

Last Thursday evening a number of young people gathered at the John P. Pals home south of town for a social evening. A pleasant time is reported, but we failed to get full particulars, hence we are not able to give a good account of the party.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hoofnagel and three children of Hampton visited New Year's Day at the C. J. Wendell home. The Rev. Schlesselman family were dinner guests that day at the Wendell home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Nelson and son of Clarion, stopped off here Tuesday enroute to Alexander where they visited at the John Blau home.

(Items omitted last week.)

Misses Irene Guth, Viola Lauster, Marie Fischer and Herman Fischer Jr. are home from Naperville for the holidays.

Miss Alma Ralston is spending her holidays vacation at the home of her parents, and with friends.

Carl Gruis who is attending Iowa State Normal at Cedar Falls has been enjoying his vacation with home folks and friends.

Miss Elma Witt spent a few days last week at Clear Lake and attended the Cantata put on by the Garner and Clear Lake High school students.

Herman and Walter Witt spent the holidays at the L. B. Hulsebus home.

After being urged to announce a meeting of the E. I. C. E. in the basement of the church, and that the time would be 7:30 sharp a slight feeling of disappointment seemed to be in the air when all but the President and a few others had made their appearance.

A few remarks were passed, when the pastor and his wife were called back to their parsonage by their son.

Imagine their surprise to find that the old rug in the parlor had disappeared and in its place a beautiful new rug. The surprise was complete. Though we do not feel worthy of all the kindness shown to us by this company of young people; for we had already been well remembered at Xmas. With some real substancial gifts such as cash beside several sacks of flour from our merchants.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks for all you have done for us during 1922 and hope that in all things we may be able to measure up to your expectations during the balance of our stay in Meservey.

31 members of the E. L. C. E. were present and 8 visitors, and after the business session at the parsonage an oyster supper was served in the church basement, where a number of games were indulged in.

Every one seemed happy and the the pastor and his wife certainly were. Thank you all.

Rev. A. W. Schlesselman

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

S. S. 9:45—Sermon 10:45 a. m.
Christian Endeavor 7 p. m.
Sermon, 7:30 p. m.
Wed. German Prayer Ser. 2:00 p m
Thurs W. M. S. meeting 2:00 p. m.
Thurs. Prayer services 7:30 p. m.
Friday teacher training 7:00-8:30.
Fri. Choir rehearsal 8:30.
Fri. teacher training 7 to 8;30.
Sat. Catchetical Instruction at 2.

The result of the election last Sunday was as follows:

C J. Wendel Sunday school Supt., G. E. Raecker vice Supt, Henry Wendel Sec, Louis Foss Treas, H. Fischer Sr. class leader English, J. Nissen Exhorter, Wm. Prelipp class leader German, Theo. Wendel Exhorter.

The following were appointed by the S. S. board: Agnes Fischer, pianist; Mrs L. Foss asst.; Garfield Raecker choister; George Brater and Donald Brater librarians.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Groen and small son of Belmond were visitors at the P. H. Pals home on New Year's day.

Have you tried the Want Ads to sell that extra chair or that stove? They do the work—and now is a fine

BEGIN THE NEW YEAR RIGHT—SAVE A PART OF YOUR EARNINGS AND DEPOSIT THEM WITH US IN A SAVINGS ACCOUNT. WATCH THEM GROW STEADILY AND ADD TO THEM REGULARLY.

A BANK OF SERVICE AND SAFETY
FARMERS SAVINGS BANK
MESERVEY, IOWA

Did you ever try some of Heinie's choice steaks from corn fed stuff?

We also have Holland Herrings.

Cheese of all kinds.
We buy hides.

City Meat Market
Waage & Ruiter, Props.
Phone 27 Meservey, Iowa

Auto Accessories

IF YOU NEED A NEW BATTERY FOR THAT CAR OF YOURS SEE US BEFORE BUYING. WE SELL A GUARANTEED BATTERY AT A MIGHTY GOOD PRICE.

TIRES ARE GOING UP—BETTER BUY WHAT YOU NEED NOW.

Meservey Garage
G. E. Raecker, Prop.
Phone 44

Lumber Coal Tile Salt
Steel Posts, Etc.
at the right price.

H. J. Klemme Lumber Co.
Harm J. Groen, Mgr.
Meservey, Iowa
Office Phone 20 Residence Phone 17

WE ARE TOO BUSY THIS WEEK TAKING INVENTORY TO WRITE ADS, BUT WISH TO TAKE THIS METHOD TO THANK OUR PATRONS FOR THEIR LOYALTY DURING THE THREE YEARS WE HAVE BEEN HERE.

BEING FROM THE FARM WE ARE IN A POSITION TO REJOICE AND SYMPATHIZE WITH THE FARMERS IN THEIR UPS AND DOWNS.

Hulsebus-Muller Company
R. E. MULLER, Prop.
Meservey, Iowa
EGGS AND POULTRY WANTED
Phone 41

Undertaking & Funeral Director
F. D. FULTON
Licensed Embalmer
Calls Answered Day or Night
HARM J. GROEN, Mgr.
Phone--Residence 17: Office 20
Meservey, Iowa

Notice...

Anyone knowing themselves to be indebted to me please settle by January 1st. After January 1st we give 5 per cent discount for cash. All accounts over 30 days will draw strictly 8 per cent interest.

C. J. WENDEL

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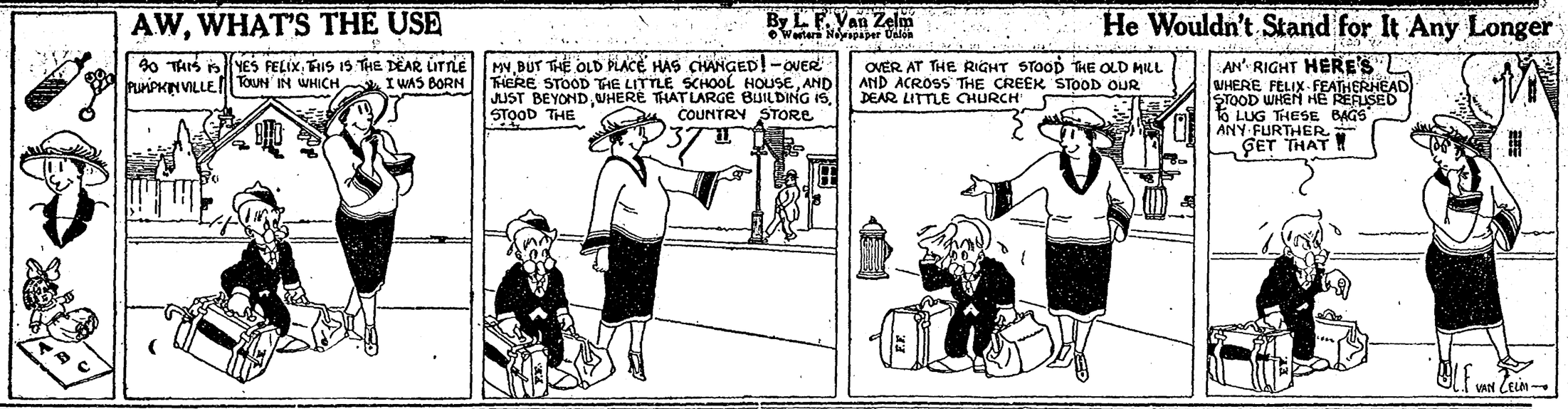

MESERVEY LOCALS

Supt. Herbster returned Friday from his holiday vacation.

Clarence Grosbeck and family of near Klemme visited at the Olt Strasburg home last week on Sunday and Monday.

Miss Esther Walton of Thornton spent her Xmas vacation at the Jones' home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bielman went to Ackley, Tuesday of last week, to visit relatives, returning on Thursday.

Mel Smith Jr. accompanied by his mother and sister Esther were called to Mason City one day last week owing to the serious illness of the former's baby.

Mrs. Wm. Prelipp Sr. has been confined to her home on account of illness for the past few weeks. Her condition remains about the same.

Bert Gaetzke spent several days last week, in town.

The Misses Bertha and Grace Gartz were in our city a short time Saturday evening. They visited at the Fred Halfpop home.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Kolb and daughters Mesdames Irv. Nissen and Chas. Waddingham visited at the N. A Meyers home at Thornton last Saturday afternoon.

Louie Foss was a Clear Lake caller last Friday p. m.

Miss Sylvia Blum of Renwick came Sunday to viisit a few days at the Rev. Schlesselman home before returning to her school duties at North Western College, Naperville. She was accompanied here by her parents and a sister and her husband, who returned home the same evening.

Carl Wenzel and friend Miss Erma Slayter of Belmond visited at the Walt Broga home last Saturday p. m.

Miss Selma Fischer is spending the holidays at her home in Wisconsin.

The Cemetery Society will meet with Mrs. F. L. Lemke on Tuesday p. m January 9th. All welcome.

The W. M. S will meet Thursday (today) in the Evang. church basement. All members expected to be present.

Will Hartfelder and wife entertained the Nissen families at their home on New Years day. Miss Mildred Gealow was also a guest.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E Butz and daughter Lavon of Blockwell, Wisconsin and Mr and Mrs. Clyde Smith and Arnold Butz of Mason City, were visitors at the home of Mrs. Mary Butz on New Year's day. W. F. Butz and family were also present at the family gathering.

Miss Wilhelmine Loats spent New Year's day at the parental home.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Strasburg and daughter Gladys spent last Sunday at the Clarence Grosbeck home near Klemme.

Miss Harriet Ruthlidge the nurse who has been employed in the C. F. W. Paul home for the past 10 days returned to Mason City last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Gobeli have moved from Allison and are again living in our midst. They are on their home place, while the boys are occupying their place near Allison. We welcome them.

Mr. and Mrs. John Langlitz were business visitors at Mason City last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Nelson and daughter of near Goodell spent Sunday with Mrs. H. Meinderts, the latter returning home with them for a few days visit.

Mrs. Morris Grogan of Fairmont Minn. is visiting at the home of her son A. D.

John Blau of Alexander was transacting business in our city last Tuesday.

The Helping Hand Society met in Evang. basement the Thursday before Xmas to hold their annual business meeting and election of officers. Following are those chosen to serve the coming year:

Pres., Mrs. C. Mayers.
Vice Pres. Mrs W. F. Butz.
Sec., Mrs C. J. Janssen.
Treas., Mrs Aug. Guth.
Flower Fund Sec., Mrs. Chas Halfpop.

Flower Com., Mrs W. F Butz Mrs O. Strasburg, Mrs. August Guth and Mrs. Chas Halfpop.

Edwin Boller of Goodel visited at the home of his grand parents Mr. and Mrs. John Langlitz last week. He is a student at Coe College Cedar Rapids.

Miss Lucile Hartwig of Thornton, visited from Saturday until Tuesday at the Frank Haferman home.

Fred Wenzel visited a few days relatives at Waverly, the fore part of the week.

While Bert Statlander was enroute to church Sunday morning, a car from Coulter coming from the west and Stadtlander going south collided near the Reformed church in the country. Both cars were badly smashed but luckily not one of the occupants was hurt. This is claimed to be a very bad corner and cars coming cannot be seen on account of a grove on the corner.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Langlitz has been sick for several days with a bad cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Friesleben are enjoying a visit from the latter's sister and family of Clarion.

Miss Jeanette Lauen returned home Sunday after a three weeks stay at the Andrew Nelson home.

ROWAN NEWS

Donald Hyde, of Britt, Iowa, is visiting at the home of his brother, Roy and family this week.

Mrs. C. T. Halbert left Friday for Sioux City where she will visit her father, Mr. A. J. Eldridge, A nephew, whose home is in Spokane Wash. and who is attending college at the State University at Vermillion South Dakota is also visiting at the Eldridge home.

Mrs. E. P. Ingraham and daughter Lila, of Swaledale and Mrs. Dale Hobson, of Redding, came Wednesday to visit at the home of Mrs. Mary Braden.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bingham went to Thornton to spend New Year's Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Evertt Albertee.

Miss Wilda Whitten returned to Marne, where she is teaching.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robinson and children and Miss Hazel McCallum, of Mason City, came Sunday to visit a short time at the home of their cousin Mr. and Mrs. George Pritchett.

Mr and Mrs. Ray Thorpe, of Clarion, spent Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rowen.

Mrs. Darrell Stout was a Dows caller Wednesday.

Mrs. Ed Riley who has been very ill the past week with gall stones, is much improved.

Chet Conn loaded his car of household goods at Coulter Thursday leaving there Friday morning for Bruce Wis. Mrs. Conn will remain here with her parents for a week or so until the goods arrive.

Wright Letts, of Webster City, visited at the Frank Kercheval home the past week.

Frank Fairley, of Cedar Rapids was a week end guest at the J. A. Whitten home.

The Misses Cleaudice Smith of Clarion and Lois Hake, of Belmond, are spending their holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rowen.

J. A. Whitten and daughter, Wilda were Dows callers Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Sullivan, of Fort Dodge, were over Sunday guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fletcher.

Mr and Mrs. Jens Kjar visited friends at Humboldt one day last week.

A. O. Pelley was called to LaMonte Saturday evening by the serious illness of his mother, who is suffering from a severe case of La Grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Harris are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby girl at their home last Friday morning. Mrs. A. A. Williams left Friday for Des Moines to help care for the little grand daughter.

Last Thusday night the Farmer's Union met at the Brook's Hall for their regular program and social evening. As this evening was the 35th anniversary of the wedding of Mr and Mrs. N. B. Olsen a part of program was given in their honor. The program consisted of music, reading, talks and a debate. Robert Smith of Belmond gave a violin solo. He was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Howard Woodin. After the program a lunch of coffee and sandwiches were served after which a social dance was enjoyed.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kercheval entertained at dinner in honor of the birthday of Clint Kercheval. The following guests were present; Mr. and Mrs. E. Bingham, Mr. and Mrs. J D. Pritchett and the Clint Kercheval family.

Last Thursday evening the Legion and Auxiliay held their annual feed. A fine corwd attended. The Legion held a business meeting before the supper and elected their officers for the coming year as follows:

Post Commander, Jim Rowen.
Vice Commander, C. M. Myers.
Adjutant, Frank Retleff.
Finance officer, Guy Toyne.
Historian, Albert Mollering.
Sargent at Arms, O. F. Braden.
Chaplin, Rev. H Tomkinson.
Correspondent, Will Reitz.

A fine supper was served which was enjoyed by all. The Legion and Auxiliary are adding new members to their number all the time. The meetings show an added interest all the time.

Article which will be given prizes in the Ladies section at the Community Short Course. The prizes will be announced later.

Bread, white and brown.
Cake, light and dark.
Sugar cookies.
Doughnuts, soda or baking powder.
Canned goods, peaches and plums.
Canned vegetables, tomatoes, corn and string beans.

Fancy work, lunch clothes, center peces, crocheted doilies, apliqued table clothes (on unbleached muslin) quilts, silk quilts, crocheted bed spreads, hand made fowers, hand made baskets.

This short course will be held January 16 and 17. The ladies exhibit will be in the Cong'l church. Prepare your exhibits at once and let us make this short course a success by all doing our part. Mrs. Fred Brooks has charge of the Ladies department.

Wayne, the young son of Mrs. and Mrs D. W. Whitten, has been ill the past week.

A post nuptial shower was held Monday evening in the Cong'l church parlors in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Ketchum. A large company of relatives and friends were present The evening was spent in games of various kinds which were thoroly enjoyed by all. The many gifts were opened on a table so that all might enjoy them. A delicious luncheon was served by the hostesses. The company left at a late hour wishing the young couple much happiness and good luck in the journey thru life.

Mr. and Mrs. George Strayhorn and family went to Robertson Monday to visit relatives for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Azeltine entertained Sunday at a family dinner. The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. James Groom, Mr. and Mrs. Manly McCormick and baby and Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy Azeltine and baby.

J. I. Drury returned to his home in Highmore South Dakota Sunday. Mrs. Drury and Children remained for a longer visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Fowler.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Sunday morning a dedication service of the new furniture of the church which was purchased with the money bequethed to the church by the late Daniel Whitten. Rev. Halbert gave a very good address. The choir furnished special music. At this service the youngest grandson of the late Daniel Whitten (Daniel Eugene Whitten) was baptized.

The annual church dinner will be served at noon in the church basement Thursday January 4th. All friends of the church are invited to attend. The annual election of officers will follow in the afternoon.

The Missionary Society which was to have met this week has been postponed on account of the annual dinner.

Sunday night Rev. Halbert preached a strong sermon for young men.

Mrs. Manly Francomb is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Claude Allie near Clarion.

Mrs. George Lineweaver is quite ill at the present writing. The trouble is complication from the La Grippe.

G. W. Whitten and family and Mrs C. B. Conn and children were Dows callers last Friday.

Miss Frieda Whitten left Tuesday for Cedar Falls where she is attending school after her holidays vacation.

Miss Florence Box returned to Chicago Friday evening to continue her studies in the nurses training course.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Keith and family spent New Years in Goldfield at the home of Mr. Keith's brother D. H. and family.

Mr. and Mrs Will Whitten were called to Goldfield Monday evenng by the serous illness of Mrs. Clifford Snow. She is suffering from pneumonia.

Lee Aldrich Jr met with an accident Monday while driving his father's car near Kanawha. A team coming out of a drive way met him at right angles and before either of them could stop the team walked right over the car doing quite a little damage to the car. Lee was cut about the face some but not seriously. The team escaped uninjured.

Please help me maintain my credit by paying your bills at once.—D. W. Whitten.

Among those who attended the DelMoley banquet at Clarion last Wednesday evening were Fred Brooks, Rev. H. Tomkinson, Guy Sheldon, Dan Whitten, and Dick Virden. This was one of the best times the boys have had.

Miss Osterhous, of Ruthven, is visiting friends in town.

Miss Mae Virden returns to Cornell College during the week. Mae is now in the Junior year. She is active in all the important departments of the college life, being on the cabinet of the Y. W. C. A., and other social clubs.

Mr. Brooks is making considerable changes in his picture palace. This hall is being equipped to accomodate the large audiences.

Mr. Donald McCallum and Harry Harris expect to return to the State University this next wek. Both are taking liberal arts and are in their freshman year. Ralph Whitten, who is a senior at Grinnell, will also resume his studies.

METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor, Rev. Harold Tomkinson;
10:00 a. m. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. "Our Gifts"
6:30 p. m. Enworth League.
7:30 p. m. "The Price of a Man."
You are cordially invited to attend these services.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richards entertained Rev. and Mrs Harold Tomkinson and children, and Mrs. Avard, at dinner on New Years Day.

Madam X was shown in Rowan this winter and by special request Mr Brooks is bringing the picture back. The proceeds will be used to make up the deficit from the Chautauqua last summer. A number of of our people stood responsible for the Chautauqua. This show is one of the finest that has been in Rowan. Please remember the date, January 10, and see a fine show.

ALEXANDER NEWS

Lloyd Wulford and family of Hampton wre Sunday visitors at the Rudolph Beemen home.

Hilko Pals was a business caller at Meservey Monday.

Ben and Ed Piel were business callers at Sheffield Wednesday.

Miss Henrietta Pals who has been visiting her sister at Osterdock is expected at Alexander the first of the week.

John Bell was a business caller at Sheffield and Chapin last Saturday.

Ben Piel and Karl Kerch were business callers at Dows Thursday.

Mrs. Mary Kausian returned to her home at Ackley after spending the holidays with her relatives here.

Peter Bohlen transacted business in Hampton last Tuesday.

John Bell and daughter Jessie were business callers at Belmond last Saturday afternoon.

Leonard Arends who is a student of the college at Elmhurst, Ill. returned Tuesday after spending the holidays with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Veeder and daughter and Mrs. and Mrs. Vernon Finkle and daughter of Hampton spent Sunday at the Albert Larsen home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilko Pals and son Ormal Lewis, Miss Nellie Bell and Arthur Winwood were visitors with friends at Hansell last Sunday.

Jake Dorencamp is seriously ill at this writing.

Mrs Peter Bohlen entertained several of her relatives at a supper Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Beemen and daughters Edith and Ruth were Hampton visitors Friday.

Fred Greenfield and Miss Jessie Bell spent Thursday afternoon in Hampton.

Our local druggist C. R. Clark and family have moved into the John Blau residence on Main street.

Jerry Blau and Walter Smith students of Iowa City Medical school spent the holidays with relatives here.

John Muhlenbruch was a business caller at Belmond Saturday.

Arthur Winwood, Arthur Peters, Louie Peters and Charley Winwood were callers at Hampton Wednesday.

Carl Bohlen and Earnest Kew were Hampton callers last Tuesday.

M. E. CHURCH NOTES

Revival Services started here Sunday evening with good attendence Rev. Metcalf is a fine speaker, and comes to us with the message of truth for the sin sick soul, and teaches the love for our fellow-man John Peterson leads the singing in a way that makes it very interesting. Let us all come out to the meeting and have a good time together. Let every Christian man and woman, boy and girl, pray for an out pouring of Gods spirit upon us. As we labor to-gether.

The Dorcas Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Chris Stadtlander on Wednesday p m. January 10th.

GOODELL NEWS NOTES

Togie Matson returned to his work in Springfield, on Wednesday.

Ed. Langlitz of Meservey visited at A. Bollers on Friday.

Wm. Demerritt of Meservey visited at the Frank Clark home Friday.

Louie Tokman of Belmond was in Goodell, Friday, on business.

Henning Sandberg of Iowa Falls was in Goodell on Friday.

Last Thursday about 50 of the neighbors of Framer Cordes, with 30 teams, went into his corn field and picked about 2500 bushels of corn. Mr. Cordes was in the hospital at the time. Mrs. Cordes was with him so a number of the ladies of the neighborhood took food along with them and furnished the dinner for the huskers. Such acts are in harmony with the teaching of the Great Teacher.

Miss Louisa Ahrenkiel visited friends in Garner last week.

Miss Ethel Hughes spent Sunday with Goodell friends and relatives.

The basket ball game between the High school and the Alumni last Thursday resulted in a victory for the Alumni. The score was 35 to 42. Several of the Alumni have had training with college teams and thus were able to out play the High school team.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ness came home Tuesday afternoon.

Ray Finn is spending his vacation at home.

Ed Mellem of Frost, Minn. was in Goodell a few days last week.

Mrs. A. D White is slowly improving.

L. W. Wesenberg has moved his hardware from the South side into the building on the North side of the street and is now ready for business.

Miss Alva Matson went to Clear Lake last week.

Mrs. W. F. Beier went to Garner on Saturday to see her father who is sick. She returned Saturday evening.

Vincent Allaben returned to Iowa City to complete his college course. He expects to enter the teaching profession.

The Coe students returned Tuesday.

Mrs. James Trumbell returned to Mason City on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Trumbell's baby girl is very sick at this time.

O. Sandberg and family visited on Sunday at the Earl Jenison home.

Mrs. Robbert McNutt had a New Years dinner at her home on Sunday, for her brothers, sister and parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Caryl Church of Clear Lake visited relatives in Goodell, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Platter of Boone, visited her sister Mrs. Wm. Cunningham, last week. On Saturday she left for Minnesota where she will visit relatives.

Mrs. John Hughes of Garner spent New Years with Goodell relatives and friends.

Fred Graebers of Kanawha called on Mr. and Mrs. Honroe Graebers on New Years.

SCHLICHTING-CARPENTER

On Wednesday December 27 at 12:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Carpenter, their daughter Miss Thelma was married to Mr. Albert Schlichting. These worthy young people have been reared in or near Goodell and their host of friends wish for them the greatest blessing of married life.

Miss Carpenter has been one of Hancock county's successful school teacher's. Mr. Schlichting is a young farmer. They are well suited for each other. They are guided by high ideals and no doubt will make successful home builders.

Those present were the parents, brothers and sisters of the bride and groom. Rev. H. T. Miller officiated. Mr and Mrs. Schlichting are spending their honeymoon with relatives in Illinois. They will be at home on a farm near Olaf after the first of February.

U. B. CHURCH NOTES

About 75 attended the New Years' dinner at the church. A general good social time was enjoyed. The ladies served a dinner fit for a king. After the dinner a few songs were sung and then plans for a summer Chautauqua were discussed and steps taken to have one this summer.

The women's Missionary Association will hold their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Wm. Allaben on Friday afternoon at two o'clock.

Last quarter in the Sunday school eleven pupils and three teachers were present fourteen Sundays.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Monitor—Tuesday was a busy day at the county treasurer's office, a land office business being done in the matter of automobile licenses. The total for the day was over 250. To date nearly 1300 have been issued. It is expected a total of 4000 plates will be required. Seven clerks were on the job.

Mrs. Del Sanders of Eagle Grove, who has been receiving treament at Iowa City is to be transferred to the hospital at Cherokee.

The hog case of Severe vs. Sams it still occupying the entire attention of the court. The defendants rested their case Tuesday afternoon after a full week in giving testimony. Over two days of that time was consumed in the examination of Lynn Sams alone and regardless of the outcome of the case he made an exceptionally fine witness. To be questioned by a half dozen able lawyers for that length of time is no easy task. Most people would get pretty well confused after a grilling of a couple of hours. Mr. Severe went on the stand late yesterday afternoon and it is probable the case will be concluded by Friday.

The following births are reported the past week:

Kenneth Norman, born December 13, to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schroeder of Wall Lake township.

Sophie Mary, born December 19, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tomke of Clarion.

Vurel Eileen, born December 19 to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pletcher of Dayton township.

Thirteen Wright county couples were married during the past week, all but the last three mentioned couples having secured marriage licenses from clerk Goslin:

O. B. McGowan, West Union.
Beatrice Leinbach, Belmond.
Albert Pusha, Blairsburg.
Nellie Bowman, Blairsburg.
Chester Moellering, Rowan.
Thelma Brooks, Rowan.
Ben Heginger, Kanawha.
Galinda Bohning, Belmond.
Raymond Miller, Eagle Grove
Edna Skogeboe, Story City.
James R. Groom, Hampton.
Celia Azeltine, Rowan.
Conrad Hinkel, Eagle Grove.
Hazel Snyder, Eagle Grove.
Shelby Beck, Goldfield.
Rosa Belle Garman, Lincoln Neb.
Shirley Ketchum, Clarion.
Mildred Duffy, Rowan.
Lester Rossman, Clarion.
Mrs. Golda Brandon, Clarion.
Elmer Rosberg, Clarion.
Mrs. Mabel Bell, Clarion.
R. B. Johnson, Clarion.
Hilda Shannon, Clarion.
C. M. Overbaugh, Clarion.
Beulah Pinder, Clarion.

As the result of a little shooting affair at Dows Christmas night William McGwire languishes in the county jail at Hampton. Several bullets were fired at a young man by the name of Johnson but none took effect. A little hootch is said to be responsible for the trouble.

Herbert Bige of Webster City, who was found guilty at the October term of the Wright county district court of larceny of merchandise from the Wheeler store in Woolstock is in jail again. The Daily News says officers made a raid on the apartment occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bige and took into custody Mr. and Mrs. Bige, Roy Patterson and Mrs. Bige's sister, Miss Naomi Purvis. Bige and Patterson are both lodged in jail on a charge of bottlegging and their hearing will be held next week. A quantity of liquor was taken in the raid all of which was cleverly concealed. A portion was found on the rough framework of the table and more was found hanging out of the windows by cords. Bige has appealed from the findings of the jury in his Woolstock case and is now out on bond pending the result of his appeal. A bootlegging charge is not a very good recommendation for a fellow already convicted of larceny.

Two Dows young men were bound over to the grand jury Saturday by Justice Triggs. They stand accused of stealing fourteen muskrat hides from a Dows man, who found that the skins had been sold to a buyer at Williams. O. F. Peterson, a local buyer, later purchased a consignment of furs at Williams and the original owner traced his hides to Clarion and claims to have identified them by certain marks, some of the tacks used in stretching the furs being found in the skins. Each of the young men were held on two counts, breaking and entering a building and larceny from a building. Their bonds were fixed at $1500 which was furnished and the defendants given their release until the February term of court.

A theory can never overthrow a fact; but it can slaughter a lot of people trying to—or impose immense misery on them.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

A Happy New Year.

Wedding bells have been ringing in this vicinity the past week.

The Center school is having a week's holidays vacation.

Fred Loats is on the sick list.

The scralet fever patients at the Jim Finn home are getting along as icely as can be expected.

Mrs. and Mrs. H. B. Dorenkamp were called to Alexander last week, by the illness of their son Jake. He is reported somewhat better at this writing.

Minnie Smidt is helping out at the Geo. Blau, home near Alexander during the illness of Mrs. Blau.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lieuwen, and little Elizabeth, spent New Year Day at the Geo. Thompson home.

Mr. and Mrs Frohling are the owner of a new Ford touring car.

Frank Barry has improved his farm home by the erection of a new sixty foot windmill.

WHY USE WOOD FOR FUEL

"In the seventeen states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota. Iowa and Missouri, the rural population of about 20,000,000 is estimated to use about 18,000,000 tons of coal a year. If by substituting wood, one-quarter of the coal burned by farmers and one-tenth of the coal burned by villages could be saved, the total saving would amount to nearly 3,000,000 tons, or between 65,000 and 70,000 carloads"

Iowa has from 2 and 2½ million acres of timber land and over 200,000 acres of planted woodlots. In 1914 Iowa used a total of about 1,500,000 cords of fuelwood. During recent years the consumption probably has been greater. If Iowa were to use 3,000,000 cords of wood a year, it would be the equivalent of releasing about 1,000,000 tons of coal.

The use of wood for fuel:

Saves transportation.

Utilizes wood that would otherwise go to waste.

Releases coal for other essential industries.

Releases cars for hauling other freight, and relieves the congestion which is bound to occur on our railroads this winter.

The industrial situation again has brought about scarcity of coal supplies. The man who has to pay for coal at present, if he can get it at all, must burn every grain of dust actually to get anywhere near his money's worth out of it. The actual heating value of wood and its cost as fuel are again matters of importance to anyone who has a wood supply handy.

On nearly every farm at present a minimum outlay of actual cash is necessary. Even though on paper the cost of burning coal may appear cheaper because of the right the farmer has to make a charge for his labor, it may be that the bank balance actually will be a little larger if the farmer uses some of his labor to produce the winter's fuel supply and burns wood which he has on the place instead of buying coal. Such labor is put in during that part of the year when the farmer wants to employ his time profitably.

HUMAN NATURE

We say to others, 'Swat the flies, for in these pests great danger lies. They are the national disgrace; they carry germs from place to place. They serve no good or useful ends, but fill the boneyard with our friends. So buy yourself a swatting stick and make the flies look pretty sick." Such logic we are preaching strong the whole blamed, blooming summer long; but do we swat the buzzing crew? No; we have something else to do! And that is human nature, girls; we're glad to hand out wisdom's pearls, but when it comes to doing chores we recommend to other gores, we don't sail in, our souls enthused, but say we'd rather be excused.

We say, "The grocer is a crook and we must bring the man to book. He puts cheaper sugar in his sand, and dopes his salt to beat the band. He thinks ten ounces make a pound, and when we ask for coffee, ground, he grinds up tanbark in his mill and calls it coffee in his bill. He sends us wilted beans and peas, and ancient, acrobatic cheese, and butter strong enough to spar or use the horizontal bar. The grocer ought to be in jail; he robs us of our hard kale, and grins with foul and fiendish mirth when he has pushed us off the earth." And then we go and sell some gink a mine we know is on the blink, or take him fondly by the arm and trade him hot air for his farm, or catch a widow unwares and sell her fifty Belgian hares. For this is human nature son; we all are after easy mon, but how it hurts when some base cuss projects the harpoon into us!

We say, "We hate these summer days, and lamentation we shall raise; there is no sense in sizzling heat that fries a man from lid to feet and cooks his spare ribs in the grease, and undermines his mental peace. We'd like to live upon a floe and revel in eternal snow, and have a walrus for our fare or musk ox boiled or toasted bear." But when the wintry tempest blows and chills our side boards and our nose, we say that winter is a fake, a sad, protracted, dismal ache. We sing the joys of summer, then, and wish that it would come again. For that is human nature lad. The thing at hand is always bad; the thing a million miles away is what we long for day by day. --By Walt Mason, from Judge.

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THE BEST
ALL BRANCHES

HEALTH REMINDERS

Hands—Are yours always clean? Not just free from the soil of the streets or from work, but free from the soil of germs that bring disease?

You may have a hard cold; perhaps you cough or sneeze in the palm of your hand, then pick up silverware, a coin or lead pencil. Thus, the cold germ is carried on to the next person who comes in contact with those same articles; your hand was the actual transmitter of the disease.

That is the way school children in the same grade often have the same disease. They use lead pencils, books and playthings in common, but this practice should be discouraged.

A tubercular patient often gives off the germ while hanging to a strap in a crowded street car. The next person clinging to that strap may later put his finger into his mouth, and thus the germ is taken internally. This is also a common way of transmitting skin diseases.

Therefore it is the duty of every man, woman and child, whether or not they have some communicable disease, to wash the hands frequently, and always before each meal. As a protection against germ soil on the hands, wear gloves while riding on public carriers.

THE FARMER'S WIFE

Economical housewives take pleasure in remodelling old garments so they look like new, and it is a saving to make over clothing when the materials are appropiate in pattern, color and texture, good enough to stand longer wear and when the work of remaking is not greater than the cost saved.

This preparation is essential for remodelling: careful ripping, removing all old thread; mending worn places, through brushing, sponging, washing or dyeing and careful pressing. In the latter step care must be taken not to alter shape. Silk should be pressed while damp, with a moderately hot iron. Wool should also be pressed while damp, using heavy cloth over garment. Too hot an iron stiffens the material.

If you dye cloth, be sure that the material is strong enough to stand up under the heat and boiling; it never pays to dye old silk as it usually rots or splits during the process.

These are some suggestions for remodelling: from a woman's suit girl's dresses, a one piece dress for a woman or little boy's suits can be made; a woolen skirt remodels into coat or trousers for child or blomers; wash skirts make attractive middies and silk waists can be remade into camioles, collars and cuffs, guimpes for children's jumper dresses.

In making griddle cakes and muffins, 1½ cup of bread crumbs may be substituted for 1 cup of flour.

Keep the baby warm this winter by remaking your old cotton blankets into crib covers. Bind the edges with sateen or pretty tape.

Soak dried fruit 12 hour, then cook for 10 minutes in the water the fruit soaked in, this enriches the flavor.

IS IT ANY WONDER

A man was one day visiting a lunatic asylum and while walking in the grounds he met a gent to whom he said:

"Well, how did you get here?"

The man replied: "Well, sir, you see. I married a widow with a grown-up daughter, and then my father married my wife's daughter; that made my wife the mother-in-law of her father-in-law, and my father became my stepson. Then my stepmother, the daughter of my wife, had a son and that boy of course was my brother, because he was my father's son; but he was also the son of my wife's stepdaughter, and therefore her grandson and that made me the grandfather of my stepbrother. Then my wife had a son so my mother-in-law, the step-sister of my son is also his grandmother because his stepsister is his wife; I am the brother of my own son, who is also the son of my step-grandmother; I am my mother's brother-in-law; my wife is her own child's aunt; my son is my father's nephew, and I am my own grandfather. That's one reason I am here sir."—Exchange.

The Rock Island train, the fast Klondyke, out of Titonka ran into an auto driven by a farmer near Belmond, as the train was pulling out of that city bound for Dows. The train was manned by Engineer Kester and fireman Lindholm, with Conductor Hanley in the rear. They moved out slowly and cautiously as they proceeded south on their journey at a two-mile rate when they struck the auto driven by the farmer, throwing it at one side close to a near by ditch, demolishing and damaging the fenders only, the accident occurring as the crew were leaving the depot with their train. Very little damage, if any to the engine was reported. On account of the accident the train has been arriving anywhere from one to six hours late. —Topic.

Bad Colds QUICKLY CURED

"Last winter I caught a cold that settled on my lungs and in my bronchial tubes. Two bottles of

CHAMBERLAIN'S Cough Remedy

cured me," writes Mrs. Charles Harrold, Vandergrift, Pa.

35 cts. per bottle, large size 60cts. For sale by druggists everywhere.

Ah, How Juicy, Tender!

That's the expression that usually accompanies the first forkful of meat purchased from our shop. Not only is it palatable, but contains all of the nourishment that nrture put into it. Our meats are purchased daily, giving you an assurance of its high quality. The economical housewife makes ours her Meat Headquarters.

Cash Market

J. P. Larsen & Sons

Kinseth's Store News

Well, how do you like the looks of the New Year. Looks like it was going to be a pretty good year from the start it has made. We have some dandy canned fruits for you, Fruit Salad at 33c, Pears for the same price, Logan berries at 28c—and say, they sure make good sauce! Blackberries at 28c, and Lombard Plums for two bits. Of course we have others, but these are a few of or special bargains. Get a can or two for "when company comes."

We're full of prunes—dandy, juicy ones, new stock, which you are offered at 5 lbs. for $1.35 in cans, and in 2 lb, packages at 45c. A good dish of prunes beats most anything in the sauce line.

Then we have Argo starch at 3 lbs for two bits, matches a nickel a box, Howell's Best Pancake flour at 28c for a 4-lbs. package. Sunbeam Pancake flour 4-lbs package for 15c. When you sit down o' morning to a pile of cakes from these flours you wear a smile like a coon eating melon.

And we have a new breakfast food—"zip"—which we want you to try. Requires no cooking, easily prepared and tastes exactly like more. Get a package and try it—you'll like it.

So remember we deliver any old time you want, and our store is on the corner, and our phone is No. 19.

We'll Find the Trouble!

Is your automobile behaving perfectly? No matter how slight or great the trouble may be we'll repair it satisfactorily—at the lowest possible cost and in the least time.

We've a staff of skilled mechanics always ready to give your Car the attention it requires.

Belmond Motor Sales Co.

N. E. BREAR, Manager

Phone 39 Belmond, Iowa

Public Sale!

The undersigned will sell at auction, 6 blocks north of First National Bank corner, the following described property, on

Saturday, January 6

Commencing at 1:30 p. m.

1 team of bay horses, 6 and 7 years old.
2 sets double harness, 1 new.
2 sets single harness.
1 top buggy.
1 single buggy.
1 Elwood mower.
1 walking plow.
1 set drags.
Some dump boards.
Some household goods.

28 - Fall Shoats - 28

TERMS: $10 and under, cash. Over that amount 11 months' time at 8 per cent interest on approved security. All property to be settled for on day of sale.

Jack McIlrath, Owner

Belmond Savings Bank, Clerk.
T. D. Rankins, Auctioneer.

The BLIND MAN'S EYES

BY

WILLIAM MacHARG EDWIN BALMER

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A rich but universally respected western man is murdered in his automobile. The crime is accomplished with such stealth that even the chauffeur is not aware of it. Some months previously an eastern business associate, but not an intimate of the western man, had met death in an equally mysterious manner. There is absolutely no clew to the murder and no apparent motive for the second crime.

Basil Santoine, a blind lawyer, with that remarkable inner perception frequently developed by the sightless, while traveling on an eastbound train from Seattle in the company of his daughter and his confidential secretary, is murderously assaulted in his berth. Some features of this assault are more mysterious than either of the other crimes.

There is no superdetective nor scientific investigator to deduce infallible theories fastening the guilt upon the right party or parties. Police efforts are futile and succeed only in fouling the trail, involving innocent parties and increasing the complications. The only tangible clews seem to point to one Philip Eaton, a mysterious young man, who was aboard the train. There is also a suspicion that he may have been connected with the murder of the rich man in Seattle.

Apparently against all dictates of sense and safety, Eaton is made a guest in the sumptuous home of Santoine. Here the mystery deepens to an extraordinary degree and the big queries arise: Who is Philip Eaton; what is the past of this strange man; what intuition or reasoning draws the blind man to him in face of the danger of his presence; in what way is Eaton connected with the sinister events which afterward occur in the Santoine home; what explanation is there for the growing interest of Harriet Santoine in the man who is believed to have made an attempt upon her father's life?

Here are mystery and romance different from anything you ever have encountered. The outcome of events and solution of the mystery are as unexpected as anything you possibly can imagine.

CHAPTER I

A Financier Dies.

Gabriel Warden—capitalist, railroad director, owner of mines and timber lands, at twenty a cow-puncher, at forty-eight one of the predominant men of the Northwest coast—paced with quick, uneven steps the great wicker-furnished living room of his home just above Seattle on Puget sound. Twice within ten minutes he had used the telephone in the hall to receive the same reply—that the train from Vancouver, for which he had inquired, had come in and that the passengers had left the station.

It was not like Gabriel Warden to show nervousness of any sort; Kondo, the Japanese doorman, who therefore had found something strange in his telephoning, watched him through the portieres which shut off the living room from the hall.

Warden turned suddenly and pressed the bell to call a servant. Kondo entered the room; he noticed then that Warden's hand, which was still holding the watch before him, was shaking.

"A young man who may, or may not, give a name, will ask for me in a few moments. He will say he called by appointment. Take him at once to my smoking room, and I will see him there. I am going to Mrs. Warden's room now."

He went up the stairs, Kondo noticed, still absently holding his watch in his hand.

Warden controlled his nervousness before entering his wife's room. She talked with him casually for a moment or so before she even sent away her maid. When they were alone, she suddenly saw that he had come to her to discuss some serious subject.

"Cora," he said, when he had closed the door after the maid, "I want your advice on a business question."

"A business question!" She was greatly surprised. He was one of those men who believe all business matters should be kept from their wives.

"I mean it came to me through some business—discoveries."

"And you cannot decide it for yourself?"

"I had decided it." He looked again at his watch. "I had quite decided it; but now— It may lead to some result which I have suddenly felt that I haven't the right to decide entirely for myself."

Warden's wife for the first time felt alarmed.

"You mean it affects me directly?"

He seized both her hands in his and held her before him.

"Cora," he said, "what would you have me do if you knew I had found out that a young man—a man who, four or five years ago, had as much to live for as any man might—had been outraged in every right by men who are my friends? Would you have me fight the outfit for him? Or would you have me—lie down?"

She stared at him with only pride then; she was proud of his strength, of his ability to fight, of the power she knew he possessed to force his way against opposition. "Why, you would fight them!"

"You want me to fight them?"

"Of course."

"No matter what it costs?"

She realized then that what he was facing was very grave.

"Cora," he said, "I didn't come to ask your advice without putting this squarely to you. If I go into this fight, I shall be not only an opponent to some of my present friends; I shall be a threat to them—something they may think it necessary to remove."

She cried out, "You mean someone might kill you?"

"Should that keep me from going in?"

She hesitated. He went on: "Would you have me afraid to do a thing that ought to be done, Cora?"

"No," she said; "I would not."

"All right, then. That's all I had to know now. The young man is coming to see me tonight, Cora. Probably he's downstairs. I'll tell you all I can after I've talked with him."

He went directly downstairs; as he passed through the hall, the telephone bell rang. Warden himself answered it. Kondo overheard Warden's end of the conversation. Apparently the other person wished to see Warden at once. Warden finished, "All right; I'll come and get you. Wait for me there." Then he hung up.

Turning to Kondo, he ordered his car. Kondo transmitted the order and brought Warden's coat and cap; then Kondo opened the house door for him and the door of the limousine, which had been brought under the porte-cochere. The chauffeur was Patrick Corboy, a young Irishman who had been in Warden's employ for more than five years; his faithfulness to Warden was never questioned. Corboy drove to the place Warden had directed. As they stopped, a young

As They Stopped, a Young Man of Less Than Medium Height, Broad-shouldered, and Wearing a Mackintosh, Came to the Curb and Spoke to Warden.

man of less than medium height, broad-shouldered, and wearing a mackintosh, came to the curb and spoke to Warden. Corboy did not hear the name, but Warden immediately asked the man into the car; he directed Corboy to return home. The chauffeur did this, but was obliged on the way to come to a complete stop several times, as he met street-cars or other vehicles on intersecting streets.

Almost immediately after Warden had left the house, the doorbell rang and Kondo answered it. A young man with a quiet and pleasant bearing inquired for Mr. Warden and said he came by appointment. Kondo ushered him into the smoking room, where the stranger waited. In about forty minutes, Corboy drove the car under the porte-cochere again and got down and opened the door. There was no motion inside the limousine. The chauffeur looked in and saw Mr. Warden lying back quietly against the cushions in the back of the seat; he was alone.

Corboy noticed that the curtains all about had been pulled down; he touched the button and turned on the light at the top of the car, and then he saw that Warden was dead; his cap was off, and the top of his head had been smashed by a heavy blow.

The chauffeur drew back, gasping; Kondo, behind him on the steps, cried out and ran into the house calling for help. Two other servants and Mrs. Warden, who had remained nervously in her room, ran down. The stranger who had been waiting, now seen for the first time by Mrs. Warden, came out from the smoking room to help them. He aided in taking the body from the car and helped to carry it into the living room and lay it on a couch; he remained until it was certain that Warden had been killed and nothing could be done. When this had been established and further confirmed by the doctor who was called, Kondo and Mrs. Warden looked around for the young man—but he was no longer there.

The news of the murder brought extras out upon the streets of Seattle, Tacoma and Portland at ten o'clock that night. Seattle, stirred at once at the murder of one of its most prominent citizens, stirred still further at the new proof that Warden had been a power in business and finance; then, as the second day's dispatches from the larger cities came in, it stirred a third time at the realization—for so men said—that this was the second time such a murder had happened.

Warden had been what was called among men of business and finance a member of the "Latron crowd"; he had been close, at one time, to the great western capitalist Matthew Latron; the properties in which he had made his wealth, and whose direction and administration had brought him the respect and attention of other men, had been closely allied with or even included among those known as the "Latron properties"; and Latron, five years before, had been murdered. Latron's murderer had been a man who called upon him by appointment, and Warden's murderer, it appeared, had been equally known to him, or at least equally recommended. Of this as much was made as possible in the suggestion that the same agency was behind the two.

The statements of Kondo and Corboy were verified; it was even learned at what spot Warden's murderer had left the motor unobserved by Corboy. Beyond this, no trace was found of him, and the disappearance of the young man who had come to Warden's house and waited there for three quarters of an hour to see him was also complete.

CHAPTER II

The Express Is Held for a Personage.

Bob Connery, special conductor for the Coast division of one of the chief transcontinentals, was having late breakfast on his day off at his little cottage on the shore of Puget sound, when he was treated to the unusual sight of a large car stopping before his door. The chauffeur hurried from the car to the house with an envelope in his hand. Connery, meeting him at the door, opened the envelope and found within an order in the handwriting of the president of the railroad and over his signature.

"Connery:

"No. 5 being held at Seattle terminal until nine o'clock—will run one hour late. This is your authority to supersede the regular man as conductor—prepared to go through to Chicago. You will facilitate every desire and obey, when possible, any request even as to running of the train, which may be made by a passenger who will identify himself by a card from me.

"H. R. JARVIS."

The conductor, accustomed to take charge of trains when princes, envoys, Presidents and great people of any sort took to travel publicly or privately, fingered the heavy cream-colored notepaper upon which the order was written and looked up at the chauffeur.

The order was surprising enough even to Connery. Some passenger of extraordinary influence, obviously, was to take the train; not only the holding of the transcontinental for an hour told this, but there was the further plain statement that the passenger would be incognito. Astonishing also was the fact that the order was written upon private note-paper. There had been a monogram at the top of the sheet, but it had been torn off; that would not have been if Mr. Jarvis had sent the order from home. Who could have had the president of the road call upon him at half past seven in the morning and have told Mr. Jarvis to hold the Express for an hour?

Connery was certain of the distinctive characters of the president's handwriting. The enigma of the order, however, had piqued him so that he pretended doubt.

"Where did you get this?" he challenged the chauffeur.

"From Mr. Jarvis."

"Of course; but where?"

"You mean you want to know where he was?"

Connery smiled quietly. If he himself was trusted to be cautious and circumspect, the chauffeur also plainly was accustomed to be in the employ of one who required reticence. Connery looked from the note to the bearer more keenly. There was something familiar in the chauffeur's face—just enough to have made Connery believe, at first, that probably he had seen the man meeting some passenger at the station.

"You are—" Connery ventured casually.

"In private employ; yes, sir," the man cut off quickly. Then Connery knew him; it was when Gabriel Warden traveled on Connery's train that the conductor had seen this chauffeur; this was Patrick Corboy, who had driven Warden the night he was killed. But Connery, having won his point, knew better than to show it. "Waiting for a receipt from me?" he asked as if he had abandoned his curiosity.

The chauffeur nodded. Connery took a sheet of paper, wrote on it, sealed it in an envelope and handed it over; the chauffeur hastened back to his car and drove off. Connery whistled softly to himself. Evidently his passenger was to be one of the great men in eastern finance who had been brought west by Warden's death. As the car disappeared, Connery gazed off to the sound.

The March morning was windy and wet, with a storm blowing in from the Pacific. From Elliot bay reverberated the roar of the steam-whistle of some large ship signaling its intention to pass another to the left. The incoming vessel loomed in sight and showed the graceful lines, the single funnel and the white and red-barred flag of the Japanese line, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha. Connery saw that it was, as he anticipated, the Tamba Maru, due two days before, having been delayed by bad weather over the Pacific. It would dock, Connery estimated, just in time to permit a passenger to catch the Eastern Express if that were held till nine o'clock. So, as he hastened to the car line, Connery smiled at himself for taking the trouble to make his earlier surmises.

Old Sammy Seaton, the gateman, stood in his iron coop twirling a punch about his finger. Old Sammy's scheme of sudden wealth—everyone has a plan by which at any moment wealth may arrive—was to recognize and apprehend some wrongdoer, or some lost or kidnaped person for whom a great reward would be given. His position at the gate through which must pass most of the people arriving at the great Coast city, or wishing to depart from it, certainly was excellent; and by constant and careful reading of the papers, classifying and memorizing faces, he prepared himself to take advantage of any opportunity. Sammy still awaited his great "strike."

"Any one off on Number Five, Sammy?" Connery questioned carelessly as he approached.

Old Sammy shook his head. "What are we holding for?" he whispered. "Ah—for them?"

A couple of station-boys, overloaded with hand-baggage, scurried in from the street; someone shouted for a trunk-truck, and baggagemen ran. A group of people, who evidently had come to the station in covered cars, crowded out to the gate and lined up to pass old Sammy. The gateman straightened importantly and scrutinized each person presenting a ticket. Connery inspected with attention the file at the gate and watched old Sammy also as each passed him.

The first in line was a girl—a girl about twenty-two or three, Connery guessed. She had the easy, interested air of a person of assured position. When Connery first saw her, she seemed to be accompanying the man who now was behind her; but she offered her own ticket for perusal at the gate, and as soon as she was through, she hurried on ahead alone.

Connery was certain he did not know her. He noticed that old Sammy had held her at the gate as long as possible, as if hoping to recollect who she might be; but now that she was gone, the gateman gave his attention more closely to the first man—a tall, strongly built man, neither heavy nor light, and with a powerful, patrician face. His eyes were hidden by smoked glasses such as one wears against a glare of snow.

Connery found his gaze following this man; the conductor did not know him, nor had old Sammy recognized him; but both were trying to place him. He, unquestionably, was a man to be known, though not more so than many who traveled in the transcontinental trains.

A trim, self-assured man of thirty—his open overcoat showed a cutaway underneath—came past next, proffering the plain Seattle-Chicago ticket.

An Englishman, with red-veined cheeks, fumbling, clumsy fingers and curious, interested eyes, immediately followed.

The remaining man, carrying his own grips, set them down in the gate and felt in his pocket for his transportation.

This person had appeared suddenly after the line of four had formed in front of old Sammy at the gate; he had taken his place with them only after scrutiny of them. His ticket was a strip which originally had held coupons for the Pacific voyage and some indefinite journey in Asia before; unlike the Englishman's—and his baggage did not bear the pasters of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha—the ticket was close to the date when it would have expired. It bore upon the line where the purchaser signed, the name "Philip D. Eaton" in plain, vigorous characters without shading or flourish.

As a sudden eddy of the gale about the shed blew the ticket from old Sammy's cold fingers, the young man stooped to recover it. The wind blew off his cloth cap as he did so, and as he bent and straightened before old Sammy, the old man suddenly gasped; and while the traveler pulled on his cap, recovered his ticket and hurried down the platform to the train, the gateman stood staring after him as though trying to recall who the man presenting himself as Philip D. Eaton was.

Connery stepped beside the old man.

"Who is it, Sammy?" he demanded.

"Who?" Sammy repeated. His eyes were still fixed on the retreating figure. "Who? I don't know."

The gateman mumbled, repeating to himself the names of the famous, the great, the notorious, in his effort to fit one to the man who had just passed. No one else belated and bound for the Eastern Express was in sight. The president's order to the conductor and to the dispatcher simply had directed that Number Five would run one hour late; it must leave in five minutes; and Connery, guided by the impression the man last through the gate had made upon him and old Sammy both, had no doubt that the man for whom the train had been held was now on board.

Connery went out to the train. The passengers who had been parading the platform had got aboard; the last five to arrive also had disappeared into the Pullmans, and their luggage had been thrown into the baggage car. Connery jumped aboard.

The three who had passed the gate first—the girl, the man with the glasses and the young man in the cutaway—it had now become clear were one party. They had had reservations made, apparently, in the name of Dorne; the girl's address to the spectacled man made plain that he was her father; her name, apparently, was Harriet; the young man in the cutaway coat was "Don" to her and "Avery" to her father. His relation, while intimate enough to permit him to address the girl as "Harry," was unfailingly respectful to Mr. Dorne; and against them both Dorne won his way; his daughter was to occupy the drawing room; he and Avery were to have sections in the open car.

"You have Sections One and Three, sir," the Pullman conductor told him. And Dorne directed the porter to put Avery's luggage in Section One, his own in Section Three.

The Englishman was sent to Section Four in Car Three—the next car forward—and departed at the heels of the porter. Connery watched more closely, as now it came the turn of the young man whose ticket bore the name of Eaton. Eaton had no reservation in the sleepers; he appeared, however, to have some preference as to where he slept.

"Give me a Three, if you have one," he requested of the Pullman conductor. His voice, Connery noted, was well modulated, rather deep, distinctly pleasant. At sound of it, Dorne, who with his daughter's help was settling himself in his section, turned and looked that way and said something in a low tone to the girl. Harriet Dorne also looked, and with her eyes on Eaton, Connery saw her reply inaudibly, rapidly and at some length.

"I can give you Three in Car Three, opposite the gentleman I just assigned," the Pullman conductor offered.

"That'll do very well," Eaton answered in the same pleasant voice.

As the porter now took his bags, Eaton followed him out of the car. Connery went after them into the next car. He expected, rather, that Eaton would at once identify himself to him as the passenger to whom President Jarvis' short note had referred. Eaton, however, paid no attention to him, but was busy taking off his coat and settling himself in his section as Connery passed.

The conductor, willing that Eaton should choose his own time for identifying himself, passed slowly on, looking over the passengers as he went. He stood for a few moments in conversation with the dining-car conductor; then he retraced his way through the train. He again passed Eaton, slowing so that the young man could speak to him if he wished, and even halting an instant to exchange a word

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with the Englishman; but Eaton allowed him to pass on without speaking to him. Connery's step quickened as he entered the next car on his way back to the smoking compartment of the observation car, where he expected to compare sheets with the Pullman conductor before taking up the tickets. As he entered this car, however, Avery stopped him.

"Mr. Dorne would like to speak to you," Avery said.

Connery stopped beside the section, where the man with the spectacles sat with his daughter. Dorne looked up at him.

"You are the train conductor?" he asked.

"Yes, sir," Connery replied.

Dorne fumbled in his inner pocket and brought out a card-case, which he opened, and produced a card. Connery, glancing at the card while the other still held it, saw that it was President Jarvis' visiting card, with the president's name in engraved block letters; across its top was written briefly in Jarvis' familiar hand, "This is the passenger"; and below, it was signed with the same scrawl of initials which had been on the note Connery had received that morning—"H. R. J."

Connery's hand shook as, while trying to recover himself, he took the card and looked at it more closely, and he felt within him the sinking sensation which follows an escape from danger. He saw that his too ready and too assured assumption that Eaton was the man to whom Jarvis' note had referred, had almost led him into the sort of mistake which is unpardonable in a "trusted" man; he had come within an ace, he realized, of speaking to Eaton and so betraying the presence on the train of a traveler whose journey his superiors were trying to keep secret.

"You need, of course, hold the train no longer," Dorne said to Connery.

"Yes, sir; I received word from Mr. Jarvis about you, Mr. Dorne. I shall follow his instructions fully."

As he went forward again after the train was under way, Connery tried to recollect how it was that he had been led into such a mistake, and defending himself, he laid it all to old Sammy. But old Sammy was not often mistaken in his identifications. If Eaton was not the person for whom the train was held, might he be someone else of importance? Now as he studied Eaton, he could not imagine what had made him accept this passenger as a person of great position. It was only when he passed Eaton a third time, half an hour later, when the train had long left Seattle, that the half-shaped hazards and guesses about the passenger suddenly sprang into form. Allowing for a change of clothes and a different way of brushing his hair, Eaton was exactly the man whom Warden had expected at his house and who had come there and waited while Warden, away in his car, was killed.

Connery was walking back through the train, absent-minded in trying to decide whether he could be at all sure of this; and trying to decide what he should do if he felt sure, when Mr. Dorne stopped him.

"Conductor, do you happen to know," he questioned, "who the young man is who took Section Three in the car forward?"

Connery gasped; but the question put to him the impossibility of his being sure of any recognition from the description. "He gave his name on his ticket as Philip D. Eaton, sir," Connery replied.

"Is that all you know about him?"

"Yes, sir."

"If you find out anything about him, let me know," Dorne bade.

"Yes, sir." Connery determined to let nothing interfere with learning more of Eaton; Dorne's request only gave him added responsibility.

Dorne, however, was not depending upon Connery alone for further information. As soon as the conductor had gone, he turned back to his daughter and Avery upon the seat opposite.

"Avery," he said in a tone of direction, "I wish you to get in conversation with this Philip Eaton. It will probably be useful if you let Harriet talk with him too. She would get impressions helpful to me which you can't."

The girl started with surprise but recovered at once. "Yes, Father," she said.

"What, sir?" Avery ventured to protest.

CHAPTER III

Miss Dorne Meets Eaton.

Dorne motioned Avery to the aisle, where already some of the passengers, having settled their belongings in their sections, were beginning to wander through the cars seeking acquaintances or players to make up a card game. Eaton took from a bag a handful of cigars with which he filled a plain, uninitialed cigar case, and went toward the club and observation car in the rear. As he passed through the sleeper next to him—the last one—Harriet Dorne glanced up at him and spoke to her father; Dorne nodded but did not look up.

The observation room was nearly empty. The only occupants were a young woman who was reading a magazine, and an elderly man. Eaton chose a seat as far from these two as possible.

He had been there only a few minutes, however, when, looking up, he saw Harriet Dorne and Avery enter the room. They passed him, engaged in conversation, and stood by the rear door looking out into the storm. It was evident to Eaton, although he did not watch them, that they were arguing something; the girl seemed insistent, Avery irritated and unwilling. Her manner showed that she won her point finally. She seated herself in one of the chairs, and Avery left her. He wandered, as if aimlessly, to the reading table, turning over the magazines there; abandoning them, he gazed about as if bored; then, with a wholly casual manner, he came toward Eaton and took the seat beside him.

"Rotten weather, isn't it?" Avery observed somewhat ungraciously.

Eaton could not well avoid a reply. "It's been getting worse," he commented, "ever since we left Seattle."

"We're running into it, apparently." Again Avery looked toward Eaton and waited.

"Yes—lucky if we get through."

The conversation on Avery's part was patently forced; and it was equally forced on Eaton's; nevertheless it continued. Avery introduced the war and other subjects upon which men, thrown together for a time, are accustomed to exchange opinions. But Avery did not do it easily or naturally; he plainly was of the caste whose pose it is to repel, not seek, overtures toward a chance acquaintance. His lack of practice was perfectly obvious when at last he asked directly: "Beg pardon, but I don't think I know your name."

Continued next week.

READ THE ADS

Belmond Local News

A. O. Hauge of Des Moines well known in and about Belmond where he lived at one time and where he now holds property, is being favorably mentioned as one of the leading candidates for Speaker of the House of Representatives at the state capiol. Mr. Hauge has been active in political circles in the Capitol City, and is president of one of Des Moines' big banks. He has many friends here who wish him well in his candidacy for the office.

Radio concerts lately have not been as good as usual owing to the great amount of static interference. There has been more electricity in the air the past month than was found during the summer months. Some very fine progams have been heard, however, and of late the board casting stations seem to be trying to see how late they can send, one, two and three o'clock in the morning are common, while Sunday night one sent out music all night.

Miss May Rosenau of Ventura was the guests of relatives here last Sunday.

New Year's Day was a quiet affair locally. The stores were open part of the day, some of them all day, and there was nothing doing aside from the movies.

Leo Kenefick spent a couple days last week at Garner, visiting his sister, Mrs. Chas Engstler, and family.

Mrs. Osborne Colby and son Orville, are spending a few days at Crystal Lake, visiting her daughter Mrs. Raymond Drake, and family.

T. H. Gallagher was an over Christmas visitor at the home of Mrs. Lattie Boyers at Des Moines.

Ed Packard of near Alexander was a business visitor here on New Years' Day.

J S. White furnished the holiday turkeys for one of the big Mason City Cafes, and received a letter from the proprietor complimenting him on the fine birds. Evidently some good turkey raisers in this vicinity.

Sheriff Lang was in town Saturday of last week, on official business connected with the sale of the E G. Miller furniture and the equipment of the old Belmond Welding & Tank Co., which sale took place Saturday afternoon.

The Townsan boys since the installation of their radio receiving set, have had very good luck and are hearing many fine concerts.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dempsey and Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Davenport spent a few days last week with the Rosenau family at Ventura. Miss Vida Rosenau returned with them for a few days' visit.

Mrs Eugene Kinney has been on the sick list the past few days, having been quite ill.

Geo. Blau of Alexander was in town Tuesday attending to business affairs.

Mrs. Carl Wolle of Boone, returned the first of the week for her home, after a week's visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Packard, and other relatives.

Co. Agent Edwards was in town last Friday evening attending a meeting of farmers interested in forming a testing association.

Rev. Wilkinson of the Methodist church began a series of special meetings at the Alexander charge on Sunday night of this week. He will be assisted by an evangelist and a singer.

We sell Fleishmann's Yeast. The Cash Market.

Mrs. Carrie Sheffield of Fort Dodge, spent New Year's here at the home of relatives and friends. She is attending to some business affairs while here.

Mrs. T. N. Davenport and Mrs. Wm. Dempsey drove to Ventura last Thursday. They report the roads up that way as being fine.

Please call and settle your 1922 book accounts by cash or note.—Johnson & Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Anderson from Kanawha were visitors at the A. W. Martin home the first of the week.

When you have trouble with your eyes see me. I have specialized in the fitting of glasses and taking care of muscular trouble.—A H. Berger, Eyesight specialist, Clarion, Iowa. 5eowc

We buy poultry both alive and dressed. Call us, phone 272.—White Produce Co. 4tfc

Better have your cattle tested for tuberculosis. Dr. R. G. Brown, Veterinarian, accredited by Iowa Board and U. S. Board Animal Industry. 35*

Miss Marie Leavy, who is teaching at Latimer this year, spent the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs Jas. Leavy.

E. F. Bailey was a business caller at Dubuque a few days last week.

Friends of Mrs. Wm. Brooks will regret to learn that she suffered a stroke of paralysis on Monday evening. She is reported as gaining somewhat at this writng.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bergsma, who have been visiting relatives here the past two weeks, returned Monday to their home at Huron, South Dakota.

Mrs. Frank Prathers, of Camp Crook, South Dakota, was a guest last week at the E. F. Bailey home.

Ronald Purcell, who recently injured his arm had another x-ray taken Tuesday, when another fracture was found. He has been suffering quite severe pain the past few days.

Harry Wolle is now nicely settled in Blythe, California, where he has charge of a large irrigation ditch. He made the trip in his car, and found good going most of the way.

Mrs. Golden of Cedar Rapids spent a few days last week with her daughter Mrs. H. D. Moore.

For the best grade Home slaughtered beef, at the lowest possible price, phone 60, The Cash Market.

Will Wolle was a visitor with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H Wolle, over New Year's Day. He returned Monday night to his duties at Morningside College, where he is the Alumni secretary.

That famous "ANZA" brand, the culture ripened coffee, drink all you want to and sleep all night. The Cash Market sells it. Endorsed by local physicians.

Mrs. Dora Murray of Waterloo, formerly Miss Dora Pierce of Belmond, was in town last week a day or two on business matters.

N. E. Brear is expected home the first of next week from Louisville Kentucky, where he has been the past two weeks visiting his people.

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Nucoa the original Nut Butter, Letters the bread. The Cash Market sells it.

Miss Josphine Gealow returned to Washington D. C. Saturday evening.

Miss Erma Slauter of Cedar Rapids spent the holidays with friends here, returning home Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Hartwick and daughter from McGregor were visitors at the Geo. Hartwick home last week.

Misses Myrtle Hawley and Wilma Trumbell returned to Morningside College Tuesday evening. Miss Parker from Thornton accompanied them.

Miss Jennie Gealow returned to Des Moines Monday evening.

Miss Angie Walton returned Monday to her home in Iowa Falls, after a visit during the holidays with relatives and friends in Belmond.

Howard Wolle, who during the sugar making campaign of the Belmond sugar factory was chief electrician, has gone to Chicago where he is taking further study in an electrical school.

Mrs. Wallace Ramsay and daughter Ruth, have been on the sick list the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Kimmel, of Manly, were visitors on New Year's Day at the home of M. and Mrs. W. O. Eaton.

S. S. Packard has been busy this week getting ready to move out of his restaurant location, which was purchased by Cato Griesy last fall. It is understood that he will move to the Barban bakery building.

W. E. Stevens has purchased the building now occupied by E. E. Boughton. Mrs. Stevens will move her Gift Shop to this location about the first of April, and will probably move into the upstairs rooms before then

Miss Cloe Jenison returned to Ames on Monday after spending the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jenison.

IT WILL LIKELY MAKE NO DIFFERENCE TO YOU IN A HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW

This has been one of the hard weeks to get out the Summit. But doubtless you are inclined to believe that the statement is "far fetched" However, its a fact, and as a matter of fact there are not many weeks when it is easy, even though you want to take it easy. Have you ever thought what it takes to get out even a weekly newspaper? And its harder to get out a weekly than a daily. There are many reasons for this difference. It would take too long to tell you why, and besides you would never understand it, even if we did try. Its going to be hard enough to make the reader believe that there is any hard work connected with the getting out of a weekly newspaper. Then doubtless, after you had read a column or two on what hard work it was, you would not believe it.

There are four of us here in this office who work nine hours a day for six days, and maybe some more But what in the world could four people do to put in the time getting out a paper once a week? Well, one reason for all this is that there are few outside helps. People imagine that all you have to do is to "just put it in." There are forty-eight columns in the Summit every week. If its reading matter, then there are four thousand letters to the column—that makes 172,000. This matter must be obtained from the very air, so to speak. If it takes one four minutes to get a three line item, how long would it take to fill a weekly newspaper? If you have a party at your house; If you have a death in the family; if you celebrate you golden wedding it takes someone's time to "wheedle" the facts out of those who know them even if the reporter just accidently happens to hear a rumor of the item.

You may not think you have an obligation to the community in the way of helping furnish the newspaper with the item and the facts but never-the-less you do. You may not believe that the community is particularly interested in you and your affairs, but you are mistaken. This may be a selfish old world but never-the-less there are hundreds of people who are interested in news items concerning you—even though you are not of the "prominent" people. Every one of you are helping make the history of your community, your county, your state and your country. You should do your part to have your share properly recorded. It will likely make no difference to you in a hundred years but it might to someone else—and surely you are not so selfish as "not to care." What you should do, regardless of who you are of your station in life, it to see that items concerning yourself and friends are given to the newspapers and that the correct information is given. If there is a birth, wedding or death among your friends, give the information to the newspaper—that it may be correct. If you or your friends have an accident, see that the proper manner of how it happened is given the Summit; if—a hundred things that go to make up the history of our community come to your knowledge, give us the facts, or information that will lead to our obtaining them.

We want the news with which to fill these columns, but we do not want it any worse than you do. In fact you want it more than the editor or reporter does. You want it so that you may know what is going on in your community that you may sit down in a comfortable chair and digest the contents of a well filled paper—while the editor wants it so it will make more work for him.—Forest City Summit.

Parties contemplating holding a public sale should see T. D. Rankins, Belmond, for dates and prices. Twenty-five years of successful auctioneering. Phone 196 or 115.

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FOR SALE

For Sale—A few Hampshire male pigs.—A E. Martin. 53*

For Sale—Buff Rock roostes, full bloods.—Mrs. O. D. Jenison, Phone 3217. 3tfc

For Sale—Fancy large boned heavy purebred Black Langshan cockerals Also a number of good pullets. The kind that WEIGH, LAY, and PAY. Write for prices.—Mrs. Chas L. Richards, Rowan, Iowa. 44*

WANTED

Wanted to trade—Five year old mare for a gentle single driver.—O. D. Jenison, Phone 3217 3tfc

LOST AND FOUND

MISCELLANEOUS

Dead animals removed from your premises FREE.—Belmond Rendering Works. Phone 2119. 48tfc

time to sell a stove.

ORIGINAL NOTICE

In the District Court, of Wright County, Iowa.

February Term, 1923.

Nellie Luick,

Plaintiff

vs.

Christian Sorensen,
Sena Sorensen,
W. S. Hagen,

Defendant

To W. S. Hagen, Defendant:

You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the above named County and State, the petition of Nellie Luick, claiming of you the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred and fifty, ($1,350.00) Dollars, on your certain joint promisory note, made executed and delivered by you to Nellie Luick, the plaintiff aforesaid, on the 11th day of May, 1920, for the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred and fifty, (1,250.00), Dollars, payable on or before the 24th day of May, 1922, with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum from November 1922; also asking for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage, dated May 11, 1920, upon lot four (4) in block one, (1), in the original town of Belmond, Iowa; also asking for the allowance of a reasonable attorney's fee, to be taxed with the costs.

No personal judgement is asked against the defendant, W. S. Hagen.

For further particulars, see petition now on file.

Now unless you appear thereto and defend, on or before noon of the second day of the next term of said Court, to be held at Clarion, in said County, commencing on the 5th day of February, 1923, default will be entered against you, and judgment rendered thereon, in accordance with the prayer of said petition.

W. E. BULLARD
Attorney for Plaintiff.

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John McNicol picked up a couple of fellows Sunday evening who had too large a supply of "hootch," and yesterday they were taken before Justice Reed who assessed one of them a fine of $100 and costs, amounting in all to $132. The two were together in a car, but one of them took all the blame and claimed ownership of the booze.—Signal.

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BELMOND SHORT COURSE ON JANUARY 23-24

Sugar Co. Is Now Contracting Acreage

Field Agents To Start On 1923 Acreage Within Few Days And Prospects Good.

TO USE 50-50 CONTRACT

The Iowa Valley Operating Co. is now ready to begin contracting beet acreage for the 1923 season, and it is expected that within the next few days a full force of fieldmen will be on the job soliciting acreage.

It is probable that the same contract used in 1922 will be used this year, the "fifty-fifty" proposition. This contract is the best and fairest so far evolved, and gave universal satisfaction both to growers and company. It is probably that the 1923 acreage will be much greater than in 1922. Many farmers who have not heretofore grown beets have expressed themselves as intending to raise some this year. Those who had crops last year realized good money, one man near Rowan clearing close to $1,200 after all expenses from 29 acres.

All indications now point to a bigger year for both beet growers and sugar company in 1923. Belmond is vitally interested in the beet industry and all will boost for a bigger year.

BIG HOG CASE SETTLED

The case of Severe and Sams the noted hog case on trial in district court, was decided in favor of Severe last week. The case has attracted considerable attention in the county owing to the prominence of the parties and the amount of money involved, about $200,000, and the case has been bitterly contested by both sides. U. H. Rummel was appointed Receiver with bond at $30,000.

EAGLE GROVE POKER PLAYERS NABBED AT BELMOND.

The Belmond Independent is authority for the statement that three Eagle Grove poker players were nabbed there last week, and thrown into what was called Hotel Lang—the city bastile. About the same time two Clarion boot-leggers were also gathered in and thrown in with the Eagle Grovers, and that swelled the population of the "quay" to twelve, while its capacity is supposed to be only eight. Close quarters.

Just how the Humboldt Republican gets the above, the Independent is unable to figure, unless the Republican editor got the Clarion papers and the Independent mixed, in his clippings. Belmond poker players will probably be nabbed first before Eagle Grove is started on, if it comes to that.

OLAF

G. H. Baxter and wife, Orpha Anderson and wife, Clarence Scott and wife, Joe Ericson, Olaf Eliason, Gerhard Thompson attended the "500 club" held in Belmond at the Anfinson home, Nettie Benson and Sadie Frohling entertaining.

The Ladies Aid Society, met with Mrs Henry Lein last Wednesday, and was very well attended.

Geo Baxter, Clarance Scott, Orpha Anderson, and Jake Hess went to Belmond Wednesday evening to sign up for their bonus.

Alma Ericson and Miss Baldridge drove to Belmond, Wednesday afternoon.

S. O. Windicker and wife have been spending all their spare time of late, invoicing their stock of merchandise.

Among the relatives who were entertained at the G. Halverson home last week were Mr. and Mrs. Zeiglar of Valga, North Dakota, Miss Wicks of Roland, niece of Mrs. Halverson also a brother of Mr. Halverson from Roland.

G. Halverson and wife and Mrs. Eddie Thompson were shopping in Clarion, Friday.

Parks and Gildner have reserved Tuesday January 23, for the date of their closing out sale. Watch for particulars later.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

There was a good attendance at all the services last Sunday. The junior Christian Endeavor started off with a good attendance and much interest. All boys and girls from five to thirteen are invited to join.

We just lacked an average of one and one-half of reaching our mark for our Sunday school attendance last year. We have set our mark a little higher this year and we believe that we will be able to reach it. Be on hand at 10:00 a. m. next Sunday and come prepared to stay for the 11:00 o'clock service also.

Jr. C. E. at 2:30 p. m. and the evening services of praise and worship at 7:30. We are having some great evening services and those who attend are enjoying them. Our orchestra is getting better all the time and is a great help in the music.

The Ladies Aid Society will hold their first meeting of the year Thursday afternoon at 2:30. All are urged to be present.

McNICALL BUYS HALL

John McNicall of Garner, is one of the new proprietors of the Garner Billiard Parlors, thru a deal recently completed at that place. John, who formerly resided in Belmond when he was employed with the sugar factory, and another Garner citizen bought the parlors. McNicall has resigned his position as City Marshall of Garner to enter his new business. As marshall he made a fine record for enforcing the laws and keeping the town rid of drunks and crooks.

FOREST CITY YOUTH SHOT

A young Forest City youth, Gesle Hanna, was accidently shot and killed last week, while hunting rabbits. Hanna had shot a rabbit and wounded that it could not run fast, and young Hanna ran it down. Rather than waste another shell on the animal, he attempted to finish it by clubbing it with the butt of his double-barreled shotgun. As he struck it, the other barrel was discharged, the full load of shot penetrating his abdomen, injuring him so that he died immediately.

SHERIFF ROBB AT EAGLE

The Times of Eagle Grove says that the Legion Post of that city s endeavoring to secure Sheriff Robb, of Des Moines, to give an address in that town in the near future. Sheriff Robb is planning a lecture tour of the country, and the post hopes to have him come to Eagle Grove. A committee has been appointed to take care of the matter and to arrange for a date sometime in January or February. Sheriff Robb has become almost a noted character for the way he handled things at the Capital City during his regime, and should the Eagle Grove Legion be successful in seuring him for an address, they would doubtless draw largely from all over the county.

LEGION MEETS

The members of the Eimbrink Post of the American Legion met at the Legion hall last week Thursday evening to make out their bonus applications. Between 75 and 100 of the boys were present, and some half a dozen of the typing experts of the bunch were kept pounding away most of the evening filling out applications. After the work was over they all enjoyed a good feed and social time.

SALE DATES CLAIMED

H. L. Hadley of near Rowan has reserved the 25th of January for his big farm sale, which will take place on the Fred Brooks farm. Watch for particulars next week.

M. J. Kerman, residing on the Sullivan place northeast of Belmond will have a Holstein Cattle sale Monday, January 15. See his ad on page seven of this issue of the Independent.

BROOD SOWS

I have for sale some Poland China gilts. Bred to farrow in April. Weight about 300 lbs. Priced at $30. if taken soon.(Immune).—C. H. Quandt, Meservey Ia. Phone 619. 8tfc

DISTRICT COURT SEEMS A LITTLE BIT DULL

Cases Lining Up For February Term Not As Plentiful As The Last Term.

Monitor.—The Waterloo Auto Co. has begun suit against M. O. Crawford to recover the sum of $209.75 on his promissory note, secured by chattel mortgage on a Mitchell one ton truck.

On Christmas Day Mrs. Josephine Moon of Eagle Grove alleges that her husband violently kicked her and on the day previous violently assaulted her and threw her over a table; that as a result she was compelled to call a doctor and was in bed for two days; wherefore plaintiff demands a divorce from the bonds of matrimony.

George W. Young asks jugment against Clarence McBride in the sum of $192.54 on his promissory note and the foreclosure of a lien upon nine shares of elevator stock.

Hans Berkland and Fred Littell are named defendants in a suit of the Wisconsin Lumber Co. to collect $38.96.

Standard Oil Co. vs. Geo. Whirling is a suit to collect $70.60 on account.

Bovee Furnace Works of Waterloo asks judgment against Sarah Johnson of Eagle Grove for $259.37, amount alleged to be due on a furnace installed in her home.

A peculiar suit on a note is that of J. W. McNamara of Belmond vs. Otto Madison. Fourteen years ago defendant gave plaintiff his note for $125. Nine and one-half years later he renewed the same including interest to that date, totaling $225. That was four and one-half years ago. The note has since been misplaced, but plaintiff thinks a judgment for $300 would satisfy his claim.

Emma E. Roblin administratrix of the estate of E. R. Roblin, brings suit against C. Claude, Harry Claude and Will Downing to collect on their primissory note the sum of $322.94.

Licenses to wed were issued this week by the clerk to the following couples: Orval Malin Joseph and Esther Amelia Thomson of Goldfield; Charles August Hilpipre and Alma Sophia Edwards of Clarion; Frank Pyle of Chares City and Mae E. Tolle of Bassett; Harry Peterson of Badger and Julia Mandsager of Eagle Grove; Thomas Djiewanoski and Garnet Bamford; Din J. Merritt of Griswold and Mabel O. Gunderson; Eldon H. Sumners and Elsie M. Banks of Clarion; William M. Larson and Judith Varo.

KILLS WOMAN BY AUTO

Friends in Belmond of Casper Telcamp will be sorry to learn of a serious auto accident wherein Telcamp ran over and killed a woman at his present home, Ladysmith, Wisconsin. Telcamp, who lived around here for several years, working on different farms east of town moved to Ladysmith where he managed a hotel. Last Thursday afternoon while driving his car, he ran into a Mrs. Edgar Baker. Mrs. Baker was at the foot of a big hill west of the City, walking along the road, a doctor stopped to give her a ride. As she was getting into the doctor's car, Telcamp came along at a high speed, and turning out on the wrong side of the road, struck Mrs. Baker. His car dragged her about 50 feet and then went over a 10 foot bank, the car passing over her. A husband and four children are left. Telcamp was arrested and lodged in jail to await the verdict of the coroner's jury. The woman's back, jaw and left leg were broken one hip dislocated and the body badly bruised. She died immediately.

ST. OLAF

Next Sunday morning the service will be conducted in the Norwegian language. We want to see a large attendance. The services begin at 11 o'clock. Come and take someone with you. You cannot spend the hours better on Sunday than to sing praise to God, pray to him and meditate upon God's precious word.

FRANK JOHNSON DIES ON HIS WAY HOME

After Lingering Illness Belmond Young Man Passes Away On Train At Carroll.

Belmond people were much grieved last week when they received the news of the death of Frank Johnson one of this city's best known young men.

For the past year or two, Frank had been in Colorado receiving treatment for tuberculosis. It was known that he was very ill, but his death came as a surprise to many. His father J. N. Johnson had gone to Colorado a short time ago to bring him home, after it was found that a cure was impossible. Frank and his father had nearly reached home when near Carroll, Iowa, Frank quietly passed away on the train.

John Franklin Johnson was born in Belmond, Iowa, May 13, 1892, and died near Carroll, Iowa, January 4, 1923, death being due to tuberculosis. He lived his entire life in Belmond with the exception of the time he was in the service of his country during the world war. He was a graduate of the Belmond high school in 1912, and after completing his duties there, was engaged with his father in lookng after the various interests of their farms and business. On July 29, 1918, he entered the army, going first to Camp Forest, Georgia, and assigned to Co. B, 211ts Reg. Engineers. His division was ordered later to Camp Meade, Maryland. He was honorably discharged on February 6, 1919.

He leaves besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Johnson, three sisters, Mrs. G. R Hill of Clarion, Mrs. Thayne Bailey of Belmond and Marie besides other relatives and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday January 6 at 9:30 a. m. at the St. Francis church, Rev Father Eardley in charge, and the Eimbrink Post of the American Legion giving the military part of the services. Interment was in St. Francis cemetery.

The Community of Belmond extends its hearfelt sympathy to the bereaved family in their sad loss.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deep appreciation to all who showed so many acts of kindness in our recent sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Johnson.
Marie C. Johnson.
Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Bailey
Mr. and Mrs G. R. Hill

TRINITY CHURCH

Choir practice at the church at 7:30. All members are requested to be present. Wednesday evening remember.

Thursday afternoon the Ladies' Aid meets in the church parlors All members are requested to be present and visitors are welcome.

Thursday evening the mid week service will be held at the home of Rier Rierson.

Class meets Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. All must be present and on time.

Sunday morning the Sunday school and Bible classes meet at the usual hour. Let us all do better in 1923. All working together will accomplish much for good.

Sunday afternoon the lay people will conduct a service at 3 o'clock. All are welcome and asked to attend

Sunday evening the Young Peoples League will conduct a service. Let all the young people take a better hold of the work now. No better time to do good and efficient work than now. Now is the acceptable time.

The Brotherhood meets Monday evening. Much good can be done by this organization if all take a live interest.

SKATING RINK POPULAR

The municipal skating rink at Eagle Grove has been proving very popular and is daily and nightly filled with people of all ages enjoying the sport. The light company has strung lights over the rink and night skating is popular.

BELMONDERS ON JURY

The jurors for the grand and petit juries have been selected for the year 1923, and the following from this end of the county will report for the February term of district court at Clarion on February 5th.

Grand Jurors

A. C. Rietz—Rowan
D. C. Able—Belmond.
Martin Olson—Kanawha
Geo. Elder—Belmond

Petit Jurors

W. H. Wolle—Belmond.
L. R. Parsons—Belmond
H C. Harberts—Belmond
John Bradohl—Belmond
L. Collins—Belmond
Adolph Dorr—Belmond
T. D. Rankins—Belmond
Ole Scott—Belmond
E. E. Scales—Belmond
Kate Thompson—Belmond
Louis Shaw—Belmond
Oscar Nelson—Belmond
Marie Baxter—Belmond
C. O. Leonard—Belmond
Pat Quigley—Belmond
Stella Fowler—Rowan
Edna Sheldon—Rowan
Harriet Keith—Rowan
Bert Himes—Rowan
J. O. Huey—Rowan
John Gjerdevik—Kanawha

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

School opened after vacation with all the teachers on the job and every one glad to be back.

Friday night at 7:15 our basket ball teams will play the Garner girls and boys. These games will be close and every one should be out to see them.

Saturday comes the third and last number of our Lecture Course. The Coran-Welsh singers are an excellent company and it will pay you to hear them.

Next week come the semester examinations. Everyone is busy with reviews.

The debating teams are preparing for the dual debates with Clarion Thursday, January 18.

Morey Nelson one of our post-graduate is back to school doing some reviewing.

The Normal Training students will write the State examination next week.

LAST LECTURE NUMBER SAT.

The last number of the lecture course for this winter will be held this week Saturday evening, January 13, at the high school auditorium. The Cavan Welsh Singer are the artists, and they have a very strong program which is highly recommended by those who have heard it.

The lecture course this winter has been under the auspices of the high school of Belmond and it has not been financially a success. The backers of the course stand to lose a goodly sum on the course as matters are at present, unless the receipts of this last number are sufficient to make up a large share of the deficit, the chances are that Belmond will not have a lecture course next winter. It is to be hoped that this will not be the case, and that the attendance next Saturday evening will be such as to warrant a continuance of the course. Be at the auditorium Saturday night, hear a program well worth your money, and help to keep this high class of entertainment in Belmond.

MOTHER DIES

Mrs. Ella Sands of Belmond received word of the death of her mother, Mrs. M. J Perinton, at Dows. Deceased was born in New York state February 16, 1840, and died at Dows on New Year's morning. Funeral services were held at Popejoy. Besides Mrs. Sands, the aged husband, one son, and four daughters are left to mourn her passing.

3400 Auto Licenses

The county treasurer's office reports that up to this date approximately 3400 auto licenses have been issued in Wright County for the year 1923. Some 800 are still on the delinquent list. These figures show a rather astonishing number of cars and trucks in this county. Very few kicks have been registered on the licenses fees.

Tuesday-Wednesday Are Days Chosen

Two Big Days Of Fine Exhibits Are Arranged With Good List Of Premiums.

FULL DETAILS NEXT WEEK

The Belmond Short Course will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 23 and 24. Two big days have been arranged for and a big time is assured. This Short Course is for Belmond and vicinity and includes the town people as well as country. It is earnestly desired that everyone who desires, enter into the various exhibits and try for the cash prmiums to be offered. Many different things will be shown and a good list of premiums offered. The full list and particulars will be published in the Independent next week. Watch for it, and for the big bills that will give the list of things to be shown.

Livestock, grains, poultry and domestic science and home making will all have departments. Plan to enter in one or more of them, and take some of the prizes.

OVER THE FENCE

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Zink and children of Belmond came Saturday for a visit with the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Martin.—Forest City Summit.

Mrs. W. N. Hagenson of Thompson was in Forest City Friday. She was enroute to Belmond for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Grace Bray. —Forest City Summit.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nihoof of Belmond were visiting their daughter, Mrs. Fred Stockwell here last Friday. Mr. Stockwell is the man who is working at the Pavey shop.—Klemme Times.

Miss Evelyn Madison and Miss Ethel Gunsell visited with friends at Belmond, a few days last week.—Kanawha Reporter.

Ed Thomas returned to Kanawha the last of the week from several days' visit with relatives and friends at Waterloo and Belmond. He expects to leave this week for his home at Lewistown Mont.—Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Knisely of Belmond spent New Years at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clark.—Garner Signal.

Carl Wenzel, a brother of John visited here Friday. Carl is attending school at Cedar Rapids and has been spending the vacation with relatives and friends at Belmond.—Reporter.

Miss LaFette Howe who was a guest at the V. A. Bhimgren home last week went to Belmond Saturday and visited over Sunday with friends there. She went from Belmond to Colesburg where she teaches.—Reporter.

Dr. Sharon of St Louis who spent the holiday vacation with relatives and friends at Belmond, was greeting Kanawha friends last Saturday Dr. Sharon had charge of Dr. Lawton's practice while he was in the east last summer.—Reporter.

J. A. Young of Belmond was a business caller and visitor here at the home if his uncle, A. A. Johnson and family, last Friday. While here Mr. Young rented the McDougald farm seven miles southwest of Kanawha.—Reporter.

Chas Pritchard and daughter Star of Buffalo Center were here Sunday, and in the evening Mrs. Roserans and little Catherine Barnes returned home with them.—Garner Signal.

Marian Pritchard and Frances Livermore were at Belmond Monday evening as guests of Miss Helen Elder.—Garner Signal.

Mrs. Hake and daughter, Maurine have been visiting at Belmond since Monday.—Klemme Times.

Geo. Thompson, on Route one, will have a Pure bred Duroc Jersey Brood Sow sale on Saturday, February 17. Watch for further particulars.

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SOCIETY

Community Club—
The Community Club will meet January 19 instead of January 26. This being the only date the speaker had open. Mr. H. H. Cornell, of Ames, a landscape architectual speciulist will be the speaker.

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Kensington—
Mrs. Matt Sullivan entertained the Kensington club at her home on last Thursday.

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Delphian—
The Delphian club met at the home of Mrs. Ted Townsan on Monday evening. The lesson was "The Making of the Costitution of the United States." Mrs. C. C. Benson was the leader. After the lesson, a delicious two-course luncheon was served by the hostess.

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Progress—
The members of the Progress club met at the home of Mrs. Gowdy on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. C. P. Luick was leader of the afternoon's lesson.

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Idle-A-While—
The members of the Idle-a-While club and their husbands enjoyed an evening of progressive 500 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Baker last Thursday.

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Eastern Star—
The Eastern Stars and the Masons held joint installation last week Wednesday evening. About 100 of the members were present. Mrs. Geo. Goelz was installing officer for the Eastern Stars and Ted Townsan for the Masons. Refreshments were served after the installation.

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Christian Climbers—
The Christian Climbers class of the Congregational church held their annual meeting at the home of Mrs. W. C. Tyrrell last Thursday evening. The new officers who were elected for this year are Edwin Christie, President; Lewis Parsons, Vice President; Sameul Leinbach, Treasurer; and Mabel Baker, Secretary. There were 23 members of the class present, the meeting being held in the first week of 1923. The scheme of 23 was carried out in the delicious refreshments which were served by Mrs. Tyrrell. After the business meeting the evening was spent in playing games and in listening to the newly installed radio which was greatly enjoyed by all. The class has made an excellent record during the past three years under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Tyrrell, who continues to be the teacher.

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Belmond Local News

A fine baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Shahan, Friday January 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Verner Reed and family have moved back to Boyd Wisconsin.

Mrs. Ray Hawley and daughter of Hayfield were visiting Mrs. Dan Brooks Sunday.

The Bob Reed family were released from quarantine for diptheria last Saturday.

Ralph Smith, a will known farmer near Alexander died Monday morning.

The Trousdale Stock Company have been putting on some good bills at the opera house this week. The company has showed here many times before,, and are favorites with many.

The Belmond Auto Co. have acquired the Radio fever, and recently installed a complete receiving set at their garage. They now listen to the world, and report very good results.

So far, the weather of the new year has been exceptionally good, almost spring-like sometimes, but there's another month coming.

Leo Kenefick returned last Friday to his school duties at Fort Collins, Colorado, after a two weeks' visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Kenefick, and other relatives and friends.

The Misses Marie Haynes, Irene Neroman, and Margaret McLoden, and Mr. Francis Haynes, of Forest City, were visitors at the Frank Barry home a few days last week.

The Independent is informed by the Belmond Bakery that the report regarding the moving into the bakery building of S. S. Packard is a mistake and that Mr. Packard will not move in as was advertised.

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FARM BUREAU NOTES

Annual Meeting Great Success

The annual meeting of the Wright County Farm Bureau which was held in the court room at Clarion last Wednesday, January 3rd was attended by over four hundred people from various parts of the county. This annual affair seems to be growing in attendance and general interest.

The forenoon session was spent in listening to an address by President Harry Summers and report by secretary E. W. Campbell and treasurer E. A. Patton, also the report of the auditing committee of which Geo. C. Kirstein was chairman..

The afternoon session was opened by several selection by Meeker's orchestra followed by the county agent's annual report. A mixed quartette selection was then given by Mrs. C. O. Fitts, Miss Maude Newgard, A. E. Chamberlain, all of Belmond, and the county agent. This was followed by an address by J. F. Coupe, assistant secretary of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation at Des Moines. According to Mr. Coupe there are five main issues before the farmers today. They are Marketing, Transportation, Legislation, Finances and Credits. He opened his interesting speech by referring to historical facts to show that farmers as a class have always been unorganized until the last few years, then proceeded to show what a great need there is today for organization among farmers when every other commercial and industrial interest of the country is so completely organized. He spent most of his time in explaining in an interesting and most convincing way the accomplishments of the state and national Farm Bureau Federations of the past year and told briefly the program of work which is to be followed during 1923. Mr. Coupe undoubtedly gave one of the best Farm Bureau addresses which has been given since his appearance at the annual picnic two years ago. The unlimited fund of information at his tongue's end and the earnestness and forcefulness of his expression are the factors which clinched his points in the minds of his listeners. Mr. Coupe left no doubt in anyone's mind but what the farm Bureau is an organization which has served, either directly or indirectly, every farmer in the state of Iowa, many times the amount of the membership fee.

Following the address by Mr. Coupe was the report of the nomination committee, W. F. Mechem-chairman, which placed the following men in nomination:

J. E. Kirstein, Woolstock and Geo. A. Miller, Vernon, president.

A. E. Martin, Belmond and O. J. Pardun, Lincoln, vice president.

M. L. Clark, Belmond and Harry Inners, Liberty, secretary.

E. A. Patton, Blaine and Chas. M. Overbaugh, Lincoln, treasurer.

The final vote gave the following results:

J. E. Kirstein, president.

O. J. Pardun, vice president.

M. L. Clark, secretary.

E. A. Patton, treasurer.

The directors representing the township were then officially voted into the County Farm Bureau directorate. They are as follows:

Boone—W. H. Eastman.
Norway—Harold Holm.
Liberty—Harry Inners.
Lake—Clarence McBride.
Pleasant—J. F. Henn.
Iowa—Lyle Hall.
Grant—Alfred Huntley.
Vernon—H. A. Flett.
Blaine—T. P. Simpson.
Lincoln—L. W. Collins.
Wall Lake—R. E. Molsher.
Troy—J. E. Thebiay.
Eagle Grove—O. A. Stryker.
Wolstock—Matt Adams.
Dayton—Harry Poundstone.

The election of officers was followed by the reading and adoption of the resolutions as follows:

1. Resolved that the Wright county Farm Bureau believes that the so-called "Corn Belt States" should have a closer bond of union that is possible in the National Federation.

Therefore be it resolved that the Wright county Farm Bureau request the State Federation of Iowa to take up with the other "Corn Belt" states the question of closer cooperation.

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the State Farm Bureau secretary, to be presented to the Annual Convention.

2 Resolved that the Wright county Farm Bureau condemn the bill before Congress known as the "Ship Subsidy Bill" as class legislation.

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to our National Senators and Representatives.

3 Resolved that we indorse the American and State Federations in their activities along the lines of solving our marketing problems, and recommend that they continue this important work.

4. Resolved that the State Federation take up the problems of marketing of the Dairy and Poultry products and that they make a thorough investigation of the marketing of these products to determine the best practical way of marketing the same.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be put before the State Federation convention.

5. Resolved that the Wright county Farm Bureau commend our County Agent, R. M. Edwards, for his real and his efficiency in his work as County Agent, and especially for his work with the boys and girls.

County Poultry Association Formed

A meeting was held at the county agent's office last Tuesday evening when about twenty-five poultry breeders of Wright county met for the purpose of organizing a County Poultry association.

The county agent was elected temporary chairman of the meeting and W. F. Fleming temporary secretary. Problems of interest to the poultry breeders of the county were discussed and plans made for the work of the association for the coming year. The sentiment of those present seemed to be in favor of having an annual poultry show held under the auspices of the Wright County Poultry association. There seems to be sufficient interest in poultry breeding to warrant a county-wide association and a county-wide show each year.

The Rowan poultry show which is to be held in connection with their short course January 16-17 was discussed freely and it was decided that the county association should cooperate with the Rowan people in putting on their poultry show. We understand the Rowan poultry exhibit is open to the world.

The election of officers gave the following results: A. R. Thorpe, Clarion, president; C. A. Dahlgren, Clarion, vice president; E. R. Ballou, Rowan, secretary-treasurer.

Lincoln Social Meeting

The Lincoln township Center school house was packed to overflowing last Friday evening when the first meeting of 1923 of the Lincoln Farm Bureau was held The attendance at this meeting would indicate that farmers of Lincoln township farm bureau are starting the new year with plenty of enthusiasm.

L. W. Collins, the newly elected township director, presided and gave a short talk which was followed by a few words from the county agent. Ross Mechem told in an interesting way his experiences on his trip to the International Live Stock Show at Chicago. He told of the many places of interest which were visited by the eight hundred boys and girls, members of the various clubs from the different parts of the United States, and read a personal letter from the president of one of the commercial organizations in Chicago whose plant was visited by the boys and girls expressing his appreciation of their visit and wishing success in the future development of the club work.

Rev. H. L. Lewis of the Church of Christ gave an inspirational address at this meeting and entertained the Lincoln people for about an hour and a half with his interesting address. Mr. Lewis gave an address which was not only interesting but which was practical and the people of that community are agreed that even though he was asked to speak on a subject out of his field of activity, he talked on farmers' problems in a way which brought out many good suggestions and at the same time reflected credit upon him as one interested in community progress.

Those in charge of plans for the Rowan short course January 16-17 have decided to hold a junior livestock judging contest which will be open to all boys and girls of Wright and Franklin counties up to and including eighteen years. The judging contest will be in charge of the county agent and will be conducted according to the usual rules of junior judging. Each contestant will be required to judge one class each of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, also one class of corn and give placings on all classes judged. Each class will consist of four animals and the contestants will be graded on the basis of 100 points for each class judged, making a possible 500 for the boy or girl who places all classes correctly. Work must be absolutely individual and contestants will be disqualified for communication of any kind.

It has been planned to have the Wright county judging team which won at Chicago arrange the classes for the junior judging work and make the placings which will be used in making the awards to the winners. There will be two prizes of $5.00 ad $2.50 for the best judges in this contest. All boys and girls who wish to enter this contest should report to the county agent by 9:00 o'clock Tuesday morning, January 16, at the Rowan judging pavilion.

Brookhart and Bradfute to Adress Convention

Iowa' newly elected senator, Hon. Smith W. Brookhart, and O. E. Bradfute, the new president of the American Farm Bureau federation, will be the principal speakers at the annual convention of the Iowa Farm Bureau federation which will be held at the auditorium in Des Moines, Thursday and Friday, January 11 and 12. Other speakers who will appear on the program are: C. W. Hunt, president and E. H. Cunningham, secretary Iowa Farm Bureau federation; R. A. Pearson, president of Iowa State College; Dwight L. Lewis, member of railway commission; J. G. Brown president National Livestock Producers' association and A Sykes, president Chicago producer's commission.

Special railroad rate of a fare and a half will be allowed to those who make application to the local agent for a certificate, providing that a specified number are in attendance at the convention.

During the Farm Bureau federation convention in Des Moines January 11-12, the farm bureau women of Polk county will be hostess to the women visitors and delegate. There will be a reception committee to assist visitors to get settled, and Friday noon there will be a special luncheon for them. Meetings for the women workers will be held at the Savery Hotel Thursday and Friday morning at eight o'clock, closing in time for the opening of the convention at the auditorium. The session Thursday evening will be full of interest to the women. Mrs. Ellsworth Richardson will preside and there will be an adress by Mrs. Geno Cutler of Harrison county.

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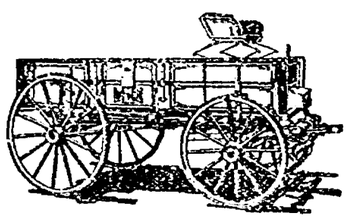

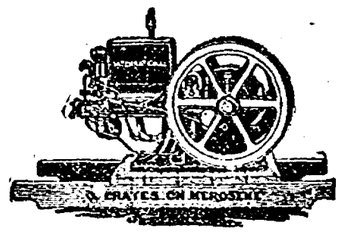

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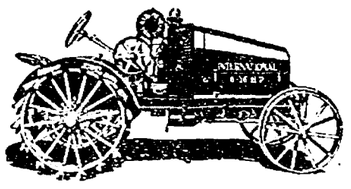

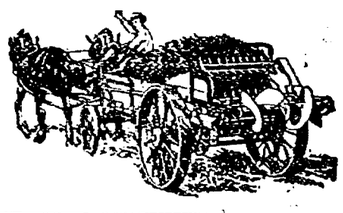

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For the past three years The Chicago Tribune has been leading the fight to obtain a reduction in second-class postage rates so that it could reduce to pre-war prices its subscription rates to residents of farms and small cities.

Although every one of the other ten taxes established by the war revenue act of 1917 has been reduced, Congress has not seen fit as yet to reduce the tax on second-class postage.

At the present Postal Rates it costs The Tribune from $3.20 to $6.79 a year *for Postage alone* to send the paper to each subscriber in the States of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin. In many instances this is more than The Tribune's entire subscription price—without considering the cost of the product.

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MESERVEY SECTION

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Due to a series of breakdowns at the last minute, and a rush of work a number of last week's Meservey items were "balled up." The publisher regrets this, and begs the leniency of the readers. "It happens in the best regulated famlies," but we will endeavor not to let it happen again.

Mrs. Fitzgerald of Mason City who has been coaching the High School contestants this week gave two readings which were enthusiastically received by the audience.

Phone your news to 54.

A declamatory contest will be held at the Evangelical church, Friday evening, January 12th. A small admission fee will be charged to help in defraying the expense of the contest. The students who will take part in the contest are as follows:

Oratorical Division

George Brater,—"American Motherhood".

Agnes Fischer—"Lincoln, A Man Called of God."

Marvin Wickersheim—"The Black Horse and Its Rider."

Dramatic Division

Molly Zieman—"The Greatest Gift."

Elma Witt—"The Lost Word."

Donald Muller—"Snakes."

Lena Pals—"The Girl Who Walked Without Fear."

Evelyn Thomas—"The Christus."

Humorous Division

Grace Groen—"A Half Hour on the Beach."

Gerald Janssen—"Formality at Siwash."

Oliver Sprau—"Penrod Little Gentleman."

Thelma Thomas—"A Case of Fits".

Mrs. Morris Brogan returned to her home in Minnesota last Friday after spending several weeks with her sons A. D. of this place and Clifford of Garner.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

German prayer meeting Wednesday 2 p. m. English class meeting Thursday 7:30 choir rehearsal after class meeting.

Catechetical Instruction Saturday at 2:00 p. m.

Sabbath School 9:45 a. m.
Preaching Services 10:45 a. m.
E. L. C. E. Sunday 7:00 p m.
Preaching Services 7:30 p. m.
A. W. Schlesselman, Pastor.

Mrs. James Hemming of Thornton was a visitor at the Ed Foss home last Monday.

The first of a series of free movies under the auspices of the High school and American Legion was held in the M. E. Church Friday evening.

The program consisted of three films and a comedy during the showing of which the audience enjoyed the music furnished by Jones' radio.

After this a basket social was given for the benefit of the High School. A large number of baskets were sold and a tidy sum realized.

The W. C. T. U. met at the home of Mrs. C. J. Wendell last Wednesday p. m. from 2 to 4 for their first regular meeting of the new year. Plans for the year were discussed and an interesting meeting was held.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wendell returned from a short visit to the latter's parents in Minnesota last Tuesday evening. They made the trip in their car.

Mrs. Fitzgerald of Mason City was present at the school three days last week to give the contestants for the declamatory contest, the necessary training.

Mrs. Emma Dorenkamp accompanied her son Emil to Mason City last Tuesday, where he was examined by physicians and found it was necessary to operate. His trouble was appendicitis and hernia. He was operated upon last Wednesday, and is getting along nicely. His mother remained with him until Monday.

The Farmers' Shipping Association met last Thursday p. m. in the basement of the Bank to complete their organization and to incorporate under the state laws. Election of officers was held with the following results:

P. H. Pals, Pres.
Wm. Waak, Vice Pres.
W. F. Butz, Sec. and Treas.

Fred Ralston, Geo. Lewis, Wm Waak, P. H. Pals, and W. F. Butz were appointed directors.

Miss Selma Fischer returned from her holidays visit with home folks in Minnesota one day last week.

NOTICE FOR BIDS . . . .

The Board of Directors of the Meservey Co-operative Live Stock Shipping Assn Inc. will receive bids for the postion of manager until 1 p. m. January 17, 1923.

Bids to be received on the basis of price per Cwt. weight asked for caring, loading of all stock shipped by this association. Also keeping such part of the records as are not kept by the secretary.

The successful bidder to furnish a $10,000.00 bond.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

W. F. Butz Sec.

Miss Hawthorne was unable to attend to school duties several days last week, owing to illness.

Mrs. C. Bier was ill for a few days last week.

Mrs. A. E. Muller was confined to her home several days last week and the fore part of this week owing to illness.

Walt and Herman Witt returned to their school duties at Clear Lake last Saturday.

Miss Orpha Smith had charge of the primary room during the illness of Miss Andersen.

The Declamatory contest will be held on Friday evening January 12th, at the Evangelical church to begin at 7:30. An admission of 15 and 25 cents will be charged.

MESERVEY SCHOOL NOTES

Primary Room

Louise Witt has been absent from school this entire week.

The perfect spellers for this week are Barbara, Julia, Andrew, Lois, Esther, Viola and Neolo.

The cards for the Health Crusade, which we are starting this week, were given out today. It is hoped that the parents wil help the children in keeping a record of the health chores which they do each day. Quite a number of the children were found to be underweight, tho most of these are fairly well up to standard.

The second grade finished their Beacon first reader today and will begin their new books on Monday. Altho the book just completed is a First Reader, it had not been read last year and therefore had to be read before a regular second reader was taken up.

Florence Gruis and Jens Olson were absent from school this week.

Our January sandtable, which we have just completed represents a scene in the far-off land of the Eskimoes.

Third and Fourth Grades.

Esther Dorenkamp was absent from school Thursday and Friday.

Lincoln Paul and Clarence Quandt were absent Friday.

The fourth grade are taking up a brief study of states in groups.

Those having perfect spelling during the past week in the third grade are Frederick Suntken, Tillie Rieckens, Wilbert Frey, Lyle Fischer, Norman Muller, Ethel, and Ivadel Wickersheim, and in the fourth grade are Phyllis Agler, Marvin Lauen, and Naomi Schlesselman.

Fifth and Sixth Grades

Ive Bier was absent from school duties Monday and Wednesday of the past week.

A sore throat kept Lyda Groen home from school last Tuesday.

Thursday Lydia Pannkuk went to see the dentist at Mason City.

Alma Dorenkamp has not been with us Thursday and Friday of this week.

Both grades have joined the Health Crusade so Friday afternoon some time was spent in measuing and weighing the members. The Crusader's Creed follows: I believe in my country and in the good citizenship of its people.

I believe that to support my country I must have health, strength and Honor.

I love my country's Flag. To me its bright red stands for bright red blood which means energy and power, cheerfulness and hope human kindness and the joy of living. Its pure white stands for clean bodies which house clean minds. Its blue stands for the clear sky, the sunshine fresh air play and exercise.

As an American I will be a faithful soldier in the children's army of peace, the Modern Health Crusade.

The fifth grade have become a society for the purpose of self control. Each member has legislative and judicial powers to make known and define the rights and duties of the class and if necessary enforce the performance of the duties or punish those who disregard them. Everyone seems willing to work for the good of all.

Seventh and Eighth Grades.

Vilhem and Elizabeth Winther have re-entered the seventh grade after an absence of two months.

Henry Pals and Louis Dirks have been absent the entire week.

Those having one hundred in spelling this week are Alfred Olson, Louie Pals and Arloene Janssen.

Emil Dorenkamp has been absent from school on account of an attack of appendicitis. He was taken to the Park Hospital at Mason City.

The seventh grade has completed the Searson Martin Reader and has started on a new book.

High School Notes

Grace Groen has been absent several days this week, because of illness.

Mrs. Fitzgerald, an elocutionist from Mason City was here three days this week, engaged in training the contestantts for the declamatory contest.

Theodore Dirks and Clyde Smith were absent a half a day this week because of illness.

The eleventh and twelfth grades have completed reading the book 'Ben Hur'. This book was read as out side reading. After the completion of its study an examination was taken.

Mr. and Mrs. T Kaduce returned lasst Saturday from a week's visit with relatives at Ackley and also at Lennox South Dakota.

A. J. Nissen and H. Fischer were transacting business in Fort Dodge last Thursday.

Miss Esther Andersen, primary teacher, was quite ill for a few days but is recovering slowly.

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MESERVEY LOCALS

Our young people who are attending North-Western College at Naperville returned to their work on Tuesday evening of last week. H. Fischer Sr. took them to Coulter from which point they resumed their journey on the Great Western.

Miss Alma Ralston returned to Ellsworth college, Iowa Falls, last Monday, after spending the holiday vacation with her parents.

Bruno Bruns who has been spending his vacation at the home of his parents, returned to his school work in German Valley Ill. last Monday.

Mrs. Aug. Guth has been on the sick list for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boughten of Webster City arrived here Sunday and will spend a week or two at the L. B. Hulsebus home.

Mrs. A. J. Nissen was numbered among the sick several days last week.

Word was recently received here of the sudden death of one of the boys of the Latimer H. S. His illness was caused by riding home on horseback after playing basket ball with the Meservey team. A letter of condolence was sent by the Meservey High school to the Latimer High school.

ROWAN NEWS

Hiat Paul of Highmore So. Dakota is visiting his uncle, Irvin Knuths.

Mrs. J. R. Coulter went to Iowa Falls to visit her brother Saturday night.

Mrs Etta Carr and son Frank, spent the first of the week at the Henry Miller home.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Whitten, Evelyn and Wayne, Mr. and G. W. Whitten and Gladys, Mrs Milt Ramsey and Dannie and Angie Baines motored to Iowa Falls Sunday to visit Lindon Whitten at the hospital. They report him as getting along fine.

Garnet and Bernard Stumph, who have been spending their vacation at the J. E. Miller home in Clarion returned home Monday morning.

The Farmer's Union met Saturday afternoon and elected their officers for the coming year as follows: Pres. Raymond Hansen, Vice Pres. N. B. Olson Secretary, Arthur Hansen.

Last Friday evening about fifty friends of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Moellering met at the Cong'l basement for a post nuptial shower. The basement was decorated in silver and red with large red bells hanging from the ceiling. The evening was spent in various games which afforded much amusement. Delicious refreshments were served after partners were obtained by guessing the the ladies shoes as they were put in under a curtain. The young couple received many beautiful and useful gifts. The company left at quite a late hour wishing them much happiness thru life.

The young people of the community enjoyed a party in the Brooks Hall Friday evening. A large crowd attended.

Last Tuesday afternoon Lindon Whitten met with an accident while hunting. He had fired one barrel of his gun and was removing the used shell when the other barrel exploded. He had it aimed toward the ground and the shell went thru his foot. He was hunting with Duane Bingham and as soon as the accident happened Duane helped him from the feld to the road and then run home for help. Lindon wouldn't wait for help but started home afoot and had gone about a half mile before his father came with the car. He was taken to the Elsworth hospital at Iowa Falls that evening and it was necessary to remove his middle toe to the second joint. His father and Uncle Will Whitten went with him to Iowa Falls. He is doing very nicely.

SCHOOL NOTES

The Monday morning Devotional was led by Rev. Tomkinson.

Vey Ketchum plans to start in school here this semester.

Wesley Azeltine visited High school Monday.

Orchestra practice held at the home of Esther Emerson Monday evening.

The Declamatory Contest is to be given at the school building next month. The trainer will be here the 22nd of January.

There will be a basket ball game Latimer and Rowan Friday January 12 at Latimer. All come and boost for the home team.

Bobby Farren was out of school Monday forenoon of sickness.

Ivan Williams was unable to go to school Monday forenoon on account of sickness.

Margeret Jamison started in the seventh grade Monday morning.

Genevieve Munnis started to school Monday in the 2nd grade.

Mrs. J. F. Howell was a Dows caller Monday.

On Thursday the members and friends of the Cong'l Church met at the church dining room for their annual picnic dinner. About seventy five were present and a very fine dinner was served. In the afternoon the church officers were elected for the coming year as follows:

Howard Box Clerk, L. A. McCallum and E. Bingham to succeed themselves as Deacons; Dick Virden to succeed himself as Trustee for three years; Howard Box S. S. Supt., L. A. McCallum Asst. Supt., LaVonne Ballou chorister.

Dick Virden, Hugh Whitten and Floyd Whitten went to Thornton Tuesday where Floyd took his third degree in the Masonic lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Whitten attended an Eastern Star banquet at Belmond Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Munnis have moved to their new home north of Belmond which they recently bought from Guy Stumph.

Will Stout was a Dows caller Thursday.

William Moellering and Alfred Davis ran into each other with their cars while coming around the corner at the M. E. Church last Friday. Mr. Davis' car was quite badly damaged.

Word has been received that the Erinkman sisters, Anna, Ida and Helen, who have been spending the past two months at Mankato Minn., had started back to Long Beach California January 2nd

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. Church will hold their annual thank offering on Sunday morning, January 14th. Rev. Tomkison will deliver the sermon of the hour. Let us help this worthy cause by making a good offering at this time.

Little Wanda Stout the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Stout has been quite ill the past week.

G. W. Whitten and wife and Izetta Fletcher went to Goldfield Friday evening to bring home their daughter, Gladys, who had been spending a few days at the Clifford Snow home. Mrs. Snow is recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

Claire Waite, of Bristow was in this vicinity buying cattle last week.

Mrs. O. Pelley, a former resident of Rowan died at her home in Lamont Ia. Friday January 5th, and was laid to rest beside her husband in the cemetery at Strawberry Point Sunday afternoon. Her son, A. O. Pelley, of Rowan, was called there last week by her serious illness and was at her bedside when the end came. Mrs. Pelley was a fine Christian woman and made many friends during her residence here who regret the passing of this good woman. Thus one by one the dear old friends are going home leaving a vacant place in our hearts and homes.

"As life runs on the road grows strange,
With faces new—but near the end.
The mile stones into head stones change,
Neath every stone—a friend."

Mrs. A. O. Pelley left Saturday evening for Lamont to attend the funeral of Mrs. O Pelley.

Russell Bailey, of Highmore South Dakota spent a few days last week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Bailey.

Charlie Bowers, who has been working for L. W. Stevenson, has gone to work at the school house as assistant janitor.

Jake Steffens and grand daughter, who have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Steffens, left Friday night for their home at Milledgeville Ill.

Ernie McCaullum of Belmond, spent a part of the holiday vacation with his cousin Duane Bingham, returning to his home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. "Ike" Erickson have moved into the Roy Hyde residence and are doing light housekeeping.

J. A. Whitten was on the sick list the past wek.

Mrs. Will Jamison, and daughter, Margeret, of Homedale, Idaho, came Wednesday to spend a couple of months with her mother, Mrs. Lizzie Brooks and other relatives.

Mrs. Will Bingham was on the sick list the past week.

Milford Morgon, of Eagle Grove returned to his home Monday after a visit at the home of his uncle Joe Simons and family.

Mrs. Chester Conn and children went to Fort Dodge to visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Morris Sullivan.

Thoe Hansen was sick a few days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Strahorn and children returned Monday from a week visit with relatives at Iowa Falls and Robertson.

Little Ivan Williams has been sick with a cold and was unable to attend school a part of Monday.

Mrs. Will Bingham and son Duane and Mrs. Georgia Rowen were Belmond caller Saturday.

The town and school basket ball teams had a friendly game the last week, the school boys getting the better of the townies.

Several of the town folks have the radio disease and there are prospects of some new outfits being installed.

Rev. H. Tomkinson and Rev. C. T. Halbert attended the Wright county ministerial meeting at the Christian church last Tuesday.

Rowan Methodist Church Notes

10 a. m. Sunday school. 11 a. m. Public worship. 6:30 p. m. Epworth League, "India on the March." 7:30 p. m. "The Three Cardinal Sins."

You are cordially invited to these services.

GAY PARIS IS SHOWN

When "White and Unmarried" of which Thomas Meighan is the star, comes to the Star theatre, Rowan, on next Saturday, Jan. 13, film patrons will have an opportunity of seeing how "the other half lives" in the gay French capital. Meighan appears as a crook who reforms when his uncle leaves him half a million dollars and goes to Europe to kill time.

He has a romance and incidently is involved in some desperate encounters with Apaches in Paris. It is the Paris of the novelists that is shown. The underground Paris—the Paris of the dance halls, the Apaches, the picturesque and hectic. Billy Kane developes into a man of rare prowess and rescues several damsels in distress. It is a vivid tale with plenty of excitement and red-blooded action.

ALEXANDER NEWS

Mrs. A. L. Nelson returned home Monday after a visit with her parents in Illinios.

Miss Ruth and Alma Johnson of Latimer were calling on friends here last Saturday.

Miss Erma Wilkinson of Belmond was a Sunday visitor at the John Bell home.

Mrs. Charlie Neilson and baby of Clarion visited at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Blau several days the past week.

Ralph Schulte and Alfred Ammerman were callers at Belmond last Monday.

T. D. Rankins of Belmond was a business caller at Alexander Monday.

Carl Bohlen was a business caller at Ackley the last of the week.

The Chris Larsen family are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl, which came to their home on Friday January 5th.

Miss Vivian Meierbachtol of Tripoli was a visitor with Alexander friends several days last wek.

Arthur and Chas Winwood were business callers at Eagle Grove last Taursday.

Mrs. Ellen Peck and Mrs. Carrie Reed returned home Saturday, from Galena, Ill, where they went to attend the funeral Services of a relative.

Mrs. George Dunn visited relatives at Sheffield last week.

Fred Greenfield and John Peterson were callers at Belmond last Thursday.

Merle Hansen was a Latimer caller last Saturday.

Arthur Winwood was a caller at Hampton last Friday.

Miss Charity Hansen of Hampton spent the first of the week with relatives here.

METHODIST CHURCH

Revival services every night this week, and every night next week except Monday. We have been having powerful meetings, and we are all anxious that every-body shall enjoy the glad time with us. And here with continue to extend our invitation to everyone. Rev. Metcalf is giving us the bread if Life. And full Salvation, as the Lord directs Him. Come once. And you will want to come again. Next Sunday we will hold our Sabbath School at 10:00 o'clock and Preaching Services at 11:00 o'clock.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 to 11:00 o'clock.

John Arends Supt.

Preaching services at 2 o'clock

All services in the English language.

Our Evang. Luth. Ladies Aid Society meets with Mrs. Oscar Hensel Wednesday afternoon January 17th.

C. J. Barth, Pastor.

ORIGINAL NOTICE

In the District Court of Wright County, Iowa.

February Term, 1923.

Nellie Luick,

Plaintiff

vs.

Christian Sorensen,
Sena Sorensen,
W. S. Hagen,

Defendant

To W. S. Hagen, Defendant:

You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the above named County and State, the petition of Nellie Luick, claiming of you the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred and fifty, ($1,350.00) Dollars, on your certain joint promisory note, made executed and delivered by you to Nellie Luick, the plaintiff aforesaid, on the 11th day of May, 1920, for the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred and fifty, (1,250.00) Dollars, payable on or before the 24th day of May, 1922, with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum from November 1922; also asking for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage, dated May 11, 1920, upon lot four (4) in block one, (1), in the original town of Belmond, Iowa; also asking for the allowance of a reasonable attorney's fee, to be taxed with the costs.

No personal judgement is asked against the defendant, W. S. Hagen.

For further particulars, see petition now on file.

Now unless you appear thereto and defend, on or before noon of the second day of the next term of said Court, to be held at Clarion, in said County, commencing on the 5th day of February, 1923, default will be entered against you, and judgment rendered thereon, in accordance with the prayer of said petition.

W. E. BULLARD
Attorney for Plaintiff.

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ALL LEATHER MITTS	ALL SHIRTS & BLOUSES
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ALL SHIRTS	ALL ATHLETIC GOODS
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STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF

FARMERS SAVINGS BANK

Organized under the laws of Iowa, located at Meservey, in the county of Cerro Gordo, at the close of business on the 29 day of December, 1922.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, Bonds and Securities ...		$272,706.40
Overdrafts	None	
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank		None
Banking House	$ 5,000.00	
Furniture and Fixtures	4,030.00	9,030.00
Other Real Estate owned		None
Due from banks and bankers, cash and cash items		38,116.90
Other assets (including expenses in excess of profits)		None
Total Resources		319,853.30

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	20,000.00	
Surplus fund	5,000.00	25,000.00
Undivided profits (after deducting expenses)		3,155.70
Individual deposits subject to check	100,568.14	
Demand deposits	762.51	
Time certificates of deposits	160,492.23	
Savings Deposits	4,874.72	266,697.60
Bills payable other than with Federal Reserve Bank		25,000.00
Total Liabilities		319,853.30

STATE OF IOWA,
Cerro Gordo County, ss.

We, A. J. Nissen, president, Conrad Bier, vice president, and K. Clarence Ruigh, cashier of the bank above named do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is full, true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief, that the assets therein set forth are bona fide property of said ank in its corporate capacity, and that no part of the same has een loaned or advanced to said bank for the purpose of being exhibited as a portion of its assets.

A. J. NISSEN. President.
CONRAD BIER, Vice President.
K. CLARENCE RUIGH, Cashier

Sworn to and subscribed in my presence by A. J. Nissen, Conrad Bier and K. Clarence Ruigh this 3rd day of January, 1923.

M. E. GEALOW
Notary Public in and for Cerro Gordo County.

Attested by Jacob Nissen, W. F. Butz, Frank Hafermann, and Wm. Messelheiser, Directors.

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For TWO DAYS ONLY—FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OF THIS WEEK, JANUARY 12TH & 13TH, we are going to offer you

100 SACKS OF CRYSTAL PATENT FLOUR AT ONLY $1.85 A SACK!

You cannot buy this high grade flour anywhere at that price because it's so rock-bottom that we have got to sell the whole lot to make a dime. Crystal Patent is a fancy winter wheat flour, guaranteed to satisfy the most exacting housewife. It's one of the best made and your chance to save good cold cash is right here, in securing your needs for some time to come by laying in a supply.

We have to sell this flour because we have a carload coming and must have the room. You know we were square with you on the other deal, and we are on this. So come early, or phone us, and get yours because this flour is going to go fast at this bargain price of $1.85 a sack. First come is first served so be Johnny on the Spot! Remember it is two days only—Friday and Saturday—and a chance you do not want to miss. Your neighbor will be there—come with him.

ROWAN COMMUNITY

SHORT COURSE

- 2 BIG DAYS -

Tuesday and Wednesday, January ~~16-17~~

THE community of Rowan extend to all the people of Wright and Franklin Counties a hearty invitation to attend this Agricultural Short Course.

The object of this Short Course is to create a better community spirit; to promote interest in the Public Schools; to teach and dignify the science of Home-Making; to encourage the growing of live stock; to maintain the fertility of the soil and to increase the productivity of the land.

Competent Specialists from the Extension Service of the State College will be present to conduct classes in Home Economics, Live Stock, Farm Crops and Poultry.

Competition is open to the world, and entries in all Departments will be appreciated.

Cash Premiums will be awarded in ~~the Domestic Science Department, and Honor Ribbons will be awarded in~~ all ~~other~~ Departments. ~~No~~ entry fees will be charged in ~~any~~ Department.

For further information, communicate with ~~Department Superintendents.~~

DOMESTIC SCIENCE

At Congregational Church
Mrs. Fred Brooks, Supt., Rowan
Phone 59

Miss Florence Imlay will judge exhibits and lecture on Home Economic subjects on Jan. 16.

A cash premium of 50c for first place and 25c for second place will be offered in all classes in this Department.

BREAD—Light and Dark
CAKE—Light and Dark.
SUGAR COOKIES—(one dozen).
DOUGHNUTS—(baking powder or soda).
CANNED GOODS—
Peaches (one quart)
Plums
Apples
Tomatoes
Corn
String Beans
FANCY WORK—
Lunch Cloth
Center Piece
Crochet Doilie
Apliqued Table Cloth (on unbleached muslin).
Quilts
Silk Quilts
Crochet Bed Spread
Hand Made Flowers
Hand Made Baskets
Dresser Scarf

HORSES

At Stock Pavilion
O. R. Meyers, Supt., Clarion
Phone 7 on 32

The following premiums will be awarded in each class:
First—Blue Ribbon
Second—Red Ribbon
Third—White Ribbon
Draft Stallions over 3 years
Draft Stallions under 3 years
Draft Mares over 3 years
Draft Mares under 3 years
Light horses over 3 years
Light Horses under 3 years
Mules over 3 years
Mules under 3 years

CATTLE

At Stock Pavilion
J. W. Azeltine, Supt., Rowan
Phone 1002

The following premiums will be awarded in each class in each breed:
First—Blue Ribbon
Second—Red Ribbon
Third—White Ribbon
BEEF BREEDS—
Bull—3 years and over
2 years and under 3
Senior Yearling
Junior Yearling
Senior Calf
Junior Calf
Cow—3 years and over
2 years and under 3
Senior Yearling
Junior Yearling
Senior Calf
Junior Calf
DAIRY BREEDS—Same classes
Grand Champion Bull, each breed, —Purple Ribbon
Grand Champion Female, each breed, —Purple Ribbon
Grand Champion Bull over all breeds —Purple Ribbon
Grand Champion Cow over all breeds —Purple Ribbon
Breeders Herd consisting of one bull and two heifers under 2 years, bred and owned by exhibitor.
Calf under 3 months will not eligible to compete.

SWINE

At Stock Pavilion
Chester Moellering, Supt., Rowan
Phone 316

The following premiums will be awarded in each class in each breed:
First—Blue Ribbon
Second—Red Ribbon
Third—White Ribbon
DUROC JERSEY—
Boar—over 1 year
under 1 year
Sow—over 1 year
under 1 year
Breeders Aged Herd—one boar and two sows over 1 year
Breeders Young Herd—One boar and two sows under 1 year
POLAND CHINA—Same classes
SPOTTED POLAND CHINA—Same classes
CHESTER WHITE—Same classes
HAMPSHIRE—Same classes
Grand Champion Boar, each breed, —Purple Ribbon
Grand Champion Sow, each breed, —Purple Ribbon
Sweepstakes Boar over all breeds, —Purple Ribbon
Sweepstakes Sow over all breeds, —Purple Ribbon

SHEEP

At Stock Pavilion
John Akers, Supt., Dows
Phone 116R2

The following premiums will be awarded in each class:
First—Blue Ribbon
Second—Red Ribbon
Third—White Ribbon
Rams—Over 1 year
under 1 year
Ewes—Over 1 year
under 1 year
Fat Lambs—under 1 year
Fat Whethers—over 1 year
Best Ram, any age—Purple Ribbon
Best Ewe, any age—Purple Ribbon

POULTRY

At Pritchett's Store
E. R. Ballou, Supt.

Birds shipped in will be cared for without expense to exhibitor, but express must be prepaid.

The following prizes will be awarded in each class:
First—Blue Ribbon
Second—Red Ribbon
Third—White Ribbon

A prominent breeder has offered a setting of eggs to the boy or girl winning first prize on S. C. Buff Orphington cockerel.

AMERICAN CLASS—
Barred Plymouth Rocks
White Plymouth Rocks
White Wyandottes
Rhode Island Reds
ENGLISH CLASS—
Buff Orphington
White Orphington
ASIATIC CLASS—
Light Brahmas
Black Langshans
MEDITERRIAN CLASS—
White Leghorn
Brown Leghorn
Anconas
Hamburgs
GEESE
TURKEYS
DUCKS

FARM CROPS

At Pritchett's Store
H. L. Hadley, Supt., Rowan
Phone 315

Display pails and racks will be furnished at the show.

The following prizes will be awarded in each class:
First—Blue Ribbon
Second—Red Ribbon
Third—White Ribbon
CORN—
Best single ear yellow
Best ten ears yellow
Best single ear white
Best ten ears white
Best single ear other than white or yellow.
Best ten ears other than white or yellow.
Best single ear in show—Purple Ribbon.
Best ten ears in show—Purple Ribbon.
OATS—
Best peck early oats
Best peck late oats
BARLEY—
Best peck barley
POTATOES—
Best peck early potatoes
Best peck late potatoes
APPLES—
Best plate of five apples, any variety.

JUNIOR JUDGING CONTEST

The Junior Judging Contest will be in charge of County Agent Edwards, and will include all school children not over 18 years of age.

The Wright County Judging Team will act as official judges in this contest.

Contestants must report to County Agent Edwards at the Stock Pavilion a 9:00 a. m. January 16.

Each contestant will be required to place one class each of horses, cattle, hogs, and sheep, and one class of corn. Each class of live stock will consist of four animals, and the corn class of four exhibits of ten ears each. 100 points will be a perfect score in each class, making a total score of 500 points.

Any contestant not doing individual work will be disqualified.

The following prizes will be awarded:

First	$2.50
Second	$1.50
Third	$1.00

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

At School Building
Tuesday Evening, January 16, 1923.

A very interesting program and entertainment has been prepared by the school.

Prof. C. G. Swain, an instructor in rural and consolidated school work at the State Teachers' College, will also give an address on consolidated school work and its relation to rural life. Prof. Swain was for several years head of the consolidated school work in Minnesota, and has a great message for this occasion.

Our country's greatest product is the child. All else is for his advancement, honor and glory.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

~~All entries must be made on or before Saturday, January 13th, with Department Superintendent.~~

All exhibits must be in place at 8:00 a. m. Tuesday, January ~~15~~ 16. Stalls and pens will be ready for exhibits Monday, January ~~16th~~. 14

Domestic Science exhibits will be judged ~~Tuesday~~ Wed, January 16th, ~~by Miss Florence Imlay~~.

Poultry exhibits will be judged Tuesday, January ~~16th~~ 15, by ~~Prof. Lapp~~. Prof Barnsley

Farm Crops will be judged Wednesday, January ~~17th~~ 16, by ~~Prof. F. G. Churchill~~. Prof Quaife Tues & Wed 15-16

Live stock will be judged ~~Wednesday, January 17th, by~~ Prof. E. L. Quaife.

~~The Junior judging contest will take place at 9:00~~ a. m. ~~Tuesday, January 16th~~.

Hay and bedding will be furnished free for all live stock exhibits.

Poultry coops and fed will be furnished free. Poultry exhibits will be fed and cared for free.

All entries of Domestic Science cooking products become property of the Short Course and will be sold at auction after being judged to help defray Short Course expenses. ~~except live stock & poultry~~

~~Entries in all Departments will be free, and no stall rent will be charged.~~

Capable watchman have been employed for night and day and every precaution will be taken to prevent loss or accident, but we will not be responsible should any occur.

Any differences arising may be referred to the Secretary, who will bring the matter before the Executive Committee for adjustment.

Executive Committee
Mrs. Fred Brooks, O. R. Meyers, J. W. Azeltine, Chester Moellering, John Akers, E. R. Ballou, T. K. Holliday, H. L. Hadley, R. E. Aldrich, Chairman, G. E. Tuyne, Secretary.

The BLIND MAN'S EYES

BY

WILLIAM MacHARG and EDWIN BALMER

Illustrations by R. H. Livingstone

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Gabriel Warden, Seattle capitalist, tells his butler he is expecting a caller, to be admitted without question. He informs his wife of danger that threatens him if he pursues a course he considers the only honorable one. Warden leaves the house in his car and meets a man whom he takes into the machine. When the car returns home, Warden is found dead, murdered, and alone. The caller, a young man, has been at Warden's house, but leaves unobserved.

CHAPTER II.—Bob Connery, conductor, receives orders to hold train for a party. Five men and a girl board the train. The father of the girl, Mr. Dorne, is the person for whom the train was held. Philip D. Eaton, a young man, also boarded the train. Dorne tells his daughter and his secretary, Don Avery, to find out what they can concerning him.

CHAPTER III.—The two make Eaton's acquaintance. The train is stopped by snowdrifts.

Eaton was obliged to give it.

"Mine's Avery," the other offered; "perhaps you heard it when we were getting our berths assigned."

And again the conversation, enjoyed by neither of them, went on. Finally the girl at the end of the car rose and passed them, as though leaving the car. Avery looked up.

"Where are you going, Harry?"

"I think someone ought to be with Father."

"I'll go in just a minute."

She had halted almost in front of them. Avery, hesitating as though he did not know what he ought to do, finally arose; and as Eaton observed

She Had Halted Almost in Front of Them.

that Avery, having introduced himself, appeared now to consider it his duty to present Eaton to Harriet Dorne, Eaton also arose. Avery murmured the names. Harriet Dorne, resting her hand on the back of Avery's chair, joined in the conversation. As he replied easily and interestedly to a comment of Eaton's, Avery suddenly reminded her of her father. After a minute, when Avery—still ungracious and still irritated over something which Eaton could not guess—rather abruptly left them, she took Avery's seat; and Eaton dropped into his chair beside her.

Now, this whole proceeding—though within the convention which, forbidding a girl to make a man's acquaintance directly, says nothing against her making it through the medium of another man—had been so unnaturally done that Eaton understood that Harriet Dorne deliberately had arranged to make his acquaintance, and that Avery, angry and objecting, had been overruled.

She seemed to Eaton less alertly boyish now than she had looked an hour before when they had boarded the train. Her cheeks were smoothly rounded, her lips rather full, her lashes very long. He could not look up without looking directly at her, for her chair, which had not been moved since Avery left it, was at an angle with his own.

To avoid the appearance of studying her too openly, he turned slightly, so that his gaze went past her to the white turmoil outside the windows.

"It's wonderful," she said, "isn't it?"

"You mean the storm?" A twinkle of amusement came to Eaton's eyes. "It would be more interesting if it allowed a little more to be seen. At present there is nothing visible but snow."

"Is that the only way it affects you? An artist would think of it as a background for contrasts—a thing to sketch or paint; a writer as something to be written down in words."

Eaton understood. She could not more plainly have asked him what he was.

"And an engineer, I suppose," he said, easily, "would think of it only as an element to be included in his formulas—an x, or an a, or a b, to be put in somewhere and square-rooted or squared so that the roof-truss he was figuring should not buckle under its weight."

"Oh—so that is the way you were thinking of it?"

"You mean," Eaton challenged her directly, "am I an engineer?"

"Are you?"

"Oh, no; I was only talking in pure generalities, just as you were."

"Let us go on, then," she said gayly. "I see I can't conceal from you that I am doing you the honor to wonder what you are. A lawyer would think of it in the light of damage it might create and the subsequent possibilities of litigation." She made a little pause. "A business man would take it into account, as he has to take into account all things in nature or human; it would delay transportation, or harm or aid the winter wheat."

"Or stop competition somewhere," he observed, more interested.

The flash of satisfaction which came to her face and as quickly was checked and faded showed him she thought she was on the right track.

"Business," she said, still lightly, "will—how is it the newspapers put it?—will marshal its cohorts; it will send out its generals in command of brigades of snowplows, its colonels in command of regiments of snow shovelers and its spies to discover and to bring back word of the effect upon the crops."

"You talk," he said, "as if business were a war."

"Isn't it?—like war, but war in higher terms."

"In higher terms?" he questioned, attempting to make his tone like hers, but a sudden bitterness now was betrayed by it. "Or in lower?"

"Why, in higher," she declared, "demanding greater courage, greater devotion, greater determination, greater self-sacrifice. Recruiting officers can pick any man off the streets and make a good soldier of him, but no one could be so sure of finding a satisfactory employee in that way. Doesn't that show that daily life, the everyday business of earning a living and bearing one's share in the workaday world, demands greater qualities than war?"

Her face had flushed eagerly as she spoke; a darker, livid flush answered her words on his.

"But the opportunities for evil are greater, too," he asserted almost fiercely. "How many of those men you speak of on the streets have been deliberately, mercilessly, even savagely sacrificed to some business expediency, their future destroyed, their hope killed!" Some storm of passion, whose meaning she could not divine, was sweeping him.

"You mean," she asked after an instant's silence, "that you, Mr. Eaton, have been sacrificed in such a way?"

"I am still talking in generalities," he denied ineffectively.

He saw that she sensed the untruthfulness of these last words. Her smooth young forehead and her eyes were shadowy with thought. Eaton was uneasily silent. Finally Harriet Dorne seemed to have made her decision.

"I think you should meet my father, Mr. Eaton," she said. "Would you like to?"

He did not reply at once. He knew that his delay was causing her to study him now with great surprise.

"I would like to meet him, yes," he said, "but"—he hesitated, tried to avoid answer without offending her, but already he had affronted her—"but not now, Miss Dorne."

She stared at him, rebuffed and chilled.

"You mean—" The sentence, obviously, was one she felt it better not to finish. As though he recognized that now she must wish the conversation to end, he got up. She rose stiffly.

"I'll see you into your car, if you're returning there," he offered.

Neither spoke, as he went with her into the next car; and at the section where her father sat, Eaton bowed silently, nodded to Avery, who coldly returned his nod, and left her. Eaton went on into his own car and sat down, his thoughts in mad confusion.

How near he had come to talking to this girl about himself, even though he had felt from the first that that was what she was trying to make him do! Was he losing his common sense? Was the self-command on which he had so counted that he had dared to take this train deserting him? He felt that he must not see Harriet Dorne again alone. In Avery he had recognized, by that instinct which so strangely divines the personalities one meets, an enemy from the start; Dorne's attitude toward him, of course, was not yet defined; as for Harriet Dorne—he could not tell whether she was prepared to be his enemy or friend.

Eaton went into the men's compart-

Continued next week.

Belmond Local News

G. E. Toyne and R. E. Lee Aldrich of Rowan, were business callers here last Friday, on matters connected with the Short Course to be held at Rowan next week Tuesday and Wednesday.

Atty. J. M. Jensen was a caller on legal business at Garner on Monday of this week.

The Jim Finn family who have been quarantined for scarlet fever will be released this week.

John Wenzel of Kanawha was a Sunday visitor at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wenzel.

Ray Brooks of Clear Lake was visiting Belmond relatives and friends last Friday.

Dr. and Mrs. Brown were Mason City callers Monday.

Miss Hannah Pals is caring for Mrs. Dan Brooks who had a slight stroke last week.

Tobacco and cigars.—Belmond Bakery.

50 GOOD CIGARETTES 10¢

GENUINE "BULL" DURHAM TOBACCO

Attention, Farmers!

Now is the time to get your harness oiled and repaired. Harness brought in so they can be oiled in

January will be done for.....75c
February.....$1.00
March.....1.25

We have three complete lines of collars in stock for you to pick from this spring, prices from

$5 to $7 each

We also have a big lot of genuine army halters, that we are closing out at

$1.50 each

If in need of a new harness, call in and see our full line of home manufactured harness.

Horse blankets of all kinds and prices.

Sales and Service Depot for United States line of Casings and Tubes

Jones Harness Company

Belmond, Iowa

Public Sale

- Of -

HOLSTEIN CATTLE

AS I AM OVERSTOCKED, I WILL SELL AT THE JOHN SULLIVAN ESTATE, LOCATED 1-2 MILE EAST AND ONE MILE NORTH OF BELMOND 1 1-2 MILES SOUTH AND 1-2 MILE EAST OF GOODELL, ON

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1923

COMMENCING AT 1:00 O'CLOCK P. M. THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY:

6 7-8-HOLSTEIN COWS COMING IN SOON WITH SECOND CALF.
1 1 1-2-YEAR-OLD HEIFER TO BE FRESH IN THE SPRING.
2 YOUNG COWS GIVING MILK NOW, WILL BE FRESH IN THE SUMMER.
3 15-16 BULL CALVES, ONE FIT FOR SERVICE NOW. AND OTHER YOUNG STOCK.

THESE ARE QUALITY STOCK, THE RESULT OF 12 YEARS' OF SELECTING AND GRADING UP. THEIR SIRES HAVE BEEN PICKED FROM SOME OF THE BEST HERDS IN THE STATE. THEY ARE ALL T. B. TESTED AND PASSED 100 PER CENT.

THEY ARE GENTLE AND EASY MILKERS. MOST OF THEIR DAMS HAVE GONE THRU A TWO-YEAR TEST IN THE KLEMME COW TESTING ASSOCIATION.

Farm Machinery, Etc.

1 wide tired wagon
1 Champion mower
1 tower plow
1 6-shovel cultivator
1 4-shovel cultivator
1 John Deere beet lifter
1 18-inch iron beam walking stubble plow
And other articles too numerous to mention

TERMS: ALL SUMS OF $10 AND UNDER, CASH; OVER THAT AMOUNT 8 MONTHS' TIME WILL BE GIVEN ON APPROVED NOTES BEARING 8 PER CENT INTEREST. ALL PROPERTY TO BE SETTLED FOR ON DATE OF SALE.

OWEN F. CONWELL, CLERK.

LOUIS HAUGE, AUCTIONEER

M. J. Kernan

Proprietor

NOTICE!

We are now in a position to furnish Radio Receiving Sets from $16.50 up to $250.

No. 1 Simple Tuner and Detector Unit	$16.50
No. 2 Tuner, Detector and 1-Step Amplifier	25.00
No. 3 Tuner, Detector and 2-Step Amplifier	28.50
No. 1 Set Complete and Installed	40.40
No. 2 Set Complete and Installed	56.40
No. 3 Set Complete and Installed	70.35

In addition to the above popular-priced outfits, we have the PARAGON, the receiver that effected the first trans-Atlantic amateur reception, registering signals from 27 American amateur stations at Ardrossan, Scotland, a distance of 3,500 miles. The PARAGON R D 5 RECEIVER and Two-Step Amplifier complete with Magnavox installed for $250.00

TOWNSAN HARDWARE

The Store of Service
Phone 34
Belmond, Iowa

STRENGTH SERVICE

Are You In Earnest?

For some time now you've been saying to yourself that you're going to save money. Are you really in earnest? Then prove it to yourself by opening a savings account NOW!

Getting started is the big thing about saving. And that's easy once you've made up your mind. As little as a dollar starts you at this bank. Small savings, helped by the interest we pay, soon adds up.

Decide to save so much a week and to live on what's left. Keep it up. Perseverance wins—and pays.

Prove your ambition to save by starting NOW

STATE BANK OF BELMOND
BELMOND
IOWA

We'll Find the Trouble!

Is your automobile behaving perfectly? No matter how slight or great the trouble may be we'll repair it satisfactorily---at the lowest possible cost and in the least time.

We've a staff of skilled mechanics always ready to give your Car the attention it requires.

Belmond Motor Sales Co.

N. E. BREAR, Manager
Phone 39 Belmond, Iowa

Belmond Local News

The Community Club will meet January 19 instead of January 26. This being the only date the speaker had open. Mr. H. H. Corneil, of Ames, a landscape architectual specialist will be the speaker.

The Misses Jennie and Nettie Groen of Belmond and Mrs. George Groen, and three children of Latimer, returned last Friday from a visit to Illinios where they have been visiting relatives and friends for some time.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many friends and neighbors for their kindness and help in the death of our father, and for the beautiful floral offerings.

The children of C. W. Treese.
Mrs. H. H. Dochterman.
Mrs. Otto Madison.
Mrs. Howard Forestal.

Cream Puffs next Saturday, 60 cents a dozen.—Belmond Bakery.

A state veterinarian will be in Belmond some time in March, to hold a two-day institute on the treatment and cure of hog cholera. He will give practical demonstrations and a series of talks on the subject. The lectures will be free to all, but those who receive the course in treatment will be charged five dollars. Details of the event will be given at a later date.

Closing out Farm and Purebred Poland China hog sale, including some good milk cows, January 16.—Myrle Peck, Clarion Iowa, 1 mile east and ½ mile north. 81*

Pete Swenson has chosen the 20th of February as the date for his farm sale. Full particulars will appear later.

Try our bread—it has a big improvement over our past bread.—Belmond Bakery.

Follow the crowd for fresh buns and fine cinnamon rolls, hot out of the oven every evening at five p. m.—Belmond Bakery.

Herman Laun of near Meservey was a caller in town on business last Thursday.

The Rowan Community Short Course is advertised on page six of this issue of the Independend. The Short Course will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, January 16 and 17, and two full days have been provided for. Read their page ad, there are many interesting things in it.

We sell both Flieschman and Red Star yeast.—Fresh daily.—Belmond Bakery.

WANT ADS

Two cents per word first insertion; one cent per word ensuing insertions.

FOR SALE

For Sale—Buff Rock roostes, full bloods.—Mrs. O. D. Jenison, Phone 3217. 3tfc

For Sale—Two houses, with two lots each, $1,500 each. Easy payments.—S. C. Enger, Belmond Iowa, phone 309. 82*

For Sale—Baby carriage, like new, —phone 236. 82c

WANTED

Wanted to trade—Five year old mare for a gentle single driver.—O. D. Jenison, Phone 3217 8tfc

LOST AND FOUND

Lost—Saturday afternoon, between Belmond and Clarion, a brown velvet hand bag. Contained small change and bank book on Pasedena, California, Bank. Finder please leave at Independent office. 81*

MISCELLANEOUS

Dead animals removed from your premises FREE.—Belmond Rendering Works. Phone 2119. 48tfc time to sell a stove.

Right Now!

AT THE BEGINNING OF

1923

WHEN WE HAVE EVERY

REASON TO THINK THAT

WE ARE ON THE VERGE OF

GREAT PROSPERITY

LET US SCAN THE

OUTLOOK

AND PLAN FOR

GREATER THINGS.

START A SAVINGS

ACCOUNT

NOW

AND ADD TO IT

AS PROSPERITY

COMES INTO

FULL SWING.

WE WILL PAY YOU

5 PER CENT INTEREST.

Belmond Savings Bank

SEE THE CITY MARKET FOR THAT QUARTER OF BEEF OR HALF HOG. WE HAVE THEM—ALL HOME KILLED. NICE YOUNG STUFF. WE WILL DO YOUR BUTCHERING—JUST CALL US. CALL PHONE NO. 207. FREE DELIVERY.

City Meat Market
Nissen & Harbison, Proprietors
Free Delivery Phone 207

"The World Is Mine!"

You can truthfully say that, when you listen to the world---hear grand opera at Chicago---church services at Los Angeles---music from Denver---a lecture from Canada---vaudeville from Georgia. These things are yours if you possess one of our

Radio Receiving Sets

"Listen In" to the world. cheaper than a phonograph---and always a "new record."

Ask Us!

Belmond Radio Company
1st Door South of State Bank
Radio Headquarters

Kinseth's Store News

Everybody likes to have a sweet time of it as they go along, of course, and this week we are offering you a chance to get on the band wagon with the sweet folks. Listen to our little sweet song:

Friday and Saturday of this week we are offering you a special on good cane sugar. For these two days we will sell you cane sugar at $1.98 for 25 pounds. At this price we must of necessity limit the amount to any one purchaser to 25 pounds. So be around one of these two days and get yours—it won't last long at this price.

For the next two weeks, beginning from today, we are going to make a special offer on Heavy Outing Flannel, a yard wide, in any color, at the small price of 23c a yard. Can you beat it?

And we have oatmeal at 22 cents for a large package, corn at 8c a can, peas at the same, dress shirts for ninety-nine cents each.

Remember that the store on the corner is the store for bargains and a full value. So come or phone 19.

January Investment

At this time of the year many Investors are considering How Best to invest their money.

There is no Better or Safer place for the Investment of money than Right Here At Home.

IOWA FALLS ELECTRIC COMPANY

COMMON SHARES

is an Investment in the Needs of Your Community.

Your Money is invested in property that serves you and Your Neighbors.

27 Dividends Have Been Paid

The SHARES are $100.00 each and may be purchased on the Partial Payment Plan by Monthly Payments of $5.00 each.

We would like to tell you more about this SAFE INVESTMENT, with the Dependable Income, and will be glad to send you a descriptive circular.

SECURITIES DEPARTMENT
IOWA FALLS ELECTRIC COMPANY
IOWA FALLS, IOWA

Day by day,
In every way,
Our Service is
better and better.

Larsen Says--

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A NEW STOCK OF PREPARED LUDEFISK, THAT WE ARE SELLING AT 10 CENTS A POUND.

OUR BEEF PRICES BY THE QUARTER HAVE BEEN REDUCED AGAIN, SO COME IN AND SEE US BEFORE YOU BUY AND WE WILL PROVE TO YOU THAT YOU CANNOT BEAT THE QUALITY ANY PLACE.

THE CASH MARKET
J P. LARSEN & SONS
Three Markets Phone 60

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BELMOND SHORT COURSE IS HUGE SUCCESS

Fire Tuesday Wipes Out Schooler Home

House Burns To Ground With All Household Goods A Total Loss By Fire.

FIREMEN DO FINE WORK

The fire demon certainly must have it in for the Schooler family, for their third fire since their residence in Belmond, and the fourth in all, completely destroyed their household goods and the house they were occupying early Tuesday morning.

The alarm was sounded about five o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Bailey, who live in one of the three sugar company houses on the east side of the road at the factory grounds, were awakened early Tuesday morning by the smell of smoke. A search of the house failed to locate any fire, and they again retired. The odor of smoke became so strong that they became alarmed, and dressing, made another thoro inspection of their house to no avail. Thayne then went outside, where he saw the Schooler house ablaze and immediately turned in the alarm.

The fire company were on the scene almost before the siren ceased, their time being astonishing and bespeaking a world of credit for their efficiency. The fire had made such headway, however, that the house could not be saved and all efforts were devoted to saving the residence occupied by Mr. Saecke and family, which had caught on fire. The chemicals were exhausted, and while the truck was up town getting another load, the boys formed a bucket brigade and carried pails of water from a well nearby, keeping the fire in check until the truck returned, when a shot of chemical under the ridge board put out the blaze.

Mr. and Mrs. Schooler were away, Mrs. Schooler visiting relatives at Woodward, and Bill working in Des Moines. They had not been at home for two weeks, and no fire had been in the house during their absence. The origin of the blaze is a mystery. The house was fully covered by insurance, but it is not known whether Schoolers had their goods insured or not. Everything was a total wreck, not a thing being saved.

TRAMP GETS A NEW CAR

During a trade extension campaign just concluded at Ames a tramp was awarded an automoblie which was given away by the merchants of the town. He was passing through the city the day the sale closed and bought a pair of overalls at one of the stores. He got the car, sold it and bought a railroad ticket to New York City.

A simular experience is recorded at Gilmore City. A traveling man going through the town bought some gasoline at one of the filling stations and gave his merchandise certificate to a little girl standing on the curb nearby. She was awarded the car.

DOWS BEET SUGAR FACTORY NOW CONTRACTING ACREAGE

The beet sugar factory at Dows is now contracting acreage for the coming year. They are using the same contract as last year, and expect to have no difficulty to sign up as much land as they can use.

This company had a very successful year last year, and feels greatly encouraged in their work, and hopes to make a killing next year.

The Humboldt Republican again "pulled a boner" with the above article. Dows has many good things but as yet Belmond's sugar factory hasn't been added to them. Next!

SCHOOL NOTES

Our debating team went to Clarion last Thursday eve while our Affirmative team debated against Clarions team at Belmond. Although we did not win the honors in either debate, we are proud that our debaters made a good showing in both debates.

The boys basket ball team made their fifth victory of this season when they won over Clarion to the tune of 27 to 5. Belmond boy's team has as yet been undefeated and we expect to keep up the good record.

Our girl's team also made a good showing against the Clarion team Friday night. The final score was 23 to 2 in favor of Belmond.

The girls team went to Hampton Saturday and were defeated by a 39 to 8 score.

Both the boy's and girl's teams will go to Garner Friday night. The roads are good. Come and boost for Belmond.

Second semester work started Monday.

LAND OWNERS WANT TO WITHDRAW FROM TOWN

Eagle Grove has been having a fight by land owners adjacent to the city, to withdraw from the school district on account of the taxes and last week's Eagle said in part:

The school board at its Monday night meeting discussed at length the petition of land owners whose farms are included in the Independent school district of Eagle Grove. Said petitioners desire to withdraw from the district and be rejoined to the districts to which they formerly belonged, or to districts nearest them in the country. By so doing they would greatly reduce their school tax. The school tax on these lands is approximately $1.00 per acre. The district is bonded for about $200,000 on account of building and furnishing the new high school building. Should the petition of the farm owners be granted they would be released from the obligation of paying for the bonds already sold and for any other obligations incurred while they were a part of the Independent school district of Eagle Grove. The only way in which they would be required to pay for their proportionate share of the new building tax would be in the event that the present district would go bankrupt.

The change will probably take place if the local school board sanctions it. Should the present school board favor the change, it would be approved by the county superintendent and undoubtedly receive favorable action on the part of the district court. Should the school board not favor releasing the lands in the present school district, the landowners have recourse thru the courts. They have retained Senator Chase of Webster City to represent them and he is of the opinion the landowners have the right to secede if they so desire.

ROWAN MAN THREATENS WIFE

The following clipping is taken from the Dowagiac Mich., Daily News, and concerns a well known Rowan citizen.

R. E. Ryder of Rowan, said to be the husband of an Eau Claire school teacher who has assumed her former name of Miss Gladys Toyne, appeared in Dowagiac today and is charged with threatening his wife and attempting to coerce her into returning to Iowa with him.

Ryder was taken into custody this afternoon by Police Chief W. M. McGowan and it is announced by Attorney James Kinnane that papers will be filed requesting that he be placed under bonds to keep the peace.

The man was picked up at the Michigan Central station by Officer McGowan.

It is stated that Miss Toyne plans to divorce her husband and has come to Michigan to establish a residence here to secure her divorce.

HURT IN AUTO WRECK

Hampton Chronicle—C. F. Peterson, of Dows and Mrs. O. B. Bates, of this city, were injured in an automobile accident last Sunday morning when the Peterson family, accompanied by Mrs. Bates, were on their way to Hampton. Mrs. Bates suffered a broken right leg, just above the knee, and was otherwise quite severely bruised, and Mr. Peterson sustained two broken ribs, when the automobile skidded and went into the ditch near the C. F. Manifold farm home on the main road about half way between Hampton and Dows.

Mr. Peterson and Mrs. Bates were riding in the front seat and Mrs. Peterson and her two children, Carl and Evelyn, were riding in the back seat when the accident occurred. The party was on the way from the Peterson home at Dows, where Mrs. Bates had been visiting, to the Bates home in Hampton where a birthday dinner, in honor of the anniversaries of Mrs. Peterson and little Evelyn, was being prepared.

When near the Manifold place the car skidded and turned turtle in the ditch at the side of the road. Mrs. Bates and Mr. Peterson was pinned under the car, but Mrs. Peterson managed to crawl out from under it and secured help from the nearby house.

AUTO LICENSES HIGH

The number of automobiles in Iowa has inceased 900 per cent in the last ten years, and the receipts from automoblie license fees are more than 1,500 per cent higher, according to figures given out by Walter C. Ramsay, secretary of state. In 1912, there were but 47,188 cars in the state and the receipts were only $485,300. The registrations for 1922 are 469,230 automobile and 31,934 trucks, or a total of 501,173 motor vehicles. Up to Nov. 1, the receipts of the motor vehicle department were $7,923,181.21 and 93¼ per cent of this sum or $7,408,174.43 will be expended upon highways of the state. The remainder goes to the support of the highway commission and the motor vehicle department. There are now 10,500 licensed chauffeurs in the state, according to the figures in the motor vehicle department.

SOME INTERESTING DOINGS UP AT COURT

Number Of New Cases Are Filed, Among Them One Or Two From Belmond.

Monitor—Roy Nelson of Eagle Grove is being detained for thirty days at the county jail. He is charged with being the main guy in a hootch party and "gently" rapping Marshal Fisher over the eye with a poker when the officer interferred.

E. M. Callender writes from St. Paul that he is making rapid recovery from the operation on his eye and will soon return to his post of duty at the auditor's office.

The auditor's office has already issued 450 dog licenses. These was something like 1300 canines in the county last year, but it is expected that number will be reduced somewhat when the assessors' returns are in for 1923.

Chairman Grattidge and Supervisor Harris were in session at the court house Tuesday for the purpose of listing the property in the hands of the various county officers. The new law requires that everything be listed from pens and pencils to typewriters and adding machines.

The county clerk issued marriage licenses the past week to Ralph Charles Cox and Selma H. Rief Lewis Francis Stevens and Margaret Jane Lester, William Henry Maitland and Sylvia Gertrude Brooks.

A past due promissory note for $720 is basis for action in case of State Bank of Dows vs. O. Bellman of Dows.

Jennie Short of Goldfield seeks to collect an $8000 note made in favor of W. H. Short by Chas. Troyer, H. C. Wiser et al in March, 1920, and later assigned to this plaintiff. Judgment is also asked for interest in the sum of $770.

Emma Johnson of Belmond and Clarion wants a decree of divorce from her husband Geo. M. Johnson, charging cruel and inhuman treatment as well as the use of vile and abusive language.

First National bank of Clarion petitions the court for a judgment of $1487.61 against E. M. and A. C. Amundson, being the balance due on a $1900 note.

S. E. Steussy brings action on a $100 note executed by G. H. and Clara Jameson of Dows in favor of J. R. Paul and later assigned to the plaintiff.

State Bank of Woolstock brings action against R. T. and Harriet McDaniel on their note and mortgage for $2500, which at present time aggregates $3142.25.

Paul Hecox vs. Mitchell Sales Co. of Clarion is a suit to collect the sum of $455.15 alleged to be balance due for services rendered said auto company as a mechanic.

Mrs. Mary Sullivan of Belmond is suing Thos. McNulty, Sr., for $3000 damages, asking $1000 on three separate counts. Plaintiff was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly when nine years of age, and lived with them until 1902, when she married M. F. Sullivan. During the summer of 1922 her foster mother was sick a large part of the time and this plaintiff came from her home in Minnesota to visit her. About this time plaintiff alleges the defendant made slanderous remarks about her, telling P. W. Kaufman and others that she was a "thief" and steals everything she gets her hand on".

Oscar and Joseph Sime of Dows ask the foreclosure of a certain mortgage made by Irwin and Matie Clay in the sum of $36,782.12, also judgment for interest, taxes, etc., aggregating nearly $3000. The land on which the mortgage was given contains several acres of valuable hard wood and other timber; at various times defendants have cut down and removed and converted to their own use about twelve acres of such timber; that the removal of such timber lessens the value of the entire tract and for that reason an order of court is asked restaining further removal of the timber.

TRINITY CHURCH

Wednesday evening choir practice at the church at 7:00.

Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Andrew Jacobson.

Class meets Saturday at the church at 10:00.

Sunday morning Sunday school and Bible classes at the usual hour, 10 o'clock. Now that we have began fairly well, let all work for a larger and better Sunday school. Let us see the adult classes increase in number also.

Sunday afternoon the lay people conduct a service in the Norwegian langauge at 3:00 o'clock.

Sunday evening the Young People's League will have their meeting. Let all the young people note this and work together. Come and take some one with you. Monday evening the Brotherhood meets at the church at 7:20.

Thursday afternoon, February 1, the Ladies Aid meets in the church parlors.

BELMOND TEAMS TAKE CLARION TO CLEANING

Boys And Girls Both Win Their Games Friday By Good-Sized Scores.

The long looked for Belmond-Clarion basket ball game was played Friday at the High school gym, before the largest crowd of the season. The house was packed. We wish to say here, that we appreciate the patronage and support, that the community has given us thus far.

Both Belmond teams have been very successful this season. The boys team having won every game to date, and the girls loosing but one, by a close margin.

The girls showed considerable improvement since their last game with Garner,. Passing, guarding and shooting basket was remarkable. The work of Grace Leavy at forward was easily the outsanding star being credited with 7 basket and two free throws. The girls won 23 to 3. The girls played Hampton girls last Saturday night. Details of the game have not been learned.

The boys game was expected to be hard fought but on the contrary Belmond easily won 26 to 5. At intermissions the score was 10 to 1.

The Belmond boys have developed a strong defensive team. All but one team have been unable to secure more than 8 points. Their offensive was considerable better after intermissions. Their team work has been better and in this point of play a great deal of practice is necessary. The ball on both sides was passed to an opponent time and time again. Belmond showed its superiority immediately after the game started, caging two baskets within two minutes of play and thus maintained the lead. The work of Madison and L. Parsons was up to standard. E. Christie's floor work was fast. Breckenridge was perhaps the outstanding player for Clarion.

Line up:

Belmond		Clarion
Madison	L. F.	Crabtree
Parsons	R. F.	Wilson
Tyrrell	C.	Hill
Christie	L. G.	Crabtree
Stapley	R. G.	Breckenridge

Summary:

Madison baskets 5, Parsons 5, Tyrrell 1, Wilson 1, Weber 1, free throws, Madison 1 out of 4, Parsons 3 out of 4, Crabtree 1 out of 4. Substitutions: Sam Leinbach for Stapley, Vestweber for Tyrrell, Thilgtin for Christie, Roger Leinbach for Parsons.

GASOLINE TAX TO PAVE WRIGHT COUNTY ROADS

The news is authority for the statement that the proposed bill by Senator Caldwell, which would place a tax of two cents per gallon on all gasoline used in the state for the purpose of paving 3,000 miles of roads, would pave the Wilson highway, running thru the county and also the No. 10 road, running across the county east and west. It is planned to pave the Wilson highway from Ames to Garner as part of the system to be hard surfaced. It is estimated that $7,000,000 a year would be paid into the fund from this tax. Piling two cents on top of what John D. already extorts, will seem like adding insult to injury to a lot of car owners, but if in the end real roads were forthcoming it would be worth the price. But would we get them?

The bill provides that $5,000 yearly shall be paid to the road fund of the various counties each year in addition to the building of the roads. $1,000 is to go to each township road fund also.

ST. OLAF CHURCH

Thursday afternoon at 2:30 the cottage prayer meeting will be held at the home of Andrew Scott.

Wednesday afternoon, January 31 the North Ladies Aid meets at the home of Jacob Thompson.

Next Sunday morning English service will be held at the church at 11:00 o'clock. We would like to see all, but especially the young.

FARM BUREAU MEET AT ROWAN FEBRUARY 6

There will be a Farm Bureau meeting at the Hugh Whitten farm, three miles north and one mile east of Rowan, on Tuesday, February 6. Some good speakers have been arranged for a good program is to be given, and special music. The usual good eats will be on deck. Everyone is welcome to attend.

COMMERCIAL MEETINGS

Various towns around are holding meetings of their commercial clubs, for the purpose of getting together, comparing notes on the past year's tussle, and sizing up the year ahead. Among the recent meetings were those of the Hampton and Humboldt commercial organizations. A similar affair would be a big help in Belmond—but what's the use?

SHERIFF ROBB DELIGHTS AUDIENCE

Eagle Grove was at home to Sheriff Robb Saturday evening and a good sized audience turned out to his lecture on "The End of the Law" at the high school auditorium.

His lecture is divided into two parts, either of which is worth more than the price of admission. He tells in an intensely entertaining manner his experiences overseas with the Iowa boys and interesting sidelights on his two years' battle with the underworld in Des Moines.

He says that ninety per cent of the crime in Iowa is committed by Iowa criminals. The Iowa crook resents an invasion of out-of-Iowa talent and is very likely to give officers the tip if Omaha crooks have planned to pull off something in Iowa. The state institutions are now overflowing with inmates and new buildings are being prepared to house them. As a minister and as an observer of years standing, Mr. Robb believes that the only remedy is the extension of the influence of the church in every nook and corner of this great state.

When Mr. Robb has concluded his formal lecture he goes to his stereoptican machine, located in the middle of the auditorium, sits down and talks about the pictures of his experiences as they are thrown on the screen. He has many close-up views of famous Iowa criminals, scenes of their crimes, intimate pictures of the hanging of Orrie Cross and Eugene Weeks. Mr. Robb agrees with Judge Utterback that Cross should not have been hung, but believes that Eugene Weeks should have been hung—one hanging is hardly enough for so vile a charater as Weeks—he should go through another.

There is no lecturer on the platform today who gives more genuine entertainment in two hours time and at the same time puts across a message which accomplishes as much real benefit as Sheriff Robb.—Eagle.

JOINT INSTALLATION

The I. O. O. F.. and Rebekah lodges of Clarion held joint installation at their lodge room last Thursday night. There were visitors from Eagle Grove, Goldfield, Dows and Belmond. A banquet took place at 6:30, over 180 being present. After the tables were cleared away the room was prepared for installation. M. Ray Duer, D. D. P. of Clarion, Miss Nellie Akers, D. D P. of Dows, were the installing officers.

The work was interesting and nicely done, showing that these lodges make a success of whatever they undertake. The hall was prettily decorated in lodge colors. After the installation work was finished, a platform was hastily erected and the home talent ministrels kept the crowd in merriment for an hour. The Clarion lodges certainly made everyone welcome. The Belmond delegation was invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Johnson, where the two hours of waiting for the train were socially spent. Those from Belmond were the Mesdames T. N. Davenport, Hawley, Thiltgen, E. M. Lathrop, M. R. Pierce, Geo. Coburn, and L. L. Lathrop.

COUNTIES GET NEW NUMBERS

Seven Iowa counties will have new initials distinguishing numbers on their automobile license plates this year.

Blackhawk county will have six as its distinguishing number. Increase in automobile over the 10,000 mark is responsible for the change. As it is possible to put but six numerals on the Iowa license tag it was necessary to drop the county number of Blackhawk to a single numeral.

Adair county's number this year is 7, Adams 8, Allamakee 9, Appanoose 10, Aubudon 11, and Benton 12.

Truck numbers will start with 50,001, anything over 50,000 on an Iowa plate being a truck.

ASSESSORS MEETING

The several assessors of Wright county met at the court house in Clarion on Saturday, January 6th.

Meeting was called to order by the selection of D. W. Stewart, of Clarion, chairman and T. R. Beveridge of Goldfield, secretary.

The following schedule of values was adopted in order to make the assessments throughout the county as uniform as possible:

Lands, per acre	$72.00
Colts, one year old	36.00
Colts, two years old	60.00
Stallions, according to value.	
Mules, according to value.	
Cattle in feeding, per lb.	.04-.05
Heifers, one year old	$20.00
Cows	36.00
Steers, 1 year old	24.00

—Monitor.

Friends in Belmond have learned of the death at Chicago of J. W. Riley, a former resident of Belmond many years ago. Death was caused by gas. Deceased had arisen to prepare breakfast when escaping gas fumes over came him. He was over 70 years of age. Funeral services were held Monday.

Great Crowds In Attendance

All Departments Are Crammed With Exhibits And Competition Is Keen.

SAID TO BE THE BEST EVER

Big crowds were attending Belmond's big two-day short course the past two days, and the event has been beyond question one of the best of its kind ever held in Wright county. An immense quantity of exhibits were on display in all the departments, and the quality of the exhibits was a superior to anything heretofore shown.

The live stock departments were jammed with exhibits from Belmond and vicinity, and the places reserved proved too small to handle the amount entered. Close to 100 hogs were on display, and between 40 and 50 cattle, with heavy entries in sheep. Yet, despite the handicap of room, the program as arranged was carried thru in fine shape thru the able efforts of the committe chairmen.

Judging started Tuesday afternoon, but so large was the list of entries, and so excellent in quality, that stock judging was not finished until noon of Wednesday. Half an hour, for instance was spent in trying to pick the best of two swine specimens, so close were their qualifications.

Grain and poultry were very well exhibited, and some very fine birds were shown.

In the domestic science department the entries were heavy and competition keen. Some splendid examples of the domestic art were on display in both cooking and sewing.

The complete list of prize winners in the various departments will be found on page 3 of the Independent this week. In order to give our readers a souvineer of the occasion, the list was printed in full page size, loose, so that it can be removed from the paper and saved. In case any subscriber failed to receive this page, please call the office, 115, and one will be immediately sent.

Belmond can feel proud of the success of its Short Course this year, for it was beyond any doubt a real "hum dinger."

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Plan to be on time and stay to morning services, as the pastor has promised a 10 minute address to the children on what he sees in his watch.

Regular service at 11:00.

Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.

Evening service at 7:30. Let us make this a great service.

Prayer meeting Thursday evening 7:30.

BEG YOUR PARDON.

In the write up of the raid at Rowan last week, the statement was made that Lloyd Waite had five gallons of booze in his possession. This was a mistake, as Lloyd did not have the booze, it was his brother, Claire, who was arrested with this amount in his possession at the time.

The sale of Parks and Gelder, held Tuesday, was one of the best of the season. Their milk cows sold at $90, a team for $300, one gelding for $157, and other things in proportion. Cowley, Munnis, and Rankins were the auctioeers, and they rattled the sale thru in two hours and 40 minutes. The sale came to a thousand dollars more than the owners expected. A large crowd was present.

FORISTAL-LOUX

Miss Esther Forristal of Belmond, Iowa and Mr. Arthur Loux of Clarion, were united in marriage on January 16th, at Webster City.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Forristal of this place and has many friends who wish her happiness in her new home.

The groom is the youngest son of Mr. J. T. Loux of Clarion. Mr. and Mrs. Loux will reside on a farm owned by the former's father near Wall Lake.

The Independent extends congratulations and best wishes for a successful future.

Annual meeting of Stockholders of the Belmond Creamery will be held in the Belmond township hall, Saturday January 27th, at 2:00 p. m. Matters of importance require the attention of all members. Sec.

Wanted—Orders for all varieties of pure bred baby chicks. Will hatch until July 1.—Glenn M. Jennings, Clarion, Iowa. phone 47. 104*

Adolph Meinders Sr. has reserved Thursday, February 15, as the date for his sale. Watch for further particlars.

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BABBITT

When "Main Street" struck the American public a great howl went up; it was declared an uncalled for slam on American ideals and a ridicule of American life. Now that Sinclair Lewis' new book, "Babbitt," has taken the place of Main street, another roar is ascending. Main street and Babbitt are greatly similar Lewis could see some good in the small town, despite the severity of his ridicular. There were some human characters, and real heart interest episodes, and a large part of the story was only too disgustingly true to life. But in Babbitt the author sees no good in anything or anybody; from beginning to end every character is either a crook, a grafter, a rue, a pin head or a wishy-washy social pest. Lewis sees no good anywhere. Babbitt, as a character, is true enough to a certain element—even in Belmond—but certainly not to the folks who make up American towns. The book sounds like it might have been written by an Englishman, Kipling for instance—who had spent two weeks in America; been entertained by a bunch of dough-head social climbers who were likewise exceedingly conceited; and then gone home and tried to write the great American social novel with the "facts" he had gathered. It cannot be gainsaid that Sinclair Lewis knows human nature—knows it to a frazzle—and that he writes entertainingly. But he overdraws; his characters are exaggerated, his episodes distorted. You find the resemblance of a certain degree of social life and people, but out of proportion. His books lack that fineness which creats a reality in the mind of his readers.

Yet, in an entirely unexpected ending, Babbitt turns human, decidedly human, and the book leaves a better taste than you had hopes of.

CLIPPINGS

Fred Becker began packing ice Monday. He is hauling from Clear Lake with trucks and teams. The ice is only about a foot thick but is of very fine quality. Train loads are being loaded at Clear Lake every day and much is being hauled by trucks and teams to nearby towns. Britt parties have been hauling for several days.—Garner Signal.

The little two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ubbe Doden was badly, and as yet it is not known how seriously burned Thursday morning. The child had a catalog that she was playing with pushing it in and out of the grate. The leaves readily caught fire, also some cobs in a box nearby. The child's clothes were ignited and before the flames could be extinguished she had been badly burned especially deep over the entire abdomen. She was rushed to Algona to the hospital where she is being care for and where she is in a critical condition.—Titonka Topic.

Buttermaker Conway tells us that after checking up last year's business, he finds that in 1922 the Garner creamery received 160,000 pounds more cream than in the year 1921. That is certainly some increase in receipts, and we judge that the difference is largely in increased production.—Garner Signal.

Several Clarion parties have been issuing worthless checks the past week or so in payment of store bills. One day last week a couple of them came to grief, a man and a woman. Both were arrested and made acquainted with the law in such case and needless to say they lost no time in squaring matters at their own expense. Others of their kind should be treated in a like manner.—Monitor.

Carl Abend, of near Estherville, went to Germany some time ago, and took all the good American dollars he had, and he had a lot, and invested them in German marks. Recently he returned to America stone broke. He came back with the hope of making more dollars here, though it is safe to say that he will not invest any more money he earns in the German mark.—Humboldt Republican.

The Clarion Municipal band held their first rehearsal for the season last Thursday evening. It takes weeks of hard practice to prepare for the summer concerts and this year the band is getting started early. They are anticipating a couple of concerts in nearby towns as well as one or two inside concerts here at home this spring.—Monitor.

Mr. and Mrs. John Spitler of Belmond were business callers at the county seat Friday, taking advantage of the clearance sale bargains.—Monitor.

Miss Kate Walker spent Monday afternoon in Belmond.—Monitor.

Mr. Dorr, of Belmond, was in this city Friday, looking after matters of business.—Klemme Times.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N Day drove over to Belmond Friday on business and also to visit friends.—Times.

Last week we heard a merchant say: 'My best adv. is a satisfied customer." This man was right so far as he went, but he didn't go far enough. What he lacked was a means of publicity. His satisfied customer who failed to communicate his feelings to someone else did not bring any additional trade to that store. Of course if that store had enough satisfied customers who spent their time carrying the news that Jim Jones was selling groceries very cheap, and was also selling very satisfying and dependable groceries then it could hope to increase its trade because of those satisfied customers, But satisfied customers do not act that way. They may pass the word on to a few, but they will be very few.

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SOCIETY

Community Club—

The Community club met at the library last Friday afternoon. Mrs. Gowdy acted as chairman in the absence of Mrs. Rosecrans. A nominating committee was elected, the committee chosen are: Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. M. C. Barry and Miss Nell Barry. The chairman appointed a committee to plan the membership drive.

After the business meeting Mr. H. H. Cornell of Ames gave a very good talk on landscape gardening. He explained many practical points in planting and pruning shrubbery. After the lecture refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed.

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Kensington—

Mrs. Stevens will entertain the Kensington club at her home this afternoon.

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Delphian—

The Delphian club met with Mrs. H. D. Moore Monday evening. The lesson was on "A Divided Nation," the leader being Mrs. Albert Chamberlain After the lesson refreshments were served by the hostess.

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Progress—

Mrs. H. L. Gowdy was hostess of Progress club Tuesday afternoon. The lesson was "Among the World's Powers." Mrs. R. H Klemme was the leader.

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Rosary—

The Rosary Society met at the library last Thursday afternoon. The hostesses were: Mrs. E. Sullivan Mrs. Thayne Bailey, Mrs. Joe Sampson, Mrs. M. C.. Barry, Mrs. E. F Courtney.

A Kansas man has declared that "cigar ashes on a rug don't look a bit worse than face powder scattered all over a dresser." If a lot of men will now muster up enough courage to tell their wives that something may be accomplished.

The gift of gab is one that is not often exchanged for something better by its possessors.

TAKE ANNUAL BIRD CENSUS

The following practice of the past several years, the annual Christmas bird census of the United States has been taken again this year.

For a number of years it has been the custom at Christmas time for persons who are familiar with birds to go out for a period of four hours at Christmas time and to make a record of the birds seen. Such notations are collected from all over the United States and in an early number of Birds Lore a magazine devoted to matters of interest to bird lovers, a complete record of the census is published.

This year at Ames, J. E. Guthrie of the department of entomology at Iowa State College and Mrs. F. L. Battell, a resident of Ames, were the ones to count the bird noses. Trips were made in two directions from town and altogether a total of 13 species and 300 individuals were seen. Cardinal, junco, hairy and downy woodpecker, greathorned owl, bluejay, red-tailed hawk, tree sparrow, chicadee, nut hatches and brown creeper were among those noticed on the trips

English sparrows and the more domesticated birds are not included in the count. Of the wild birds, crows were said to have made up half of the total number.

"A relatively common and especially valuable bird for the farmer," says Mr. Guthrie, "is the tree sparrow. I saw about 30 of them while I was out. The tree sparrow feeds largely upon weed seeds. F. E. L. Beal, writing on that species in 1881, estimated that in the state of Iowa alone the tree sparrow ate a total of 875 tons of weed seeds in a single year.

Mr. Guthrie says the number of the birds now is about the same as at that time.

CODE REVISION IS STARTED

Des Moines, Jan. 22 1923.—It is clear that the agricultural interests if Iowa will get anything they demand from the present General Assembly. Not only is there a majority of ten or more farmers in the membership of the two houses, but the other interests represented there are sympathetic to the farmers' need and condition. They all want the farmers of Iowa to prosper and get all that is coming to them in the way of state aid and benefits, so long as the demands shall be reasonable and practicable—not visionary, radical or ruinous of other industries. On a test or two already it has been demonstrated that the farmer members themselves will not all line up on every proposition, right or wrong. Most of them want to be shown; demand to know the reason and the results expected before they will accept anything as final. But simply *playing politics* or "soaking" some other interest is not the program of the more progressive members we have interviewed up to this time.

Committees Announced

When the General Assembly reconvened last week after a four days' recess and consideration of things as they developed the first week, everybody was agog with expectation and intrest in the committeeships to be handed out by the speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. Most of the effective and real work of a legislator is in the committees. He may sit all day long in an open session, listen to motions, arguments and pleas, and vote and vote, with apparently little influence on the proceedings. But when he is in a committee of ten or a dozen members, with a bill under consideration, he may scan it at leisure, demand the facts concerning every phase of it, and there vote with ten times the power he may exercise on the floor of the open session. As chairman of a committee a member may name sub-committees on any pending bill in his committee and hurry it or delay it, meantime gathering strength for its aid or for its defeat. Therefore chairmanship of any good committee is much desired by active and influential members. If interested along some particlar line of business or public work, a chairmanship in line with that interest is usually sought.

Chairmanships are likewise considered from these same standpoints by the presiding officers who hand them out. The results is always some disappointments and sore spots when the list is announced and usually there is pleasure and satisfaction with those favored.

There are over forty different committees in each house of the General

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- HOW TO SAVE MONEY -

First---

Have An Object

Save for a Purpose! Resolve to buy something useful which cannot be purchased with pocket money--a home, a building lot, a set of furniture, a government bond, high grade stock--anything!

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This cheese will be cut

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Kinseth's Store News

We sure were glad to see so many of you at the Short Course. And we want to say right here, folks, that it was some event, with some of the finest stock we ever saw, and we are familiar with the farm too. It is a source of pleasure to us to know that in our little way, we helped to put it over. And we hope that next year will see another still better Short Course held in Belmond.

Did you see the good things the ladies had! Umm! Boy!

And say, folks, speaking of canned goods, we have a big special we are offering you this week—six cans of good stuff—one each of peaches, pears, plums, Hominy, luncheon beans and blackberries, and at only $1.38. Now you know yourself that this is a mighty small price for good canned goods like these. And they are good—if they aren't, you just bring us the empty can, give us your word the contents weren't good, and you'll get your money back. Because we pride ourselves on our goods, and they've got to good. So just phone 19, say "send me that $1.38 special," and pretty soon you'll hear a "honk" outside and that'll be us. We deliver any any old time you want.

And we got a soap special—on Swift's—12 bars for 49c. And 2 boxes of soap flakes thrown in free.

And we have shoes that fit and wear, and outing flannel a yard wide at 23c and coffee for 38c and in fact bargains in everything So don't forget the Store on the Corner

Opening

Announcement

To My Belmond Friends:

Having located at 224 Carver Building, Fort Dodge, Iowa, I am now fully equipped to take care of all your optical needs in the way of glasses.

I have been associated with L. A. Cederquist for the past two years, and I am pleased to make the foregoing announcement.

I invite a share of your patronage, and hope to have the pleasure of serving my many Belmond friends.

FRIEND C. BRAS
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Held On

Tuesday and Wednesday, January 23-24

LIVESTOCK

DEPARTMENT 1—
CATTLE—BEEF BREEDS
BULLS

Class A—
1 yr. or over..1st. $5; 2nd. $3;
Lewis Hauge 1 and 2; with Shorthorn; R. W. Halfpop 3, with Hereford.

Class B—
Under 1 yr...1st. $5; 2nd. $3;
Geo. Kalkwarf 1 with Shorthorn; Aug. Rabe 2 with Shorthorn.
CHAMPION BULL:
Lewis Hauge

COWS

Class A—
2 yrs or over..1st. $5; 2nd. $3;
Lewis Hauge 1 wih Shorthorn; Geo. Kalkwarf 2 with Shorthorn.

Class B—
Under 2 yrs...1st. $5; 2nd. $3;
Geo. Kalkwarf 1 with Shorthorn.
CHAMPION COW:
Geo. Kalkwarf

DEPARTMENT 2—
CATTLE—DAIRY BREEDS
GUERNSEY BULLS

Class A—
1 yr. or over..1st. $5; 2nd. $3
Sampson & Cullinan 1; M. G. Luick 2.
Champion Bull—Ribbon
Sampson & Cullinan

Class B—
Under 1 yr...1st. $5; 2nd. $3;
No entries

GUERNSEY COWS

Class A—
2 yrs or over..1st. $5; 2nd. $3;
M. G .Luick 1 and 2; R. H. Klemme 3.

Class B—
Under 2 yrs...1st. $5; 2nd. $3;
F. E. Christie 1.
Champion Cow—Ribbon
M. G. Luick

HOLSTEIN BULLS

Class A—
1 yr. or over..1st $5; 2nd. $3;
G. E. Baker 1; Baker Bros 2; Ed. Hauge 3.

Class B—
Under 1 yr...1st. $5; 2nd. $3;
Ralph Jenison 1; Tom Brooks 2; Baker Bros. 3.
Champion Bull—Ribbon
G. E Baker

HOLSTEIN COWS

Class A—
2 yrs or over..1st. $5; 2nd. $3;
G. D. Baker 1; Baker Bros. 2; Tom Brooks 3.

Class B—
Under 2 yrs..1st. $5; 2nd. $3;
Leo Delaney 1; M. J. Kernan 2; Tom Brooks 3.
Champion Cow—Ribbon
G. D. Baker

DEPARTMENT 3—
SHEEP—ANY BREED

Class A—
Rams any age..1st. $3; 2nd. $2
Aug. Rabe 1; A. C. Hinman 2.

Class B—
Ewes any age..1st $3; 2nd. $2;
Frank Barry 1; Aug. Rabe 2; Henry Schulte 3, ribbon.
Grand Championship Ram—Ribbon
Aug. Rabe
Grand Championship Ewe—Ribbon
Frank Barry

DEPARTMENT 4—
DUROC JERSEYS—BOARS

Class A—
1 yr. or over, 1st $5; 2nd $3; 3rd $1
Ed. Reed 1; Ed Hauge 2; W. J. McLaughlin 3

Class B—
Under 1yr., 1st $5; 2nd $3; 3rd $1
Win Dziewanowski 1.
Champion Boar—Ribbon
Ed. Reed

DUROC JERSEY—SOWS

Class A—
1 yr. or over, 1st $5; 2nd $3; 3rd $1
Geo. Thompson 1; Win Dziewanowski 2; Ed. Reed 3.

Class B—
Under 1yr., 1st $5; 2nd $3; 3rd $1
A. C. Lieuwen 1; Win Dziewanowski 2; Geo. Thompson 3.
Champion Sow—Ribbon
Geo. Thompson

POLAND CHINA—BOARS

Class A—
1 yr. or over, 1st $5; 2nd $3; 3rd $1
Silas Sampson 1; O. D. Jenison 2.
Champion Boar—Ribbon
Silas Sampson

Class B—
Under 1yr., 1st $5; 2nd $3; 3rd $1
Wm. Hembd 1; Wessel Braner 2; O. D. Jenison 3.
Champion Boar—Ribbon
Wm. Hembd

POLAND CHINA—SOWS

Class A—
1 yr. or over, 1st $5; 2nd $3; 3rd $1
Wm. Hembd 1; O. Jenison 2; Geo. Dipple 3.

Class B—
Under 1yr., 1st $5; 2nd $3; 3rd $1
O Jenison 1 and 2; Ralph Jenison 3.
Champion Sow—Ribbon
Wm. Hembd

SPOTTED POLAND—BOARS

Class A—
1 yr. or over, 1st $5; 2nd $3; 3rd $1
No entries

Class B—
Under 1yr., 1st $5; 2nd $3; 3rd $1
Ed. Bailey 1; Roy Jenison 2; Jake Henn 3.
Champion Boar—Ribbon
Ed. Bailey

SPOTTED POLAND—SOWS

Class A—
1 yr. or over, 1st $5; 2nd $3; 3rd $1
Ed. Bailey 1; Roy Jenison 2; Joe Sampson 3

Class B—
Under 1yr., 1st $5; 2nd $3; 3rd $1
Roy Jenison 1, 2 and 3.
Champion Sow—Ribbon
Ed. Bailey.

CHESTER WHITE—BOARS

Class A—
1 yr. or over, 1st $5; 2nd $3; 3rd $1
No entries

Class B—
Under 1yr., 1st $5; 2nd $3; 3rd $1
No entries

CHESTER WHITE—SOWS

Class A—
1 yr. or over, 1st $5; 2nd $3; 3rd $1
Henry Groen 1 prize and 2 ribbon

Class B—
Under 1yr., 1st $5; 2nd $3; 3rd $1
Will Boelman 1 and 2; Henry Schulte 3.
Champion Sow—Ribbon
Will Boelman

HAMPSHIRE—BOARS

Class A—
1 yr. or over, 1st $5; 2nd $3; 3rd $1
No entries

Class B—
Under 1yr., 1st $5; 2nd $3; 3rd $1
J. B. Spitler

HAMPSHIRE—SOWS

Class A—
1 yr. or over, 1st $5; 2nd $3; 3rd $1
Earl Martin 1 and champion

Class B—
Under 1yr., 1st $5; 2nd $3; 3rd $1
J. B. Spitler 1 and 2; Jake Henn 3.

Grand Championship Boar—Ribbon
Silas Sampson
Grand Championship Sow—Ribbon
Geo. Thompson

DOMESTIC SCIENCE

BREAD—Baked in individual pans,
White—1st. 50c; 2nd. 35c.
Mrs. Guy Baker 1; Mrs. Hugh Whitten 2.
Brown—1st. 50c; 2nd. 35c.
Mrs. R. A. Rankins 1; Mrs. W. P Riley 2.
Nut—1st. 50c; 2nd. 35c.
Mrs. R. A Rankins 1.

CAKE—
Angel Food, uniced:
1st. 75c; 2nd. 50c.
Beatrice Barry 1; Mrs Geo. Thompson 2.
White Loaf, boiled icing:
1st. 75c; 2nd. 50c.
Mrs. Murphy.
Devils Food, iced:
1st. 75c; 2nd. 50c.
Mrs. Ed. Haupt 1; Mrs. John Sloan 2.

COOKIES—
1 dozen white sugar:
1st. 35c; 2nd. 25c.
Mrs. A. C. Lieuwen 1; Mrs. Bert Jenison 2
1 dozen ginger:
1st. 35c; 2nd. 25c.
Mrs. M. D. Sullivan 1; Mrs. Geo T. Johnson 2.
1 dozen oatmeal drop:
1st. 35c; 2nd. 25c.
Mrs. R. A. Rankins 1; Mrs. Edwin Haupt 2

DOUGHNUTS—
1 dozen soda or baking powder:
1st. 35c; 2nd. 25c.
Mrs. Menno Frohling 1; Mrs. Ralph Christie 2.
1 dozen raised:
1st. 35c; 2nd. 25c.
Mrs. Hugh Whitten 1.

PIES—
Apples—1st. 50c; 2nd. 35c.
Mrs. Earl Martin 1; Mrs. Wm. Guest, Jr., 2.
Mince—1st. 50c; 2nd. 35c.
Mrs. Earl Martin 1.
Pumpkin—1st. 50c; 2nd. 35c.
Mrs. Earl Martin 1; Mrs. Hugh Whitten 2

CANDY—
Fudge—1st. 50c; 2nd. 35c.
Mrs. Herman Schultz 1; Ethel Hedges 2.
Divinity—1st. 50c; 2nd. 35c.
Mrs. H. H. Hawley 1.
Penoche—1st. 50c; 2nd. 35c.
Beatrice Barry 1; Mrs Ralph Christie 2.
Marshmallows—1st. 50c; 2nd. 35c.
Mrs. Hawley 1; Mrs. Herman Schultz 2.

CHEESE—
1 qt. Cottage, seasoned:
1st. 50c; 2nd. 35c.
Mr. Jennings 1; Mrs. Ralph Christie 2.
1 pound Cream:
1st. 50c; 2nd. 35c.
Mrs. Jake Henn 1.

CANNED GOODS—
First: Collection of 15 varieties, consisting of any kinds of fruit, vegetables, pickles, preserves, jellies—
1st. prize $5.00; 2nd. prize $3.00
Mrs. Jake Henn 1; Mrs. Menno Frohling 2
Second: Collection consisting of 10 varieties—
1st. prize $3.00; 2nd. prize $2.00
Beatrice Barry 1; Mrs. O. D. Jenison 2.
Third: Collection consisting of 5 varieties—
1st. prize $2.00; 2nd. prize $1.00
Mrs. O. D. Jenison 1; Mrs. M D. Sullivan 2

NEEDLEWORK—
Crochet—
Doily—1st. 50c; 2nd. 35c.
Mrs Bertha Allen 1; Mrs. Glenn Baker 2.
Collar—1st. 50c; 2nd. 35c.
Mrs. Bertha Allen 1.
Edging, 1 yard or more:
1st. 50c; 2nd. 35c.
Mrs. Ralph Christie 1; Mrs. R. A. Rankins 2.
Set of sheet and pillow cases:
1st. 75c; 2nd. 50c.
Mrs. J. J. Flynn 1 Mrs Ralph Christie 2.

TATTING—
Collar—1st. 50c; 2nd. 35c.
Mrs. Bertha Allen
Yoke for undergarment:
1st. 50c; 2nd. 35c.
Mrs. Ralph Forristal 1 and 2.
Edging, 1 yard or more:
1st. 50c; 2nd. 35c.

WHITE EMBROIDERY—
Undergarment or nightgown:
1st. 75c; 2nd. 50c.
Beatrice Barry 1; Mrs. Finch 2.
Baby dress—1st. 75c; 2nd. 50c.
Mrs. Ralph Christie 1.
Lunch cloth—1st. 75c; 2nd. 50c.
Mrs. Bertha Allen 1; Mrs. J. J. Flynn 2.

SEWING—
Practical coverall apron:
1st. 75c; 2nd. 50c.
Mrs.. Ralph Christie 1; Mrs. Menno Frohling 2.
Made over garment:
1st. 75c; 2nd. 50c.
Mrs. H. L. Gowdy 1; Mrs. Rev. Jensen 2.
Romper:
1st. 75c; 2nd. 50c.
Mrs. Rosecrans 1 and 2.
Appliqued bed set:
1st. 75c; 2nd. 50c.
Mrs Flynn 1; Mrs. Finch 2.

GRAINS AND VEGETABLES

CORN

Class A—10 ears yellow
1st 75c, 2nd 50c, 3rd 25c
C. C. Landon 1; E. G. Reed 2; R. R. Reed 3.

Class B—10 ears white,
1st 75c, 2nd 50c, 3rd 25c
John Halfpop 1; Tom Brooks 2; S. A. Anderson 3.

Class C—Single ear yellow
1st 75c, 2nd 50c, 3rd 25c
W. C. Tyrrell 1; John Halfpop 2; R. R. Reed 3.

Class D—Single ear white,
1st 75c, 2nd 50c, 3rd 25c
S. A. Anderson 1; J. F. Henn 2; Tom Brooks 3.

Grand Championship 10 ears —Ribbon
John Halfpop

Grand Championship Single Ear —Ribbon
S. A. Anderson

10 ears pop corn, any variety:
1st 75c, 2nd 50c, 3rd 25c
Duane Jenison 1; John Halfpop 2; J. F. Henn 3.

OATS—EARLY
(Limited to Early Champion, Kershon, Iowa 103, Iowa 105, Iowar, and Green Russian.)

Class A—
Peck..1st 75c, 2nd 50c, 3rd 25c
Earl Martin 1; Mr. Proctor 2; S. A. Bohnning 3.

OATS—LATE
(Limited to Silver Mine, Swedish Select, White Russian, and Golden Oat.)
Peck..1st 75c, 2nd 50c, 3rd 25c
S. A. Bohning 1; O. D. Jenison 2; S. A. Anderson 3.

TIMOTHY

Class A—
Peck..1st 75c, 2nd 50c, 3rd 25c
Geo. Kalkwarf 1.

BARLEY

Class A—
Peck..1st 75c, 2nd 50c, 3rd 25c
Gearhart Sandman 1; Earl Martin 2; R. W Halfpop 3.

RYE

Class A—
Peck..1st 75c, 2nd 50c, 3rd 25c
J. F. Henn 1; no 2 or 3.

POTATOES

Class A—
Early, peck 1st 75c, 2nd 50c, 3rd 25c
O. D. Jenison 1; J. J. Sloan 2.

Class B—
Late, peck 1st 75c, 2nd 50c, 3rd 25c
J. J Sloan 1; J. F. Henn 2; Aug. Rabe 3.

FORAGE CROPS

Class A—Bundle, hay any kind
1st 75c, 2nd 50c, 3rd 25c
Wm. Hembd 1; Wayne Pond 2; A. C. Hinman 3.

Class B—Bundle, alfalfa
1st 75c, 2nd 50c, 3rd 25c
E. G. Reed 1; Ralph Christie 2; Ira Christie 3.

POULTRY

AMERICAN BREEDS
(A trio must be shown—1 cockerel and 2 pullets.)

Barred Rocks—
1st $1, 2nd 50c, 3rd 25c
Henry Groen 1; M. J. Kernan 2; 3 disqualified.

White Rocks—
1st $1, 2nd 50c, 3rd 25c
J. E. Pfaltzgraff 1; Ira Christie 2; May Guest 3.

Buff Rocks—
1st $1, 2nd 50c, 3rd 25c
Disqualified

White Wyndotte—
1st $1, 2nd 50c, 3rd 25c
Wm. Eiler 1; A. C. Lieuwen 2; no 3rd.

Rhode Island Reds—
1st $1, 2nd 50c, 3rd 25c
Geo. Thompson 1; A. C. Hinman 2; no 3rd.

ASIATIC BREEDS

Light Brahma—
1st $1, 2nd 50c, 3rd 25c
No entries

Black Langshan—
1st $1, 2nd 50c, 3rd 25c
John Engh 1; T A. Davenport 2; no 3rd.

MEDITERRANEAN BREEDS

White Leghorn—
1st $1, 2nd 50c, 3rd 25c
No entries

Brown Leghorn—
1st $1, 2nd 50c, 3rd 25c
Mrs. C. F. Hedges 1; 2nd disqualified; no 3

Anconas—
1st $1, 2nd 50c, 3rd 25c
J. Sloan 1; P. J Bamford 2; Guy Baker 3

DUCKS
(A pair must be shown)

Pekins—
1st $1, 2nd 50c, 3rd 25c
Ira Christie 1; Mrs. C. F. Hedges 2; no 3.

Rouen—
1st $1, 2nd 50c, 3rd 25c
Frank Christie 1; 2nd disqualified; no 3.

Muscovy—
1st $1, 2nd 50c, 3rd 25c
P. J. Bamford 1, 2, 3.

GEESE
(A pair must be shown)

Toulouse—
1st $1, 2nd 50c, 3rd 25c
G. M. Strahorn 1; Henry Groen 2; Ira Christie 3

TURKEYS
(A pair must be shown)

White Holland—
1st $1, 2nd 50c, 3rd 25c
Ira Christie 1; Frank Christie 2; I. Oppedal 3.

Bronze—
1st $1, 2nd 50c, 3rd 25c
No entries

Bourbon Red—
1st $1, 2nd 50c, 3rd 25c
One entry—disqualified.

CAPONS
(Single bird to be shown.)
1st $1.50, 2nd $1, 3rd 50c
Wm. Eiler 1; Wm. Eiler 2; Leo Riley 3.

BOYS AND GIRLS POULTRY CLUB

Best trio 1st $1.50, 2nd$1, 3rd 50c
Willie Henn 1; Leola Jenison 2; George Tiara 3.

Best cockerel 1st $1.50 2nd $1 3rd 50c
Willie Henn 1; Leola Jenison 2; George Tiara 3.

Best pullet, 1st. $1.50, 2nd. $1, 3rd .50
Leola Jenison 1; Willie Henn 2; George Tiara 3.

PROFESSIONAL CLASS

WHITE WYANDOTTE—G. M. Strahorn 1; E. R. Harris 2.

RHODE ISLAND RED—Mrs. E. C Haupt 1st.

BLACK LANGSHAN—Chas. L. Richards 1 and 2.

LIGHT BRAHMAS—L. S. Reed 1, E. R. Ballou 2.

BUFF ORPINGTONS—J C. Simon 1; J. B. Sheffield 2.

WHITE ORPINGTON—Harry Tague 1 and 2.

SWEEPSTAKES TRIO—Harry Tague, by White Orpington.

December 1921
Car and Truck Sales
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December 1922
Car and Truck Sales
105,799

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FARM BUREAU NOTES

Successful Show at Rowan

The two day short course or agricultural exhibit which was held at Rowan, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, January 16 and 17, proved to be a most interesting and instructive occasion for the people of Rowan and the surrounding community. Both days were crammed full of valuable information in the form of lectures and demonstrations by the different specialists which were engaged for this course.

One of the interesting features of the first day's program was the junior live stock judging contest which was conducted by the Wright county agent in co-operation with County Agent Hamilton of Franklin county. Twenty-six boys from Wright and Franklin counties were enrolled in this judging contest, including boys from Rowan, Clarion, Dows, Galt, Alexander, Hampton, Goldfield, Belmond. and Latimer The boys were required to judge one class each of horse, cattle, hogs and sheep, also one class of corn and were graded on the basis of fifty per cent for placing and fifty per cent on reasons. The judging brought out some keen competition and indicated to the two county agents where judging material may be found for next year's work. This junior judging contest created considerable interest among the live stock breeders and it is thought that such a judging conest is very practical from the standpoint of a fram boy who should be able to know good live stock when he sees it. Out of a possible five hundred points for correct placings and reasons, the ranking of the contestants is as follows:

1st, Lester Olson, Alexander, 424 points.
2nd, Fred Moellering, Rowan, 417 points.
3rd, Edward Campbell, Clarion, 406 points.
4th, Lewis Schomberg, Alexander, 401 points.
5th, Harold Moellering, Rowan, 392 points.
6th Duane Bingham, Rowan, 386 points.

Miss Florence Imlay from the extension department at Ames conducted the exhibit of ladies' fancy work, cooking, sewing, and so forth at the Congregational church. The ladies of the Rowan community surely brought out some very fine exhibits in this department of the short course. The showing which was made in this department of the exhibit surely indicates that the ladies of the community are very necessary in holding a successful short course in any community. The ladies in charge of this department of the exhibit as well as those who showed their products should be congratulated upon the splendid showing which was made at Rowan. Miss Imlay gave a very interesting address on Tuesday afternoon and succeeded in holding the interest of the ladies present for about one hour and a half. Her address was very interesting as well as practical and to the point. Miss Imlay's work was highly pleasing especially because of the personal interest which she seemed to take in the ladies who were present.

The poultry exhibit which was held in connection with the Rowan short course was a great success from the standpoint of the number of entries recorded and the high class poultry which came from all parts of Wright and Franklin counties. E. R. Ballou, of Rowan, poultry association, was in charge of this department of the Rowan short course and succeeded in providing suitable pens for all exhibitors. The boys' and girls' poultry club exhibit proved to be an interesting feature of this department of the short course. There were about 15 or 20 entries in the Junior Poultry club department, with entries from Eagle Grove, Clarion, Belmond, Goldfield, Alexander, Dows, Hampton, and Rowan. The winnings in the Junior Poultry club department are as follows:

Pullets

1st, William Henn, Belmond.
2nd, Thelma Streveler, Rowan.
3rd, Earl Mickelson, Clarion.

Cockerels

1st, Tillie Henn, Belmond.
2nd, Earl Mickelson, Clarion.
3rd, Earl Mickelson, Clarion.

Trio

1st, Earl Mickelson, Clarion.
2nd, Tillie Henn, Belmond.
3rd, Earl Mickelson, Clarion.

Professor W. H. Lapp of the extension department at Ames, judged the poultry exhibit and gave a very interesting lecture on poultry and poultry problems in the afternoon of the first day, at the moving picture show. Professor Lapp is considered one of the best authorities in Iowa on poultry problems and he surely gave out some valuable points at the Rowan exhibit on poultry work

The outstanding feature of the Rowan short course was the splendid exhibit of live stock from a territory immediately surrounding the town. The showing which was made in the live stock department very clearly indicates the quality live stock which may be found in the eastern part of Wright county, also the intense interest which has been created for good live stock in this community. Every breeder who exhibited at this short course (and breeders from Hampton, Clarion Dows, Belmond, Galt, Alexander, and Rowan were showing) was highly pleased with the live stock exhibit. This exhibit of some of the best live stock of Wright county will no doubt, be a great advertisement for Rowan and its live stock pavilion. Professor E. L. Quaife judged all live stock in this department and judging from some of the reports. Mr. Quaife was highly satisfactory to all breeders who exhibited. The interesting part of Mr. Quaife's work was, he not only judged the animals but he actually pointed out the good points as well as the faults, in comparing the different animals. The instruction given out by Mr. Quaife will no doubt, be long remembered by the breeders of Wright and Franklin counties.

The afternoon of the second day of the short course was spent in finishing up the judging of the live stock exhibits, also a lecture from Professor E. E. Quaife on animal husbandry. Professor Quaife is a keen wide-awake fellow who is a good judge of live stock and the Rowan people were very fortunate in securing the services of such a good judge. He seemed to fit in nicely at this exhibit and surely proved his ability to judge good live stock. Professor F. G. Churchill had charge of the farm crops exhibit in the same building where the poultry was shown. Some splendid samples of corn, oats and other small grains were brought out and shown in classes when the competition was quite keen. Professor Churchill gave a fine address on farm crops, in the stock pavilion, following the lecture by Mr. Quaife on live stock. Mr. Churchill brought out many points of interest in connection with the planting, cultivating, and harvesting of soy beans, alfalfa and Hubam clover.

Hog Cholera Vaccination School Valuable

The school of insturction for the use of hog cholera serum and virus which was held in the court room of Clarion last Thursday and Friday, January 18 and 19, was attended by about fifty farmers from different parts of Wright county.

Twenty-six men who were presnt at the meeting made application for the permits to use the hog cholera serum and virus and took examinations on the work on Friday afternoon.

Dr. J. S. Craft, extension veterinarian from Ames, was in charge of this school of instruction and conducted the work in a way which was very interesting and instructive. Dr. Craft lectlred to the men all day Thursday on the diseases of hogs and gave out valuable information on the diagnois and treatment for these diseases. On Friday morning a post-mortem examination was held over four or five diseased pigs in an effort to discover what disease was affecting them. In all cases it was found that the pigs were affected by parasites only.

Belmond and Woolstock Short Courses

The Belmond short course which has been planned and organized for the past year or more is being held this week and the people of that community are living up to their old record of holding a very interesting agricultural exhibit at that place.

We understand that over four hundred dollars in cash premiums is being offered for the best exhibit in the various classes. This short course has been in the proces of making for over a year and with the spirit of cooperation which exists in the Belmond community, this should be the most successful exhibit of its kind ever held in Belmond.

A meeting was held in Woolstock last Saturday afternoon, January 20, for the purpose of planning and organizing a short course for Woolstock and surrounding territory and now the short course has been assured.

Representative committee members were present from Wall Lake, Woolstock, and Troy townships of Wright county, also from two townships of Hamilton county. The county agent from both Wright and Hamilton counties were present and assisted with the meeting. It has been planned to hold a two day short course, February 15 and 17. Arrangements have been made or Professor Hauser to judge the grain and farm crops, Professor W. H. Lapp, the poultry exhibit, Professor Beanblossom the live stock exhibit and each one of these specialists will give a lecture on his particular subject. It has been planned to have the lectures on the different subjects held in Woolstock and have the live stock exhibit in town also All farmers in the vicinity of Woolstock are urged to begin preparing their grain and live stock exhibits to show at this mid-winter agricultural exhibit which is scheduled for February 15 and 16.

Interesting Socials Held

An interesting community social was held at the Wall Lake Center school house last Tuesday evening when the regular monthly Wall Lake township farm bureau was held. R. E. Mosher, newly elected director of that township, was in charge of the meeting which consisted of a lively program by the local school and several special musical numbers. The county agent was present and gave an interesting short talk on the activities of the organization and explained briefly the plans for the Woolstock short course and urged all members to be thinking and planning for this occasion.

The Merle Peck home, east of Clarion, was the scene of a lively community social last Friday evening when their farm home was packed by their friends and neighbors who had gathered to give them a farewell party as Mr. and Mrs. Peck are moving out of Wright county and out of the state next month. A short talk was given by the county agent in which he gave a brief report of the state convention of the Iowa Farm Bureau federation and an explanation of the boys' and girls' club work. Rev. H. L. Lewis of the Christian church of Clarion was present and gave an interesting address on community organization. While Rev. Lewis is not a farmer, his address would indicate he has lived in an agricultural community where the cooperative buying and selling agencies have been developed quite extensively. This address was followed by refreshments being served by the ladies of Grant township.

CODE REVISION IS STARTED

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Assembly, hence members must serve on a number of committees. Usually two or three important committee assignments are given a member along with several unimportant ones, and with these he can keep just as busy and work just as hard as he wishes to during the entire session. or he can evade his responsiblities and do nothing at all. He has no boss.

Senate Chairmanships

Lieutenant-Governor Hammill is conceded to have done a very nice job of matching up the working committees of the Senate. He gave the chief chairmanships to strong members whose interests are shown, and he balanced up the membership of large committees with opposing forces so that legislation will be at least fairly treated by them. He made four of theleading and powerful committees so large this year that a unanimous report from any one of them will carry a bill through the Senate. These are Ways and Means, Appropriations, Agriculture and Highways. The chairmanships were announced as follows:

Ways and Means—Senator Smith of Madison county.

Appropriations—Senator Stoddard of Woodbury county.

Agriculture—Senator Buser of Muscatine county.

Judiciary No. 1—Senator Reed of Howard county.

Judiciary No. 2—Senator Brookhart of Washington county.

Highways—Senator Holdoegel of Calhoun county.

Educational Institutions—Senator Mantz of Audubon county.

Railroad—Senator Adams of Kossuth.

Public Utilities—Senator Hale of Jones.

Elections—Senator Wichman of Hancock.

Cities and Towns—Senator Haskell of Linn.

Insurance—Senator Scott of Marshall.

County and Township Affairs—Senator Ethel of Davis.

Fish and Game—Senator Mead of Butler.

Dairy and Food—Senator Nelson of Cass.

Drainage—Senator Caldwell of Mahaska.

Labor—Senator Thurston of Clark.

Mines and Mining—Senator Johnston of Lucas.

Board of Control—Senator Kimberly of Scott.

Public Health—Senator Newberry of Clayton.

Banks—Senator Fulton of Jefferson.

Public Health—Senator Price of monroe.

Intemperance—Senator Tuck of Taylor.

Telegraph and Telephone—Senator Campbell of Ida.

Departmental Affairs—Senator Cessna of Poweshiek.

Claims—Senator Baird of Pottawattamie.

Pharmacy—Senator Shane of Wapello.

Horticulture and Forestry—Senator Browne of Jackson.

Conservation—Senator Brookins of Floyd.

Military Affairs—Senator Abben of Lyon.

Printing—Senator Banta, Delaware.

Corporations—Senator Perkins, of Sac.

Manufactures—Senator Bergman, Jasper.

Motor Vehicles—Senator Slosson, of Worth.

Enrolled Bills—Senator Gilchrist, Buena Vista.

Rules—Senator Bowman of Blackhawk.

Senator members R. and R.—H. C. White, Benton; Horchem, Smith, Reed and Stoddard.

House Committee Chairmen

Speaker Anderson of the House finally got his committees shaped up and announced last Tuesday also. The House by resolution eliminated a few committees appointed in other sessions, and limited the size of many others. This tends to efficiency and speed. In the past so many members have been named on the appropriations, ways and means and agriculture committees had to wait for want of a quorum. The Speaker's assignments of chairmanships was as follows:

Agriculture—Brady of O'Brien.

Animal Industry—Children of Pottawattamie.

Appropriations—Hauge of Polk.

Banks and Banking—Donhowe of Story.

Board of Control—Lake of Woodbury.

Private Corporations—Doolittle of Delaware.

Public Health—Elliott of Scott.

Public Lands and Buildings—Long of Jefferson.

Public Utilities—Blake of Fayette.

Railroads—Rankin of Lee.

Roads and Highways—Edson of

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Griesy's Store News

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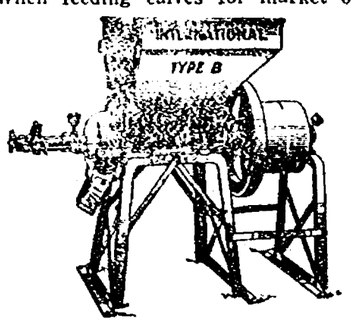
Digestible Calf Feed

The feeding requirements of a calf deserves a good deal of study. Every man who feeds stock knows that when feeding whole corn or oats a large portion of it is not digested. When feeding calves for market or



as an addition to your herd, you cannot reasonably expect them to develope quickly if their digestive organs fail to absorb the nutrition in 12 to 26 per cent of the wasted feed. The wise farmer feeds ground corn and grain made with a McCormick-Deering Feed Grinder. He saves this 26 per cent waste. He raises better calves and a better herd. And this McCormick-Deering Feed Grinder pays for itself in a very short time. Why can't you, too, have this profit-making machine? It's easy to get, because you can buy it from us.

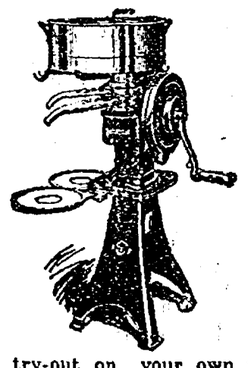
Many a wife without an aim hits her husband just the same!

We want to congratulate every winner at the Short Course, both in Belmond and at Rowan. Such events as the Short Course tend to make better grain and better stock for the man who farms, and hereby make him more money. We're for them, and mighty glad to help in any way to make one a success.

Both the winter days and womens' skirts are now getting longer.

Come In And Give It A Spin

We've got one of those new Ball-Bearing Primrose Cream Separators on the floor here. The crank is waiting for you to grab ahold of it. Come in and give it a spin! Listen to the smooth sing as the bowl speeds up! You'll think you're turning a much smaller capacity machine—it turns so easily. The Ball Bearings make the difference. You'll like the Primrose once you try your hand at it—and you'll like it even better after a try-out on your own place. Don't be content with anything else—the Primrose gives you large capacity, minimum friction and wear, slow easy turning, and long life. Come in and give it a trial.



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These two offerings will be sold the same afternoon, in the same pavilion, and the hog sale starts promptly at one o'clock p. m.

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MESERVEY SECTION

Thursday, February 1, 1923

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On this day we shall be glad to have any De Laval user bring his complete separator to our store for a thorough and careful inspection and adjustment, which will be made free of charge. Should any parts, due to unusual wear or accident, need to be replaced, this will be done, the only charge being for the price of the new parts used. ***No charge*** will be made for the service.

A De Laval representative will be with us to assist with this work. Bring in your De Laval Separator that day and receive the benefit of his advice on the care and operation of the machine, as well as the free service. It is our wish, and that of the De Laval Company, that every user of a De Laval Separator get the maximum of service at the minimum of cost, and we therefore urge you to avail yourself of this free and useful service.

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Harm Groen returned last Friday from a short trip to Minneapolis where he had been to attend the lumberman convention.

Presiding Elder Brecher of Le Mars conducted Quarterly Conference at the Hartwig church last Friday evening.

The Helping Hand society met at the home of Mrs. Chas Ziemen last Thursday for their regular meeting A goodly number were present, and all report a pleasant time. Refreshments were served after the business meeting.

Dr. F. S. Agler was a Mason City caller the fore part of last week.

Grandma Wickersheim was reported quite ill several days last week.

Henry Frey is again able to perform his duties as janitor at the school house, and everything running smoothly once more.

Mrs. T. S. Hulsebus was on the sick list several days last week.

Mr. and Mr. Carl Olson were in Mason City the fore part of last week.

Mr. Franz Buege, wife and three children arrived here last Thursday from Ohligs, Rhineland, Germany and intend to make this their future home. Mr. Buege is a nephew of Mrs. Frank Hafferman and the family intend to work for Elmer Hafferman the coming season. They had a pleasant voyage over, and we welcome them to our country wishing them health and prosperity and trust they may soon feel at home amid the new environments.

Mrs. Ernest Echoff, Hanka Barkema, Miss Lily Barkema and Andrew Faburg were Mason City callers last Monday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gruis were Belmond callers last Monday p. m.

Misses Viola and Evelyn Thomas and Oliver Sprau were Mason City visitors last Saturday.

Mr. Frank Hafferman was a motor passenger to Mason City last Monday.

Mrs. Robert Enabnit of Clear Lake was visiting relatives here from Thursday of last week until the first part of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boughton returned to their home in Webster City last Monday after spending a fortnight at the L. B. Hulsebus home.

Mrs. H. F Reif had dental work done at Mason City on Wednesday of last week.

Wm. Waak was a county seat visitor last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Young and son Bobby of Mason City visited a few days at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Luke Wessels. They departed Monday for Rowan to visit relatives there for a few days.

Bert Stattlander and family of Latimer accompanied by Miss Fannie and Carl Witte of Parkersburg spent last Sunday with Mrs. H. Meinderts and Jennie.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hafferman had for guests last Sunday mother Hartwig, Albert and Mrs. Hartwig, and Miss Lucile of Thornton, Ed. Hartwig and family, Elmer Hafferman and wife, Albert Hartwig and Heiko Janssen and family.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Regular weekly announcements.
Sabbath school 9:45 a. m..
Morning worship 10:45 a. m.
Prayer meeting (German) 2:00 p. m. Wednesday.
Class meeting (English) 7:39 p. m. Thursday, followed by choir rehearsal. Teachers training 7:30 p. m. Friday. Caticetical instruction 2 p. m. Saturday. Sunday evening services as usual.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Mennenga, of Palsville visited at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Boelman, last Monday.

Dr. F. S. Agler was a Mason City caller last Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Prelipp is still quite ill, her condition remaining about the same.

Misses Hawthorne and Andersen were Mason City visitors for the week end.

Don't fail to hear the "Bugtown Band," a specialty number to be given at the movie program on Friday eve, January 26th.

For Sale—Large type Poland China gilts, some of them will weigh 350 pounds. Bred to farrow in March, April, and May.—Jacob Nissen, Meservey. 10tfc.

MESERVEY SCHOOL NOTES

3rd and 4th Grades

John Van Osten has been absent from school nearly all week because of illness.

Ethel Bier and Wilbert Frey were absent from school Friday.

Tillie Rieckens, Leona Prilipp, Norman Muller, Ivadel Wickersheim, Naomi Schlesselman, Thara Sprau, Phyllis Agler, and Marvia Lauen had perfect spelling all last week.

Mrs. Proost visited our room Friday afternoon.

The second row of the Fourth grade gave a short program Friday afternoon after recess. The program consisted of solos, recitation, stories and songs by the school.

The next regular "movie" will be given January 26th and will consist of the following program: Anne Boleyn—3 reels; He couldn't get up in the morning 1 reel; Queen of the Waves 2 reels; The story of Anna Boleyn is the narrative of a beautiful woman who stands out in the pages of history and romance a dominant figure against a background of court folly, cunning and intrigue. A free will offering will be taken to pay running expenses.

Friday evening a Boy Scout troop was organized at the high school with a membership of seventeen. Mr. Thomas, Scout executive, together with eight scouts from Mason City assisted in examining the candidates and putting them through their "tenderfoot tests".

Thursday evening will be the regular meeting night and the troop will meet at the schoolhouse with J. G. Herbster acting as scout master.

The following compose the new troop: Bernard Brater, Geo. Brater, Arthur Braga, Bernard Butz, Donald Butz, Louis Dirks, Harm Groen, Gerald Janssen, Clarence Pals, Louie Pals, Clarence Paul, Virgil Sprau, Harry Smith, Oliver Sprau, Orvis Schlesselman, Donald Muller, and Mervin Wickersheim.

A short sketch entitled the "Bugtown Band" will be given by local talent at the next "movie".

Wednesday evening the girls and boys basket ball teams played at Goodell. The score of the girls game was 11 to 0 in favor of Goodell while the boys were defeated 12 to 0. These defeats as well as other defeats this season has been due to lack of practice, for both teams have good material in them. If a place could have been secured for regular practice a much better record could have been made.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

To whom it may concern:

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have formed, under the provisions of chap. 122 laws of the Thirty Ninth Assembly of Iowa, a corporation named the Meservey Live Stock Shipping Association, principle place of business at Meservey, Iowa.

The objects of this corporation shall be to buy, sell, ship, handle, and market the live stock and other farm products for its members cooperatively. All live stock producers are eligible for membership by paying the membership fee of $1.00, and each member is entitled to one vote in all meetings. The corporate period began January 11 1923 and ends January 11, 1948.

Management shall consist of a board of five directors, divided into two classes. The first class shall consist of three directors who shall hold office until the annual election in 1925, and the second class shall consist of two directors who shall hold office until the annual election in 1924. At each annual election successors shall be elected to a term of two years. The directors shall at their first meeting elect from their own number a president, a vice president and a secretary-treasurer.

The first class directors are: P. H. Pals, C. F. Ralston, Wm. Waak.

The second class are: Geo Lewis, W F. Butz.

The officers are: Pres, P. H. Pals; Vice Pres. Wm. Waak, Secy-Treas, W. F. Butz.

The first annual meeting shall be held January 2, 1924 and each year thereafter on the first Wednesday in January.

The liabilities of the members for the debts of the association shall be limited to the amount of the membership fee paid, and the association shall have power to borrow money, on a vote of the majority of the directors up to and not over $500.00.

Signed this 3 day of January, 1923 by P. H. Pals, Wm. Waak, W. F. Butz, C. F. Ralston, George Lewis. 104

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THE COUNTRY NEWSPAPER
By Anna Campbell

An hour a week I give to memory,
That's when the old home paper comes to me—
The only link that binds that life to this
And brings back days that I try not to miss.
I read the personals and learn they made
A right smart showing at the Ladies' Aid.
And I can taste again the home-made cake
And spicy cookies mother used to make.
I read with sorrow of the passing on
Of some dear friend I loved in days now gone,
And someone's babe I held upon my knee
Is married now! How old I've grown to be!
I read the ads, and stroll with eager feet
Down that familiar shady wide Main Street;
I see the windows of the Town Bazaar
And nod at folks and ask them how they are.
The paper the newsboy sells each day
Is lots more clever, I am bound to say.
This town's too big for them to pause to tell
That Mrs. Andy Currie's getting well
But just such items I am glad to see
When the home paper comes each week to me.
Across the miles my lonely spirit wends
To chat awhile with older, dearer friends!

Do You Like Black or Green Tea?

Whichever you prefer, we have the tea that will suit you. Teas that make the fragrant, refreshing drink you like. Come in and let us tell you about our Green and Black Teas, in packages. Better still, take a package and try it.

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ROWAN NEWS

Mrs. Archie McCallum and children, of Belmond spent the week end at the home of her sister, Mrs. Will Bingham. They returned home Sunday.

The town basket ball team went to Kanawha Friday night to play the town team of that place. The score stood 37-12 in favor of Kanawha. The return gameis to be played here Tuesday evening.

The Farmer's Union met for their regular meeting Thursday evening. A very nice program was given One feature of it was a debate given Aff. Mrs. Jesse Payton and Mrs. Arthur Hansen, Neg. Mr. John Smith and Mr. Jergenson. The subject was, Resolved; That farm women's work is more streneous than man's The. aff won

Last Thursday Ed Ballou shipped an Airshire bull to Farnum Neb. He received the blue ribbon on him at the short course in Rowan.

R. H. Keith was a Clarion caller Saturday.

There has been a great amount of sickness around Rowan the past week. Mrs. Erickson has been out of the D. W. Whitten store all week on account of the Grippe. Little Ivan Williams has been sick. Effie Olson and Russell Olson have both been on the sick list. Mrs. O. E. Ballou was sick the first of last week. Clara Jane and Johnnie Howell have both had the Grippe and tonsilitis.

Connie Tomkinson has been suffering from blood poisoning in her arm. It is some better

Mrs. John Richards had the misfortune to break a bone in her hand this past week.

Last Thursday evening the Young Ladies Mission Study club met at the home of Miss Stella Emerson. Officers were elected for the coming year as follows: Pres. Stella Emerson, Vice Pres. Esther Emerson, Secretary and treasurer LaVonne Ballou. Alta Allen was the leader for the evening. A delicious luncheon was served by Mrs. Emerson which was enjoyed by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sheldon entertained the teachers at a six o'clock dinner last Thursday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Holliday and the Misses Mohr, Haven and Parks.

A large number of the Rowan people attended the funeral of the late Mr. Joseph Lukens last Tuesday The sympathy of the community are with Mrs. Lukens and the family in the loss they have sustained.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Richards, of Dows, were callers at the M. E. parsonage last Friday. Mr. Richards exchanged pulpits with Mr. Tomkinson last Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Neal of Lake Mills were visitors in town this last week.

The Rev. H.Tomkinson will speak this week in Clarion where special services will be held.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sellars, of Coulter, were visiting with relatives and friends this last week.

The Ladies Aid Societies of the two churches in town did splendidly at the short courses, netting a nice little sum from dinners served.

Reports are out that further radio sets are to be installed in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Loomis of Belmond visited at the V. E. Munson home Tuesday

Mrs. Ina Stumph visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller at Clarion Tuesday.

Mrs. Henry Hansen attended the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Joe Daley, at Hampton, Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. L. A. McCallum and Mrs W. R McCallum attended a W. C. T. U. meeting at Clarion Friday.

Mrs A. A. Williams had the misfortune to fall Friday while feeding her chickens. She broke one bone in her right arm at the wrist and dislocated the other one. She went to Dows Monday and had an X-ray picture taken.

Charlie Bowers was a Dows shopper between trains Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Whitten took Mrs. Kate Conn to Hampton Friday from which place she started for Florida to spend the winter. She will visit in Waterloo and Bryor Okla. enroute to Florida.

The Misses Frances Farren and Stella Emerson were Belmond dental callers Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Floyd Whitten received word last Wednesday that her Grandmother at Hampton was quite seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Esther Andrews was a Clarion caller Friday.

Mrs. Purl Fuller and children, who have been visiting her mother. Mrs. Ida Ryder returned to their home in Grundy Center Thursday. They expect to go west to join Mr. Fuller who is in California. Mr. Fuller's mother is going with them.

Mrs. Milton Brown, of Marengo came Thursday to visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Fowler.

Mrs. Anton Hospaska and daughter, Martha, of Clarion, spent Saturday in Rowan visiting relatives.

Mrs. F. B. Sheldon is on the sick.

Mrs. W. R. McCallum is a delegate to a W. C. T. U. convention at Des Moines this week.

Carl Steffens left Monday noon for Iowa City where he expects to have an operation on his spine. Wm. Shaffer is doing chores for him while he is absent.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Azeltine have bot the residence recently vacated by the J. F. Howell family and expect to move to town in the near future.

Mrs. Logan McBurney, of Popejoy spent a few days at the home of her sister, Mrs. Tice Streveler, the first of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Jennings, of Clarion visited at the parental McCallum home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cady Templeton, of Clarion, spent Sunday at the home of her mother, Mrs. Jennie Rowen. They returned home Monday.

The Rowan Community Short Course, which was held here January 16 and 17 was a decided success. There was a large number of entries in each department.

The ladies exhibit was shown in the class room of the Congregational church. Miss Florence Imlay, of Ames, judged the exhibits explaining why the articles which received the ribbons were worthy of them.

Tuesday afternoon she gave a lecture on milk and it's uses in the Auditorium of the church which was filled to capacity. This was a very instructive lecture in which she showed the value of milk as a food.

There were 241 birds entered in the poultry department. There was great interest shown in these exhibits which was evidenced by the fact that the Star theater was packed Tuesday afternoon at the lecture given by Wm. Lapp, of Ames, who spoke on the Care and Housing of Poultry.

One feature of the Short Course attracting unusual attention was the Junior Judging contest Tuesday. The Wright county judging team, which represented Iowa and won second place at the International Live Stock Exposition at Chicago acted as official judges for this contest and scored 35 contestants in a creditable manner. The contest was won by Lester Olson, of Alexander, with a score of 424 out of a possible 500 points, Fred Moellering, of Rowan, won 2nd with 417 points, Edward Campbell 3rd, with 406 points.

Tuesday evening a very interesting and instructive program was given by the school in the Auditorium, followed by a practical talk on consolidated schools by Prof. C C. Swain of the I. S. T. C. at Cedar Falls.

Wednesday F. G. Churchill, of Ames, judged the farm crops exhibit concluding his work with a talk on Legumes at the Sales Pavilion.

The live stock classes were placed in an efficient manner by E. L. Quaife, of the Extension Service of Ames. The quality and number of exhibits compared favorably with the usual county fair exhibit.

Following is a complete list of the awards given·

SHORT COURSE AWARDS

Home Economics

Apliqued bed spreads: Mrs. D. E. Harris 1st; Miss Marie Hinkley 2nd.

Crocheted bed spread: Mrs. Howard Box 1st; Mrs. M. M. Snyder 2nd.

Silk quilts: Mrs. M. M. Snyder 1st; Mrs. R. E. Aldrich 2nd.

Quilted quilts: Mrs. John Richards 1st; Mrs. J. D. Brooks 2nd.

Apliqued table cloth: Mrs. C. W. Fowler 1st; Mrs. B. P. Hadley 2nd.

Lunch cloth: Miss Elfrieda Whitten 1st; Mrs. R. Rankin 2nd.

Center piece: Mrs. W. H. Whitten 1st; Miss Elfrieda Whitten 2nd.

Dresser scarf: Mrs. R. Rankin 1st; Mrs. Theo. Hansen 2nd.

Crocheted Doily: Miss Nora Shaffer 1st; Mrs. Will Azeltine 2nd.

Hand made baskets: Mrs C. W. Fowler 1st; Mrs. G. Rowen 2nd.

Hand made flowers: Mrs. Minnie Pelley 1st.

Pillow case: Mrs W. H. Whitten 1st; Miss Laura McCallum 2nd.

Quilts: Mrs. O. E. Ballou 1st; Mrs. R. R. Duffy 2nd.

Table cloth: Miss Laura McCallum 1st; Miss Nina Burt 2nd.

Apron: Miss LaVonne Ballou 1st; Miss Laura McCallum 2nd.

Library table scarf: Mrs. Mae Myers 1st; Mrs. C. W. Fowler 2nd.

Towel: Mrs. Theo Hansen 1st; Wool comforter: Mrs. Joe Thomas 1st.

White Bread: Mrs. Geo. Strahorn 1st; Mrs. E. R. Ballou 2nd.

Brown bread: Mrs. Roy Rankin 1st; Mrs. Eddie Haupt 2nd.

White cake: Mrs. Eddie Haupt 1st; Miss Helen Toyne 2nd.

Dark cake: Mrs. Eddie Haupt 1st.

Cookies: Mrs. Frank Toyne 1st; Mrs. Frank Drury 2nd.

Doughnuts: Mrs. Hugh Whitten 1st; Mrs. E. R. Ballou 2nd.

Peaches, canned: Mrs. Streveler 1st; Mrs. Frank Drury 2nd.

Plums, canned: Mrs. Streveler 1st; Mrs. Hugh Whitten 2nd.

Tomatoes: Mrs. Thelma Moellering 1st; Mrs. Streveler 2nd.

Beans: Mrs. Streveler 1st; Mrs. Joe Thomas 2nd.

Poultry

Hamburgs:

Cockerel: C. Moellering 1st, 2nd. Pullet C. Moellering 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

S. C. W. Leghorn: cock; Albert Olson 1st; Earl Mickleson 2nd; hen, Earl Mickleson 1st; Albert Olson 2nd, 3rd; Cockerel: Earl Mickleson 1st, 2nd, 3rd; Pullet: Earl Mickleson 1st, 2nd; Wm. Graepler 3rd.

Ancona: Cock, Chas Peddle 1st; Hen: Chas Peddle 1st, 2nd, 3rd; Cockeral: R. Rossman 1st; Pullet: R. Rossman 1st, 2nd.

Black Minorica: Cockerel: Arthur Emmerson 1st; Pullet: Arthur Emmerson 1st.

White Wyndottes: Hen: E. R. Harris 1st, 2nd; Cockerel; Geo Strahorn 1st; E. R. Harris 2nd, 3rd; Pullet: Geo. Strahorn 1st; Ray Swope 2nd, 3rd.

Buff Orpingtons: Cock: Joe Simons 1st; Hen: A. R. Thorpe 1st; Cockerel: A. R. Thorpe 1st; Joe Simons 2nd, 3rd; Pullet: A. R. Thorpe 1st; Joe Simons 2nd Earl Peyton 3rd.

Black Lanshans: Cock: Chas Richards 1st; Alfred Boyinton 2nd; Hen: Chas. Richards 1st; Cockerel: Chas Richards 1st.

White Orpingtons: Cockerel. Harry Tague 1st; Hen: Harry Tague 1st; Pullet: Harry Tague 1st.

Light Brahmas: Cockerel: Lee Reed 1st, 2nd, 3rd; Pullet: Lee Reed 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

S. C. Rhode Island Reds: Cockerel: Chas Winwood 1st; H. J. C. Box 2nd; Ed Haunt 3rd; Pullet: Ed Haunt 1st; Chas Winwood 2nd; Cockerel: Lester Olson 1st; Ed Haunt 2nd; Pullet: Lester Olson 1st; Ed Haupt 2nd

Partridge Rocks: Hen: S. B. Heath 1st.

B. Plymouth Rocks: Cockerel: O. R. Myers 1st; Hen: O. R. Myers 1st, 2nd.

Guineas: Female: Raymond Aldrich 1st, 2nd, 3rd; Male: Geo. Brooks 1st.

Capons: Alfred Boyington 1st, 2nd.

White Pekin ducks: Al Woods 1st, 2nd.

Rouen ducks: Hen: E. R. Harris 1st; Will Graepler 2nd; Drake: E. R. Harris 1st; Will Graepler 2nd.

Geese: Geo. Strahorn 1st, 2nd.

Farm Crops

Yellow corn: 10 ears: Roy Azeltine 1st; Chas White 2nd; H. A. Flett 3rd; Single ear: Geo. Pritchett 1st; Lester Olson 2nd; Albert Olson 3rd.

White corn: 10 ears: H. H. Flett 1st; C. Moellering 2nd, 3rd; Single ear: H. A. Flett 1st; C. Moellering 2nd, 3rd.

Other than white or yellow, 10 ears: Will Graepler 1st; Frank Toyne 2nd.

Grand Champion 10 ears: H. A. Flett.

Grand Champion single ear: Geo. Pritchett.

Pop corn: C. Moellering 1st; Alfred Boyington 2nd; E. R. Harris 3rd.

Oats: H. A. Flett 1st; Howard Box 2nd.

Apples (late): Frank Toyne 1st; Chas White 2nd; (early): Frank Toyne 1st.

Barley: Howard Box 1st.

Potatoes: Chas White 1st; A. E. Emmerson 2nd; Ed Harring 3rd.

Live Stock

Horses, stallion aged: O. R. Myers 1st; Stallion 2 yrs. old:O. R. Myers 1st, 2nd; Mares: Azeltine & Son 1st; O. R. Myers 2nd, 3rd. 4th; Pauls 5th, 6th; Colts: Pauls 1st; Azeltine 2nd; Saddle horses: Toyne 1st; Myers 2nd, 3rd; Shetland ponies Edward Drury 1st; Bernard Stumph 2nd; Kenneth Whitten 3rd.

Lester Olson of Alexander won the Junior judging contest with a score of 424 out of a possible 500. Fred Moellering of Rowan was second with 417 and Edward Campbell of Clarion third with 406.

Cattle: Hereford aged bull: Poyzer & Son 1st; Harring 2nd; 2 yrs old bull: Denby & Sons 1st; Yearling bull: Frank Drury 1st; Thos Ross 2nd; Bull calf: Ross1st; Aged cow Harring 1st; Drury 2nd; Ross 3rd; Heifer: Harring 1st; Ross 2nd; Drury 3rd. Champion bull: Frank Drury. Champion cow: Ed Harring.

ShortHorn aged bull: O. R. Myers 1st; Moellering Bros. 2nd; Yearling bull: Azeltine & Son 1st; Moellering Bros. 2nd, 3rd; Bull calf: Azeltine 1st; Myers 2nd, 3rd; Aged cow Moellering Bros. 1st; Myers 2nd, 3rd; 2 yrs old: Myers 1st, 2nd; Yearling: Myers 1st, 2nd; Calf: Myers 1st, 2nd.

Champion cow: Moellering Bros.

Champion bull: Azeltine & Son.

Best Hereford herd: Harring.

Best Shorthorn herd: Myers

Sweepstakes herd: Harring.

Grand Champion bull any breed: Azeltine & Son.

Grand Champion cow any breed: Moellering Bros.

Dairy Cattle

Guernsey cow: Joe Simons 1st.

Holstein cow: Aldrich 1st; Brooks 2nd; Heifer: Aldrich 1st, 2nd.

Ayrshire bull: E. R. Ballou 1st.

Champion dairy cow: Joe Simons.

Champion dairy bull: E R. Ballou.

Sheep: Ram over 1 yr: Toyne & Son 1st; Ram under 1 yr: Toyne & Son 1st; Ewe over 1 yr: Toyne & Son 1st; Ewe under 1 yr Toyne & Son 1st.

Champion ewe: Toyne & Son.

Champion Ram: Toyne & Son.

Swine: Duroc Jersey sow over 1 yr: Frank Drury 1st, 2nd; Moellering Bros. 3rd; Sow under 1 yr: Will Bingham 1st, 2nd, 3rd; Boar over 1 yr: Moellering Bros 1st.

Champion sow: Frank Drury.

Champion boar: Moellering Bros.

Poland China boar over 1 yr: Sams 1st; Toyne & Son 2nd; Boar under 1 yr: C. B. Tongate 1st; Sow over 1 yr: Sams 1st, 2nd; H. L. Hadley 3rd; Sow under 1 yr: Aldrich 1st, 2nd; Toyne & Son 3rd.

Champion boar: Sams.

Ghampion sow: Aldrich.

Spotted Poland China boar over 1 yr: Rowen Bros 1st; Boar under 1 yr: Rowen Bros 1st; Sow over 1 yr: Rowen Bros 1st; E. R. Harris 2nd; Rowen Bros. 3rd. Sow under 1 yr: E. R. Harris 1st; Heath & Box 2nd; Rowen Bros. 3rd.

Champion boar: Rowen Bros.

Champion sow: E. R. Harris.

ROWAN SCHOOL NOTES

One number of the short course was held in the school auditorium Tuesday evening of last week. A program was given by the grades followed by a lecture on Education given by Prof. Swain. Both the lecture and program was thoroly enjoyed by the large number present.

The basket ball boys play the Goldfield boys at Goldfield Tuesday of this week. The girls have no game with them as Goldfield has no girl's team.

Don't forget the double header to be played here Friday evening. Rowan vs Latimer. You want your team to beat and they want to beat and will. Come and help boost.

The high school and grades pupils having averages of 90 and above were excused from examinations and therefore enjoyed a 2 days vacation last week.

Miss Mohr was entertained at the Hugh Whitten home Sunday.

The Monday morning devotions were conducted by Rev. Halbert. After scripture and prayer he gave a short talk to the pupils.

Ruth and Esther Emerson were absent a half day Monday as their mother was ill.

Beginning with the new semester school will be held until 4 p. m. instead of dismissing at 3:40 as formally done.

Orchestra practice was held at the Keith home Monday evening of this week.

Mrs. Van Horn, the trainor for the Declamatory contest came Monday and training will begin Tuesday of this week.

The subjects given this semester are:

Mr. Holliday—Agricultural, Manual training, General Science, and Physics.

Miss Cowley—Algebra, Arithemtic, 8th grade reading and spelling, English Liteature, Geometry.

Miss Hillyard—Caesar, 8th Penmanship, Domestic Science, Adv. Arithemtic, Civics.

Mrs. Holliday—Penmanship, General History, 8th History, English.

Miss Mohr—Glee club and Orchestra, 8th English, Bookeeping and typewriting, Grade Music, Geography and Physiology.

ALEXANDER NEWS

Carl Bohlen was a business caller at Dows last Thursday.

Mrs. John Larsen of Latimer spent several days last week visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas Winwood and son Kenneth Albert were callers at Hampton Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claas Symens were business callers at Belmond last Tuesday.

Leslie Reed, Chas Winwood and Arthur Winwood were callers at Rowan Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Murphy of Hampton were visitors at Alexander last Wednesday

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Ostendorf are the happy parents of a fine baby boy, which came to their home Friday, January 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. Claas Symens were Hampton callers last Thursday.

Miss Gertrude Berninghausen of Hanlantown spent the week end with friends at this place.

Bennett Koeman and family of near Meservey were visitors at the Henry Schulte Sr., home, last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Finkle and daughter Leona and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Veeder and daughter Virginia Ruth of Hampton were Sunday visitors at the Fred Larsen home.

Bennie Arends is recovering nicely from his attack of Scarlet Fever.

Edd Piel was a caller at Belmond last Monday.

Peter Bohlen has been under the Doctors care for the past week.

Henry Schulte was a business caller at Waterloo last week.

Mrs. George Blau who has been seriously ill for the past two months is reported to be about the same which her many friends are sorry to learn.

Mrs Dick Stoffer was a caller at Belmond Monday.

Dick Vken of Kanawha came last Saturday for a visit with friends at Alexander.

Mrs. Dick Stoffer has resigned her position as clerk in the W. P. Aldinger store and has taken up the work at the telephone office. Miss Ella Beemen is the new clerk in the store.

Mrs. Otto Kieslick has spent the past week in Hampton caring for her mother, Mrs. J. F. Douglass who has been sick.

The Cemetery society will meet at the home of Mrs Fred Dunn, Thursday p. m. February 1. Hostesses will be Mrs. Latham, Mrs Wm. Reed, Mrs Geo Peck, Mrs. Fred Dunn. All members are requested to be present, and a good attendance is desired

Henry SchulteSr. was at Waterloo last week attending a meeting of school officials.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frohling of Belmond were guests at the Henry Schulte, Sr., home on Friday night.

GOODELL NEWS

Mrs. S. S. Matson left January 16th for an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Mildred Stacy, of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Last Wednesday, J. J. Cook was in Garner having dental work done.

Last week Miss Alva Matson visited friends south of Belmond.

Ed. Mellem of Frost, Minn. was on our streets a few days last week.

Henning Sandberg of Iowa Falls spent the week end with his parents.

Mrs. Bush of Mason City who lived east of town a number of years ago was visiting, Mrs. Wm. Allaben last week.

Mrs. Robbert McNutt visited friends near Belmond last Friday.

Miss Hill drove to Clarion on Thursday night to be present at the Clarion-Belmond debate, as her brother was on one of the teams.

Wm. Beier received his new Ford coupe last week.

Mrs. White is still very poorly and is confined to her room.

Master Loyd Cunningham is improving rapidly and will soon be out.

Thursday evening Mrs. O. Nelson and daughter Helen returned from a visit with parents at Decorah.

Mrs. Frank Clark is critically ill and was taken to the Hampton Hospital on Saturday night.

Prof. O. Nelson acted as one of the judges on the Belmond-Clarion debate held at Belmond last Thursday night.

Martin Grover is here looking after his farm interest.

Mr. Tierney, editor of the Garner Leader was in town last Tuesday on business.

The North Avery Progressive club will hold their next meeting at the home of W. L. Sherwood on Thursday, January, 25. The program promises to be of much interest as it will be along the line of the early history of Iowa.

January 17 was a day of victory for the basket ball teams of the Goodell high school. The boys defeated the Meservey boys 11 to 0, and the Goodell girls' score was 12 and Meservey 0. Carl Cashman made most of the baskets for the boys and Miss Edith Halfpop has the honor of making the baskets for our girls. This victory has encouraged the team.

Harold Smith and family of Belmond called at the T. R. Burgess home on Sunday.

Carl Sandberg is spending a few day with his brother, Henning, at Iowa Falls.

U. B. CHURCH NOTES

January 21 was observed as Near East Relief day. The offering was $13.80. If others wish to contribute to this needy cause they may hand their offering to the pastor and it will be forwarded to the proper persons.

The Ladies Aid will be held at the home of Mrs. Stella Diegers January 31. Mrs. Deiger and Mrs. Wesenberg will entertain. In case the weather is bad or the roads bad they will entertain at Mrs. Wesenberg's home. All are invited whether members or not.

The Sunday School expects a library this week from the State library commission. You will be privileged to take out one book for two weeks at a time.

Remember that the Sunday School meets at 9:45 every Sunday morning. Come and bring some one with you.

Preaching at 11:00 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting at the parsonage this week on Wednesday night at 7:30.

You will find a welcome to all these services.

Pastor H. T. Miller.

NAIL HAMPTON BOOTLEGGER

Hampton Chronicle.—Guy Moore, whose name is already famous in Franklin county as the greatest booze manufacturer and bootlegger ever captured in the county, is once more in the hands of the law. Moore was arrested before daylight last Thursday morning over in Morgan township near Dows, by Deputy Sheriff A. P. Millett and Detective C. W. Wood. of the Burns Detective Agency in Chicago, for complicity in passing a check for $1,600 on a spurious bank which was represented as existing at Northwood, Iowa in a big booze deal in Chicago on December 9, 1922..

Moore in company with one Joe Beyer, of Des Moines, and a third party, whose name and residence are not known and who was really the guilty man in passing the check, were making a deal for booze with a bootlegger in Chicago and the third party offered a cashier's check on a Northwood, Iowa, bank, which did not exist, in payment for the booze. The bootlegger would not accept the check because he did not know any of the three men well enough to be sure that they were not "financial" crooks. Beyer then suggested getting the endorsement of one A. S. Kirhart, living in the Brevoort Hotel, a former Des Moines saloon keeper, who was known to the bootlegger. The men then went to Kirhart and in securing his endorsement Moore stated that he had seen the third party purchase the certified check at the bank in Northwood. As a matter of fact Moore and the other man had driven thru Northwood from Albert Lea, Minnesota, where Moore is now living, on their way to Chicago after the booze, and the third man had requested Moore to stop at Northwood while he went into the bank on business. Moore now claims the man did go into some bank and was gone for several minutes and that shortly after they had left Northwood the man howed him the cashier's check for $1,600.

The check was returned within a week or two and Kirhart turned it over to his bankers and they gave it to the American Bankers Association, who in turn handed it to the Burns Detective Agency with the instructions that they get the man who passed it. The case was assigned to Wood and he immediately went to Des Moines where he located Beyer and found that Beyer was ready and anxious to help locate Moore, "the guy who double-crossed me" as Beyer put it.

Wood and Bever went to Albert Lea but found that Moore was not at home. However, they learned that he was over at Dows, or in that neighborhood so they immediately went to Dows, Moore's former "place of business," and there they found that no one had seen Moore, but that he was "due" there almost any time. It wasn't long before they had a line on Moore and on Thursday morning, about 4:00 o'clock, Deputy Sheriff A. P. Millett, Wood and Beyer armed with a warrant for the arrest of a fugitive from justice, pulled him out of bed at the John Jacobsen home in Morgan township, about two miles east of Dows, and brot him to Hampton for a hearing.

Moore had his preliminary hearing before Judge D. W. Parks on January 5th. Judge Parks fixed Moore's bonds at $2,500 and he could not raise the necessary amount for his release so he remained in the county jail until last Tuesday when he was taken back to Chicago by Special Agent McCormick, sent here from Chicago. All efforts to make Moore talk and give information concerning the third party in the booze tranaction were in vain, but McCormick was sure that Moore would tell all he knew about the matter when he was given the third degree in Chicago.

INJURED BY DYNAMITE

Chas. Sargent, one of the contractors n a gravel pit near Garner was very badly injured in a dynamite explosion recently, when a charge prematurely exploded. Sargent with some of his men, had placed a stick of dynamite to loosen the gravel with about a foot and a half of fuse attached to the explosive. Using a blow torch to light the fuse, he applied it. It did not seem to burn and Sargent again applied the torch. The fuse, however, had ignited at the first trial and as Sargent bent down to make the second attempt, the charge went off. His face was blown full of gravel and rock, one eye was entirely blown out, and his head and face so badly torn that he was nearly unrecognizable. He was rushed to Garner where he was given first aid, and then taken to a hospital at Mason City where he is in a very critical condition. It is hoped to save one eye, but if he lives he will be scarred for life. It is generally thought that he was careless, as he is experienced in handling explosives.

A woman's idea of a mean husband is one who refuses to talk back.

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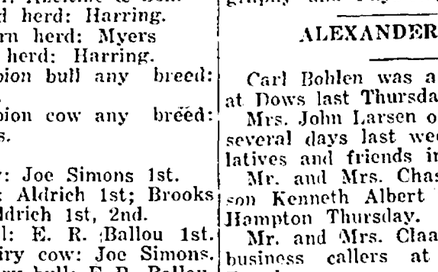

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE PETITION

DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO.195.

To L. H. Sorenson estate, Mrs. L. H. Sorenson, Anna Marie Sorenson, Jennetta Sorenson, James Peter Sorenson, Ellen D. Sorenson, and Clara M. Sorenson, Nels O. Stockseth, Willard J. Morse, Allen B. Morse estate, Anna B. Morse, Marion Morse Davis, Lucy Morse Yates, Allen Henry Morse and Dan J Morse, Frank J. Davenport, E. F. King, Walter S. Pritchard, Chris Sampson, Hans Teigland estate, Julia Teigland, Oscar C. Teigland, Hannah A. Teigland, O. Alvin Teigland, and Hattie G. Teigland, W. J. McLaughlin, Minneapolis and St. Louis Railway right of way, owners of land affected within the proposed drainage district, to J. R. Christie, township clerk of Belmond township, and to all occupants of said lands and to T. H. Coble, the Prudential Insurance company of America, Wright county (Judgment for costs) The Bankers Life company, Marion Morse Davis and Lucy Morse Yates, John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance company, Ellsworth and Jones, Incorporated, James Kenefick, C. A. Church, John Dorenkamp, J. A. Daniels, Belmond Lumber company, Webster City Savings Bank, State of Iowa, The Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Alexander P. McGregor and Laura A. McGregor, Lienholders or incumbrancers of the lands through which, adjacent to or abutting upon which the proposed drain extends and to any others claiming any right, title or interest in said lands, viz: S½ SW¼, Section 22, and E½ NW¼, Section 27, W½ NE¼, W½ NW¼, Section 27, and E½ NE¼ & SW¼ NE¼ Section 28, W½ SW¼ Section 27, and SE¼ Section 28, E½ SW¼, W½ SE¼, Section 27, NW¼ NE¼ Section 34 NE¼ of NE¼, Section 33, SW¼ NE¼ & W½ SE¼, N½ NW¼ & SE¼ NW¼, SW¼, Section 34, all in township 93, Range 24, Wright county, Iowa, including township roads in Belmond township, within the boundaries of said drainage district.

For a more complete description of land and lines determining the boundary of said drainage district you are hereby referred to the plat and report of the engineer, which plat and report are on file in the office of the county auditor and the same are hereby referred to and made a part of this notice.

You and each of you are hereby notified that a petition signed by Ole Thompson authorized agent for all of the heirs of the Louis Sorenson estate, and, Mrs. Kate Sorenson, owners of land whose land will be affected by and assessed for the expense of the proposed improvement has been filed in the auditor's office asking the Board of Supervisors to order the above mentioned land drained in accordance with Chapter 2, Title 10 of the Code of Iowa, and all other laws of said State amendatory or additional thereto on the grounds that said lands or a part thereof are subject to overflow, too wet for cultivation and the public health, convenience and welfare will be promoted by draining said land and bond was duly filed and approved as by law provided.

And you and each of you are hereby further notified that the engineer appointed has surveyed, platted and made a return recommending the establishment of a drainage district and the ditches and drains be located and constructed on the herein above mentioned lands at an estimated cost of $9146.93.

The course of the ditches as recommended by the engineer is as follows:

Main Drain, commences at a point in East and West half section line 760 feet east of Section line North and South, section 27-93-24, running thence in a southeasterly direction and terminating at a point 100 feet East and 33 feet North of South-West corner of SW of SE of section 34-93-24.

Laterals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, supplements the Main Drain, and Lateral 1 is supplemented by Lateral A. and B.

The course and size of said ditches and drains are fully shown on the plat, profile and report of the engineer on file in the Auditor's office at Clarion, Iowa, and the same are hereby referred to and made a part of this notice.

You and each of you are hereby notified that said petition and the matter in relation to the report of the engineer will come on for hearing before the Board of Supervisors of Wright county, Iowa, at a session of said Board to be held at the court house in Clarion, Iowa, at 10:00 a. m. on the 16th day of February 1923.

You are hereby notified that at any time prior to the establishment of the district the plan may be amended and as amended by conclusive unless appealed from as provided by law.

You and each of you are hereby further notified that all objections or claims for damages on account of the location and construction of the proposed ditches and drains must be filed in the County Auditor's office at Clarion, Iowa, at least five (5) days before the day set for hearing and if such claims are not filed the district will be established and said described lands drained as by law provided and you and each of you will be held to have waived your rights to any claim for damages on account of the drainage here in proposed. Claimants must file claims in writing, provided, however, that it shall not be necessary to file claims covering the value of land to be apportioned for the right of way for construction of the proposed drain.

You and each of you will therefore take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Witness my hand and official seal this 11th day of January, 1923.

F. W. Walker, County Auditor.
SEAL

CODE REVISION IS STARTED

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Buena Vista.
Building and Loan—Olson of Clinton.
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Dairy and Food—Criswell of Boone
Departmental Affairs—Sampson of Audubon.
Drainage—Parsons of Calhoun.
Elections—Graham of Wapello.
Insurance—Garber of Floyd.
Judiciary—Clark of Linn.
Labor—Ulsted of Wright.
Military—Yenter of Johnston.
Motor Vehicles and Transportation—McClune of Mahaska.
Municipal Corporations—Forsling of Woodbury.
Pharmacy—Grimwood of Jones.
Printing—Harrison of Pottawattamie.
Schools and Text-books—Carter of Hardin.
State Educational Institutions.—Healy of Hancock.
Suppression of Intemperance—Bradley of Poweshiek.
Telephone, Telegraph and Express—Held of Plymouth.
Ways and Means—Moen of Lyon.
Retrenchment and Reform (Permanent Committe)—Moen, Clark, Hauge, O'Donnell, Cole.

Ready for Code Revision

There was an amusing skirmish in both House and Senate after the committees were announced, with Code revision the innocent bystander and suffering the consequence. While possibly a majority of both houses believe it impossible to complete the revision of the Code of Iowa at this regular session, and while some members absolutely refused to vote to consider doing such a thing, still a large majority of the House proved to be in favor of at least trying to do the job, and taking the governor's word that it can be accomplished or that he will call a special session later to complete the work if an honest attempt is made to reise the Code at this session even though a special session costs $150,000. Representative Children of Pottawattamie county led the opposition to adoption of the Code revision committee's report favoring an attempt to do the work, and Representative McClune of Mahaska county made a fight for adoption of the report and going ahead with the Code revision. The latter was sustained by a vote of 78 to 20.

In the meatime the Senate had been marking time awaiting the House action. When the verdict of the farmer-ruled House came so strong for work on the Code there was the amusing political play to square things. Senator Price of Monroe county had been filibustering against any action whatever, and held the Senate till 6:15 Tuesday evening with a speech. That night he sought a compromise, however and it came in the adoption of a Senate rule providing that until February 1st only Code revision commission bills shall be considered first and after that time general legislative business shall have preference.

Spend Day Reading Titles

Under the constitution the complete titles to all "bills or acts" must be read three times in each house. Twice these titles are read before the bills are ready to be referred to committees. On their third and final reading the whole bill is read and is placed on its passage to become a law or be killed. Reading of the titles commenced Thursday afternoon in both House and Senate and the hufdrum voice of the reading clerk soothed the law-makers to sleep or failed to interrupt them at other work until Friday noon.

Code revision bills are numbered from 1 to 262. Regular session bills take their numbers from 263 on up to the limit. Code bills are largely for consolidation of numerous laws scattered all through the various Codes and Code Supplements for years. Their redrafting thus might cause some changes in existing laws and on final adoption such bills may be amended in either house to make a complete change or partical change in any law. Thus every interest in Iowa, is involved in this Code revision, and every interest is repesented in the General Assembly or by special representatives on the floor or in the lobbies. There is a mighty chance for slick work and sculduggery, and the members all know it They are watching each other and everybody during the revision ordeal. There will be many a scrap over little details, and many a slip in consequence.

Regular Bills Numerous

In both House and Senate the regular bills offered since theopening of the session were all read on Thursday. These numbered up to 25 in the Senate and to forty in the House, and covered many very important propositions.

Possibly the greatest bill proposed is that offered by Senator Caldwell of Mahaska county providing for a two cent per gallon tax on gasoline purchased within this state. Men learned in figures say this law if passed will yield around seven million dollars per year revenue to the state. Senator Caldwell has designed the bill to provide for paving trunk highways across the state as fast as the funds will do it. About five such trunk lines may thus cross the state each way. A part—25 per cent— of the present primary road money is to go to secondary roads and some of it to township roads so that they may be kept in good condition. It is provided also that gasoline to be used for agricultural purpose shall not bear the tax.

A reduction in present automobile license fees will doubtless follow if this bill is finally passed.

An extra number of the Caldwell bill was ordered printed so that it may be sent to interested parties all over the state.

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The BLIND MAN'S EYES

BY

WILLIAM MacHARG & EDWIN BALMER

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Gabriel Warden, Seattle capitalist, tells his butler he is expecting a caller, to be admitted without question. He informs his wife of danger that threatens him if he pursues a course he considers the only honorable one. Warden leaves the house in his car and meets a man whom he takes into the machine. When the car returns home, Warden is found dead, murdered, and alone. The caller, a young man, has been at Warden's house, but leaves unobserved.

CHAPTER II.—Bob Connery, conductor, receives orders to hold train for a party. Five men and a girl board the train. The father of the girl, Mr. Dorne, is the person for whom the train was held. Philip D. Eaton, a young man, also boarded the train. Dorne tells his daughter and his secretary, Don Avery, to find out what they can concerning him.

CHAPTER III.—The two make Eaton's acquaintance. The train is stopped by snowdrifts.

CHAPTER IV.—Eaton receives a telegram addressed to Lawrence Hillward, which he claims. It warns him he is being followed.

"When did you get this?" Eaton asked, looking out.

"Just now. That message came through yesterday some time and was waiting for you at Simons; when we got them this morning they sent it on."

"I see; thanks." Eaton, assured that if the conductor had seen anything he suspected no significance in what he saw, closed his curtains and buttoned them carefully. The conductor moved on. Eaton took a small English-Chinese pocket dictionary from his vest pocket and opened it under cover of the blanket; counting five words up from "thicket" he found "they"; five down from "knot" gave him "know"; six up from "youngster" was "you"; six down from "omniscient" was "one;" seven up from "issue" was "is;" and so continuing, he translated the words to:

"They know you. One is following. Leave train instantly."

Eaton, nervous and jerky, as he completed the first six words, laughed as he compiled the final three. "Leave train instantly!" The humor of that advice in his present situation, as he looked out the window at the solid bank of snow, appealed to him. A waiter from the dining car came back, announcing the first call for breakfast, and spurred him into action. Passengers from the Pullman at the rear passed Eaton's section for the diner. He heard Harriet Dorne's voice in some quiet conventional remark to the man who followed her. Eaton started at it; then he dressed swiftly and hurried into the now deserted washroom and then on to breakfast.

Harriet Dorne was sitting facing the door at the second of the larger tables; opposite her, and with his back to Eaton, sat Donald Avery. A third place was laid beside the girl, as though they expected Dorne to join them; but they had begun their fruit without waiting. The girl glanced up as Eaton halted in the doorway; her blue eyes brightened with a look part friendliness, part purpose. "Oh, Mr. Eaton," she smiled, "wouldn't you like to sit with us? I

"Mr. Eaton," She Smiled, "Wouldn't You Like to Sit With Us?"

don't think Father is coming to breakfast now; and if he does, of course there's still room."

She pulled back the chair beside her enticingly; and Eaton accepted it.

"Good morning, Mr. Avery," he said to Miss Dorne's companion formally as he sat down, and the man across the table murmured something perforce.

As Eaton ordered his breakfast, he appreciated for the first time that his coming had interrupted a conversation—or rather a sort of monologue of complaint on the part of Standish addressed impersonally to Avery.

They engaged in conversation as they breakfasted—a conversation in which Avery took almost no part, though Miss Dorne tried openly to draw him in; then the sudden entrance of Connery, followed closely by a stout, brusque man who belonged to the rear Pullman, took Eaton's attention and hers.

"Which is him?" the man with Connery demanded loudly.

Connery checked him, but pointed at the same time to Eaton.

"That's him, is it?" the other man said. "Then go ahead."

Eaton observed that Avery, who had turned in his seat, was watching this diversion on the part of the conductor with interest. Connery stopped beside Eaton's seat.

"You took a telegram for Lawrence Hillward this morning," he asserted.

"Yes."

"Why?"

"Because it was mine, or meant for me, as I said at the time. My name is Eaton; but Mr. Hillward expected to make this trip with me."

The stout man with the conductor forced himself forward.

"That's pretty good, but not quite good enough!" he charged. "Conductor, get that telegram for me!"

Eaton got up, controlling himself under the insult of the other's manner.

"What business is it of yours?" he demanded.

"What business? Why, only that I'm Lawrence Hillward—that's all, my friend! What are you up to, anyway? Lawrence Hillward traveling with you! I never set eyes on you until I saw you on this train; and you take my telegram!" The charge was made loudly and distinctly; every one in the dining car—Eaton could not see every one, but he knew it was so—had put down fork or cup or spoon and was staring at him. "What did you do it for? What did you want with it?" the stout man blared on. "Did you think I wasn't on the train? What?"

Eaton felt he was paling as he faced the blustering smaller man. He realized that the passengers he could see—those at the smaller tables—already had judged his explanation and found him wanting; the others unquestionably had done the same. Avery was gazing up at him with a sort of contented triumph.

"The telegram was for me, Conductor!" he repeated.

"Get that telegram, Conductor!" the stout man demanded again.

"I suppose," Connery suggested, "you have letters or a card or something, Mr. Eaton, to show your relationship to Lawrence Hillward."

"No, I have not."

Connery gazed from one claimant to the other. "Will you give this gentleman the telegram?" he asked Eaton.

"I will not."

"Then I shall furnish him another copy; it was received here on the train by our express clerk as the operator. I'll go forward and get him another copy."

"That's for you to decide," Eaton said; and as though the matter was closed for him, he resumed his seat. He was aware that, throughout the car the passengers were watching him curiously.

"Are you ready to go back to our car now, Harriet?" Avery inquired when she had finished her breakfast, though Eaton was not yet through.

"Surely there's no hurry about anything today," the girl returned. They waited until Eaton had finished.

"Shall we all go back to the observation car and see if there's a walk down the track or whether it's snowed over?" she said impartially to the two. They went through the Pullmans together.

The first Pullman contained four or five passengers; the next, in which Eaton had his berth, was still empty as they passed through. The next Pullman also, at first glance, seemed to have been deserted in favor of the diner forward or of the club-car farther back. The porter had made up all the berths there also, except one; but someone was still sleeping behind the curtains of Section Three, for a man's hand hung over the aisle. It was a gentleman's hand, with long, well-formed fingers, sensitive and at the same time strong. That was the berth of Harriet Dorne's father; Eaton was the last of the three to pass, and so the others did not notice his start; but so strong was the fascination of the hand in the aisle that he turned back and gazed at it before going on into the last car. Some eight or ten passengers—men and women—were lounging in the easy-chairs of the observation room; a couple, ulstered and fur-capped, were standing on the platform gazing back from the train.

The canyon through the snowdrifts, bored by the giant rotary plow the night before, was almost filled; drifts of snow eight or ten feet high and, in places, pointing still higher, came up to the rear of the train; the end of the platform itself was buried under three feet of snow; the men standing on the platform could barely look over the higher drifts.

"There's no way from the train in that direction now," Harriet Dorne lamented as she saw this. "What shall we do with ourselves?"

"Cribbage, Harriet? You and I?" Avery invited.

She shook her head. "If we have to play cards, get a fourth and make it auction; but must it be cards? Isn't there some way we can get out for a walk?"

"There's the top of the cars, Miss Dorne," Eaton suggested. "If we could get up these, we'd get a fairly decent walk and see everything."

"Good!" the girl applauded. "How do we get up?"

"I'll see the conductor about it," Eaton offered; and before Avery could discuss it, he started back through the train.

CHAPTER V

The Hand in the Aisle.

The man whose interest in the passenger in Section Three of the last sleeper was most definite and understandable and, therefore, most openly acute, was Conductor Connery. Connery had passed through the Pullman several times during the morning, had seen the hand which hung out into the aisle from between the curtains; but the only definite thought that came to him was that Dorne was a sound sleeper.

Nearly all the passengers had now breakfasted. Connery, therefore, took a seat in the diner, breakfasted leisurely and after finishing, walked back through the train. Dorne by now must be up, and might wish to see the conductor.

As Connery entered the last sleeper his gaze fell on the dial of pointers which, communicating with the push-buttons in the different berths, tell the porter which section is calling him, and he saw that while all the other arrows were pointing upward, the arrow marked "3" was pointing down. Dorne was up, then—for this was the arrow denoting his berth—or at least was awake and had recently rung his bell.

Connery looked in upon the porter, who was cleaning up the washroom.

"Section Three's getting up?" he asked.

"No, Mistah Connery—not yet," the porter answered.

"What did he ring for?" Connery looked to the dial, and the porter came out of the washroom and looked at it also.

"Fo' the lan's sake. I didn't hear no ring, Mistah Connery. It mus' have been when I was out on the platform."

"Answer it, then," Connery directed.

As the negro started to obey, Connery followed him into the open car. He could see over the negro's shoulder the hand sticking out into the aisle, and this time, at sight of it, Connery started violently. If Dorne had rung, he must have moved; a man who is awake does not let his hand hang out in the aisle. Yet the hand had not moved. The long, sensitive fingers fell in precisely the same position as before, stiffly separated a little one from another; they had not changed their position at all.

"Wait!" Connery seized the porter by the arm. "I'll answer it myself."

He dismissed the negro and waited until he had gone. He looked about and assured himself that the car, except for himself and the man lying behind the curtains of Section Three, was empty. Walking briskly as though he were carelessly passing up the aisle, he brushed hard against the hand and looked back, exclaiming an apology for his carelessness.

The hand fell back heavily, inertly, and resumed its former position and hung as white and lifeless as before. No response to the apology came from behind the curtains; the man in the berth had not roused. Connery rushed back to the curtains and touched the hand with his fingers. It was cold! He seized the hand and felt it all over; then, gasping, he parted the curtains and looked into the berth. He stared; his breath whistled out; his shoulders jerked, and he drew back, instinctively pressing his two clenched hands against his chest and the pocket which held President Jarvis' order.

The man in the berth was lying on his right side facing the aisle; the left side of his face was thus exposed; and it had been crushed in by a violent blow from some heavy weapon which, too blunt to cut the skin and bring blood, had fractured the cheekbone and bludgeoned the temple. The proof of murderous violence was so plain that the conductor, as he saw the face in the light, recoiled with staring eyes, white with horror.

He looked up and down the aisle to assure himself that no one had entered the car during his examination; then he carefully drew the curtains together again, and hurried to the forward end of the car, where he had left the porter.

"Lock the rear door of the car," he commanded. "Then come back here."

He gave the negro the keys, and himself waited to prevent anyone from entering the car at his end. Looking through the glass of the door, he saw the young man Eaton standing in the vestibule of the car next ahead. Connery hesitated; then he opened the door and beckoned Eaton to him.

"Will you go forward, please," he requested, "and see if there isn't a doctor—"

"You mean the man with red hair in my car?" Eaton inquired.

"That's the one."

Eaton started off without asking any questions. The porter, having locked the rear door of the car, returned and gave Connery back the keys. Connery still waited, until Eaton returned with the red-haired man. He let them in and locked the door behind them.

"You are a doctor?" Connery questioned the red-haired man.

"I am a surgeon; yes."

"That's what's wanted. Doctor—"

"My name is Sinclair. I am Douglas Sinclair of Chicago."

Connery nodded. "I have heard of you." He turned then to Eaton. "Do you know where the gentleman is who belongs to Mr. Dorne's party?—Avery, I believe his name is."

"He is in the observation car," Eaton answered.

"Will you go and get him? The car-door is locked. The porter will let you in and out. Something serious has happened here—to Mr. Dorne. Get Mr. Avery, if you can, without alarming Mr. Dorne's daughter."

Eaton nodded understanding and followed the porter, who, taking the keys again from the conductor, let him out at the rear door of the car and reclosed the door behind him. Eaton went on into the observation car.

Without alarming Harriet Dorne, he got Avery away and out of the car.

"Is it something wrong with Mr. Dorne?" Donald Avery demanded as Eaton drew back to let Avery precede him into the open part of the car.

"So the conductor says."

Avery hurried forward toward the berth where Connery was standing beside the surgeon. Connery turned toward him.

"I sent for you, sir, because you are the companion of the man who had this berth."

Avery pushed past him, and leaped forward as he looked past the surgeon. "What has happened to Mr. Dorne?"

"You see him as we found him, sir."

"You See Him as We Found Him, Sir."

Connery stared down nervously beside him.

Avery leaned inside the curtains and recoiled. "He's been murdered!"

"It looks so, Mr. Avery. Yes; if he's dead, he's certainly been murdered," Connery agreed. "You can tell"—Connery avoided mention of President Jarvis' name—"tell anyone who asks you, Mr. Avery, that you saw him just as he was found."

He looked down again at the form in the berth, and Avery's gaze followed his; then, abruptly, it turned away. Avery stood clinging to the curtain, his eyes darting from one to another of the three men.

"Will you start your examination now, Doctor Sinclair?" Connery suggested.

The surgeon, before examining the man in the berth more closely, lifted the shades from the windows. Everything about the berth was in place, undisturbed; except for the mark of the savage blow on the side of the man's head, there was no evidence of anything unusual. It was self-evident that, whatever had been the motives of the attack, robbery was not one; whoever had struck had done no more than reach in and deliver his murderous blow; then he had gone on.

Sinclair made first an examination of the head; completing this, he unbuttoned the pajamas upon the chest, loosened them at the waist and prepared to make his examination of the body.

"How long has he been dead?" Connery asked.

"He is not dead yet. Life is still present," Sinclair answered guardedly. "Whether he will live or ever regain consciousness is another question."

"One you can't answer?"

"The blow, as you can see"—Sinclair touched the man's face with his deft finger-tips—"fell mostly on the cheek and temple. The cheekbone is fractured. He is in a complete state of coma; and there may be some fracture of the skull. Of course, there is some concussion of the brain."

Any inference to be drawn from this as to the seriousness of the injuries was plainly beyond Connery. "How long ago was he struck?" he asked.

"Some hours. Since midnight, certainly; and longer ago than five o'clock this morning."

"Could he have revived half an hour ago—say within the hour—enough to have pressed the button and rung the bell from his berth?"

Sinclair straightened and gazed at the conductor curiously. "No, certainly not," he replied. "That is completely impossible. Why did you ask?"

Connery avoided answer. But Avery pushed forward. "What is that? What's that?" he demanded.

"Will you go on with your exami-

Continued next week.

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Belmond Local News

Peter P. Swenson has changed the date of his closing out sale from the 20th of February to the 21th of February, owing to another sale having been advertised on the 20th. Watch for full particulars later.

Highest market price for ear corn. —W. C. Tyrrell, Jr. 93

The recent experiments of the Townsan Bros. in listening to Dallas, Texas, with an inside aerial, induced ye editor to try it. We took the Battery-station Idependent set home Saturday evening and hooked it up to the window screen. A dozen different code stations were heard and one man talking. The latter, however, was not clear. We then hooked the set to a door-bell wire running around the room, and using the stove as a ground listened to the Ft. Dodge Ames, Davenport, Minneapolis and Kansas City stations giving concerts. We tried the clothes line as an aerial but it wouldn't work. The radio bug is working, and the latest victims to his dealy venom are Caorri Smith, Perry Loomis, and Lloyd Skovlin, who are either now enjoying the wild waves or about to listen in.

J. W. Azeltine of Rowan was a visitor at the short course here Tuesday, and attending to some business affairs on the side.

Mrs. Wm. Leonard of Swaledale, came Tuesday for a few days, visit with relatives here.

Guy Toyne of Rowan was a caller here Tuesday, attending the Short Course and looking after business affairs.

Joe Scott has sold his Oakland touring car to Rich Thompson and bought himself a Ford in its place.

Geo. Polmateer has reserved the 13th of February as the date for his big closing out sale. Geo. is going to Canada, where he has a big piece of land. Watch for further particulars on his sale.

Friends in Belmond of Rev. Burress will be glad to learn of his appointment to one of the largest methodist churches in Minneapolis.

M. C. Barry drove to Forest City last week one day to attend the big trial held at that place.

The Independent filed a list for county printing at a recent meeting of the board of supervisors, but due to the fact that Belmond is so close to the edge of the county, and a large part of the circulation is therefore outside the county, we were out of luck. The two Eagle Grove and two Clarion papers were renamed as official papers.

The high school debating teams lost to Clarion last Thursday, the county seat teams winning at both places.

The Rowan Short Course last week was pronounced a fine success, and was attended by large crowds. A complete list of the winners will be found in this issue.

W. E. Bullard, as Trustee, advertises a public sale for Friday, January 26. See the ad in this issue of the Independent.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frohling were guests at the home of Henry Schulte Sr., at Alexander last week Friday.

Sheriff Lang was a business caller in the city last Wednesday.

Co. Atty. Jensen was a caller at Des Moines the first of the week, on some legal affairs.

Joe Scott was a business caller at Des Moines last week a few days.

Col. A. F. Cowley of Rowan was a business caller here on Tuesday.

Henry Schulte Sr. and family, of Alexander, were in town last week Saturday, shopping and attending to business affairs.

Thos. Ross and R. E. Aldrich of Rowan were business callers here last week Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Norem had the misfortune to lose their two-months' old son last week thru lung trouble. The little one had a cold, which rapidl y developed into complications causing its death. Funeral sevices were held Monday with Rev. Wilkinson in charge, and interment made in Franklin Grove cemetery. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the community in their loss.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Landon of Goodell were callers here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Martin returned Monday from Carrol, where they had been visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Sid Martin a few days. The doctor has been quite ill for some time.

Paul Van Buskirk will hold a closing out farm sale on January 31. See his advertisement in this issue of the Independent.

Mrs. C. E. Berghefer and son of Coutler, visited the H. Greenlander and D. Greenlander families, and attended the Short Course this week.

Miss Gladys Forrestal went to Clarion, Tuesday to visit her sister, Mrs. Arthur Lutts.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greenfield of Alexander were business callers in town, Tuesday.

Mrs. Hugh Whitten of Rowan, attended the Short Course Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Haupt, of Rowan were short course visitors, Tuesday.

WANT ADS

Two cents per word first insertion; one cent per word ensuing insertions.

FOR SALE

For Sale—Two houses, with two lots each, $1,500 each. Easy payments.—S. C. Enger, Belmond Iowa. phone 309. 82*

For Sale—10-ft disc in first class condition. Priced to sell. Phone 1506.—Ben Mehus. 101

For Sale—Baby carriage, like new. —phone 236. 82c

Cobs for Sale—$2.50 three box load, delivered.—Geo. Ahlstrom. Phone 1702. 101*

For Sale—Toulouse Geese, hens and ganders, for breeding purposes. Your choice, $2.50.—Mrs. H. L. Ziska, Kanawha, Iowa. 92*

For Sale—Ford touring car in good condition. Price reasonable.—Belmond Tailor Shop.

FOR RENT

For Rent—Two lots and four-room house, basement and garage. $12.50 a month.—S. A. Bohning. 9tfc

WANTED

Wanted—Position on farm, by married man, Address P. O. Box 251. 91*

LOST

Lost—Waterman Fountain pen—Leave at this office. 101*

Lost—A fur robe, imitation buffalo, near the Roy Hyde residence. Finder please return to H. J. Whitten, Rowan, Iowa. 101c

MISCELLANEOUS

Dead animals removed from your premises FREE.—Belmond Rendering Works. Phone 2119. 48tfc

Miss Cecilia Barry attended the concert given by Madame Tillisch at Eagle Grove, Friday evening, and also visited the Misses Kubitschek.

Mr and Mrs. Alvin Haupt of Clarion were visitors in town Tuesday, visiting relatives and attending the short course.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Loomis were guests at the V. E. Munson home at Rowan last week Tuesday.

The M. E. Aid society met at the home of Mrs. I. H. Benson last Thursday, and planned the year's work. Several of the divisions are meeting this week to begin work on their next bazaa.

Mrs. C. J. Boughton, who has been on the sick list the past week, is reported as somewhat improved.

Mr. and Mrs Andrew Lieuwen of near Alexander, were visitors with relatives and at the short course Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Smith were visitors at Goodell, Sunday, at the T. R. Burgess home.

Mrs. Dick Stoffer of Alexander was a caller here on Monday of this week.

Miss Nora Finn is now at Rochester, where she recently underwent a serious operation. She is in a very serious condition, and her relatives were sent for on Monday.

Mrs. Rosecrans, who is at the home her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Barnes at Garner, is still very ill.

Mrs. F. O. Fitts will be hostess to the ladies of the Priscilla club at the meeting next week.

Mrs. H. L. Gowdy will entertain the members of the Womens' Foreign Missionory society on Thursday.

CHANGE IN EXPRESS OFFICE

Joe. S. White last week resigned the express business, and the office has been taken over by Fred Mortimer, the C. G. W agent who now has the office at the depot.

Mrs. E. F. Bailey has been on the sick list the past week,

Osbon Young had the misfortune to fall on the icy walk last Sunday while returning from church striking on the back of his head. He was severely shaken up but is coming nicely.

Mrs. F. J. Tuffree will be hostess next week Monday to the ladies of the Chain of Ten.

Mrs. F. E. Snyder was called to Iowa Falls last week to attend the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Lucretia George. Deceased was one of the pioneers of Franklin county and was 84 years of age. For several years she had been helpless in her chair.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brooks were visitors at Clarion and Fort Dodge last week.

NOTICE FOR BIDS

Bids for position of Township Road Superintendent of Iowa Township will be received at Rowan on or before noon, February 5th, 1923. Hand bids to any of the Trustees, or the clerk.

Geo. O. Pritchett,
102* Township Clerk.

FOR SALE

Two purebred Polled Hereford bulls at my farm 2 miles south and 2 miles east of Meservey.
Heiko Janssen.
103c Thornton Iowa.

Mrs. Geo Thompson of Olaf visited friends here Wednesday

Lost—A Roman stripe silk scarf, and a fancy brown set comb. Finder please return to Mrs. Herman Schultz and receive reward. 101c

Robinson's

Forty Days

From January 15th to March 15th we are going to give you more than your money's worth—in fact a premium on your money. Call at the store and see what we offer for steady customers.

SPECIAL SATURDAY

1 lb. bottle Catsup - - 19c

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Your Repairing

For the month of February we are going to give a discount of 20 per cent on overhaul jobs. Bring in your car and have it completely overhauled, so it will be in first-class condition when spring and summer driving comes. We employ only expert workmen, and guarantee every job.

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You are going to need Tires. Buy them now as the prices of tires are going up. We will give a special discount on all tires bought in January. Come in and get yours now.

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Wednesday, January 31

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5 - Head of Horses - 5

1 BAY HORSE 5 YRS. OLD, WT. 1300
1 BROWN HORSE 7 YRS. OLD, WT. 1450
1 BAY MARE 4 YRS. OLD, WT. 1300
1 BAY MARE 6 YRS. OLD, WT. 1350
1 BROWN HORSE 5 YRS. OLD, WT. 1450

19 - Head of Cattle - 19

1 2-YEAR OLD HEIFER
2 YEARLING STEERS
5 HEAD OF CALVES
11 HEAD OF MILK COWS, SOME FRESH, OTHERS FRESH SOON

52 - Head of Hogs - 52

12 HEAD OF POLAND CHINA SOWS BRED TO THOROBRED HAMPSHIRE BOAR, DUE TO FARROW MAY 1
15 LATE SUMMER PIGS
25 HEAD DUROC JERSEY FALL PIGS

10 PURE BRED WHITE ROCK ROOSTERS—6 BU. REEDS YELLOW DENT SEED CORN—5 TONS TIMOTHY

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1 seeder
1 hay rack
1 triple box
4 horse collars
1 4-section drag
1 Moline spreader
1 Avery corn plow
1 John Deere 8-ft. disc
1 Moline corn plow, new
1 Emerson gang plow 14 in.
1 wagon gear, 3 1-2 in. tire
1 I. C. Case sulky plow, 16 in.,
1 set inch and quarter harness
1 breeching harness, cable trace
1 John Deere Planter with 120 rods of wire
Numerous other articles

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ORGANIZE TO BUILD PAVILION IN BELMOND

Hampton Team Shows Yellow In Game

With Belmond Completely Outclassing Them Hampton Walks Off Floor.

GIRLS LOSE GAME 14 TO 9

The basket ball fans who attended the games last Friday night between Belmond and Hampton, certainly secured full value for their money—even tho they did not see two full games. Despite the severe cold, a large crowd was present. The first game, between the girls' teams of the two towns, was good, altho the Belmond girls were a little outclassed by the Hampton team and went down to defeat by a score of 14 to 9.

The boys' game was where the excitement began, and it was a whale! The game, taken from the beginning to the untimely end, was a beautiful study in colors. To begin with, the Belmond boys showed a speed that was dazzling, and the spectators grew black in the face trying to keep track of the ball. Hampton showed a delicate shade of greeness at the game compared to their opponents. This soon changed to a brighter green of envy which in turn went to white as defeat loomed large. The blue of a lost cause succeeded this, and was in turn replaced by the red of anger at the nerve of the small town hicks. The red gave way to the purple of rage, and the rainbow was then completed with a beautiful, yardwide and glaring shade of yellow, which finished the picture—and the crowd. Outclassed, outplayed, outwitted, his team fast headed for oblivion by the dazzling speed of the Belmond boys, the Hampton coach called his team from the floor after four minutes of play in the second half, and the score 12 to 4 for Belmond. Using a decision of the referee, Fred Ortmeyer of Garner, a disinterested and impartial referee, as an excuse, the coach quit cold while the crowd booed and yelled. A Hampton player, with three personal fouls, deliberately committed the fourth, which put him out of the game. It was the culmination of unnecessary and uncalled for rough play on the part of Hampton during the last half. Seeing certain defeat, they started the rough stuff, with the foregoing result. While it lasted, the game was a whirlwind, beyond question one of the best ever seen in Belmond. The superiority of Belmond was only too apparent. The school team here has a world of speed, head-work galore, while the guarding was almost unbeatable. Belmond had the ball fully four-fifths of the time. It is to be regretted that the game ended as it did, but the Hampton coach should be given full measure for his yellow tactics. It was some game!

SULLIVAN-SLINING

Miss Zona Sullivan of Eagle Grove and Mr. Clarence Slining of Belmond were united in marriage Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock at Webster City. The ceremony took place at the United Brethern parsonage, Rev Fisher officiating.

The bride and groom were attended by the bride's sister, Cleo Sullivan and George Drew of Alexander. The bride wore a coco brown canton crepe dress and carried an arm bouquet of American Beauty roses. The bridesmaid was attired in navy blue canton crepe and wore a black picture hat.

A six o'clock dinner was served at the home of the bride's parents in Eagle Grove.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Sullivan, attended the Eagle Grove high school but on account of illness did not graduate with her class. She was for several years an operator at the Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. exchange.

Mr. Slining is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Slining of Belmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Slining will be at home to their friends after Feb. 15 at Belmond, where the groom is engaged in farming. The many friends extend congratulations to the young couple.—News.

MAKING APPEAL

The Volunteers of America with Midwest Headquarters at 304 Courtney building, Omaha, Nebraska are making an appeal for funds for the relief of the needy. It will interest their many friends to know that the Volunteers of America have in operation 64 philanthropic and benevolent Homes in this country, Homes for homeless and neglected children, hospitals, maternity homes, Emergency Homes for Women, Childrens Day Nursery and prison work. Many families are cared for every winter through their relief department.

DEATH CALLS MANY DURING PAST FEW DAYS

Mrs. W. W. Goetz, Mrs. S. P. Huntington, And Miss Nora Finn Are Called.

MRS W. W. GOETZ

Jessie Blake was born at Clayton, Iowa June 16, 1871 and died at her home in Belmond February, 1, 1923 after a lingering illness of several months.

She received her education in the school of her home town and afterward at the State Teachers College at Cedar Falls. After finishing her course at Cedar Falls she taught school for a number of years until her marriage to W. W. Goetz on June 28, 1905 since which time Belmond has been her home.

Mrs. Goetz was interested in all the affairs of the community and entered heartily into its business, social and religious activities. She was a Past Matron in the Eastern Star Lodge having served in all the offices of the lodge faithfully. She was a member of the Progress and Kensington clubs and did all that she could in the work of each.

In her girlhood she professed faith in Christ and joined the Methodist church and was active in its work. After moving to Belmond she became affiliated with the Congregational church and was a faithful member until death translated her to the membership on high. She served as president of the Missionary Society and was the efficient treasurer of the Ladies Aid society for a number of years.

Mrs. Goetz was a faithful wife and help meet to her husband, a kind neighbor and a loving friend. Besides the husband Mrs. Goetz leaves three brothers and three sisters besides other relatives and many friends who mourn her departure.

Funeral services were held at the Congregational church on Saturday afternoon and were in charge of the pastor, after which the body was laid to rest in our beautiful cemetary on the hill.

CARD OF THANKS

To the many friends who stood by us during the long illness and recent death of Mrs. Goetz, we wish to extend thanks. We appreciate the many favors, the kindly words of sympathy, the volume of flowers, and the whole hearted goodness of our community. The sublime last rites impressed us. Words fail to express our feelings at this time.

Very sincerely,

W. W. Goetz
The Blake Family.

MISS NORA FINN

Miss Nora Finn was born in Pleasant township, Wright county, Iowa, on the 13th day of January, 1876, and died at Rochester, Minnesota, on January 27th, 1923, death being due to pneumonia. She was long a resident of this vicinity, where she was well and favorably known, and she has many friends who will sorely miss her.

Funeral services were held at St. Francis church in Belmond on January 30th, Rev. Father Eardley in charge.

She leaves to mourn her departure, five brothers, David, Thomas, William, John and James, and two sisters, Kate, and Mrs. Anna Courtney. She also leaves an adopted son, William Finn, now 13 years of age.

Among those from out of town who attended the funeral were: Thomas Finn from Jefferson, Iowa; David Finn, of Scranton, Iowa; Thomas Finn and family of Clarion; and Mrs. Harriet from Hampton.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our very high appreciation of the innumerable acts of kindness so cheerfully accorded in the death of our beloved sister, Nora, as well as for the splendid spiritual and floral offerings. Your many acts of sympathy will long be remembered.

David Finn, Thomas Finn, William Finn, John Finn, James Finn, Miss Kate Finn, Mrs. Anna Courtney.

MRS S. P. HUNTINGTON

Lizzie Rowen, daughter of John E. Rowen and Katherine McNutt Rowen was born May 14, 1857 at Horse Grove, near Rowan, Iowa, and died February 4, 1923, at Vermillion, South Dakota. During her childhood she resided in various towns in Iowa, where her father was called. In 1872 she was married to Oscar I. Strong at Pocahontas, Iowa, where she resided until the death of her husband. Two children, Irene May and Rollin Webster, were born to this union, both of whom have passed away.

In 1889 she married Seth P. Huntington of Clarion, Iowa, to which union were born three children, Corrine, Seth, and Ruth. The family moved to Belmond in 1892. Mr. Huntington passing away in 1905. Mrs. Huntington took care of her family, gave them all an education, and assumed the full responsibilities of their growing lives until all three had married and were in their own homes. In 1922 she suffered a breakdown in health, and went to Vermillion to make her home with her daughter, Corrine. Last September she went to Dinsdale, Iowa, to stay with her son, Seth, returning January 25 apparantly in good health. That night she suffered a stroke, and on February 4 passed away.

The remains were brought to Belmond, funeral services being held at the Congregational church, of which she was a member. Rev. Leinbach had charge, and interment was made in Franklin Grove cemetery.

The children surviving are: Corrine Huntington Jackson, Vermillion, S. D; Seth Rowen Huntinton, Dinsdale, Iowa; and Ruth Huntington Williams, Martinsburg, Iowa. Three brothers and four sisters also are left.

SCHULTZ-ENGE

Miss Bernice Schultz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Schultz of Belmond, and Mr. Joseph Arthur Enge of Holmes, were united in marriage on Saturday, January 27 at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. Father Eardly officiating. The ceremony took place at noon, and following a wedding dinner the couple left on a short wedding trip.

The bride is one of Belmond's best known young ladies, and has a host of friends who wish her happiness and prosperity in her new life. The groom is a prosperous young farmer of near Holmes, and will take his bride there this spring. The Independent joins in extending best wishes.

The little baby of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Packard, which has been quite ill with pneumonia, is reported much improved.

COW TESTING ASSC. ABOUT COMPLETED

Twenty-Three Of Necessary 26 Members Already Secured —Success Assured.

Prof. Spencer from the dairy department of the extension service of Ames, spent three days last week in the vicinity of Belmond assisting the county agent and dairy farmers of that community in organizing a cow testing association.

The Belmond Cow testing association has been in the process of organization for the last two months but now the association is about ready to function. Practically all of the necessary twenty-six members were signed up last week and the organization is about ready to act and the tester will begin work as soon as the members of the association get together and elect their officers and directors from their own membership.

As in the case with other testing associations of the state, the work will be carried on by an official cow tester who will spend one afternoon and night with each member of the association. Milk is taken from each cow both morning and evening and is weighed and tested for butter fat contents. The tester computes the monthly record of each cow on this daily record.

The Cow Testing association will be a decided advantage to the farmers of Belmond and the surrounding community because they will be able to locate the poor producing cows and at the same time have a definite record as to the amount of feed consumed by the animal and, in this way, be able to know the cost of production. The dairy production, today, is not so much a matter of increased production as it is a matter of the most economical production.

Friday night and Saturday was about the coldest weather we have had this winter, the mercury going down to 20 below, Saturday morning. A hard wind made it worse. But Iowa cannot complain of the weather this winter, at that.

Mrs. J. F. Howell of Rowan was a caller in town last Friday.

Elect Temporary Officers Thursday

Pavillion Meeting Developes Fine Sentiment Favorabl To Building Here.

MEET TONIGHT CITY HALL

The mass meeting called at the city hall last Thursday evening was attended by a fair sized crowd, but not as many as had been hoped for. Many farmers and business men who were known to favor a pavillion and who had promised to back it, were not present, feeling, no doubt, that they were not needed. This is a mistake, for if this pavillion for Belmond is to go thru, everyone must get behind and push it along.

The meeting was decidedly in favor a pavillion, and those present boosted hard. A temporary organization was formed, with Oscar Jenison as president, C. P. Luick vice president, Cato C. Griesy secretary, and H. F. Luick treausrer. After discussion, it was agreed that par value of shares should be $50, it being felt that this would enable more farmers to come into the organization than if $100 was made par.

Committees were then appointed to look after cites, and arrange for plans and specifications for the building, Cato C. Griesy, Cyril McGuire and John Dorenkamp being the cite committee, and H. F. Luick to look after plans, which he has taken up with the engineering department at Ames. Committees were then named to solicit the town and country, and sound out the sentiment regarding the pavillion among the people. These were:

Belmond town: A. L. Luick, C. O. Fitts; Belmond township: A. E. Martin; Pleasant township: J. F. Barry Norway township: Alvin Erickson; Grant township: E. G. Reed; Meservey; C. P. Luick; Goodell: Frank Quigley; Iowa township: P. Trees.

Another meeting will be held tonight, Thursday, at 8 o'clock, at the city hall at which time the project will be taken up further. The cites committee has some half a dozen locations in view on which they will report. It is expected that Mr. Luick will have the plans from Ames. It is earnestly desired that every farmer and business man interested—and every one should be—be at this meeting. Belmond needs a pavillion, and if the interested people will attend and boost, it will go thru. Do your bit—don't leave it all to a few. If you can't take a share, all well and good—that's your busniess and you know more about it than anyone else—but lend your moral support. Say you are for it. And let there be a larger representation of business men. This is a community project. Get behind it, gentlemen!

DEFENDANT FOUND—?

For the second time the Eagle Grove Times editor has declined the offer of this paper to settle the dispute between the Monitor and the Times. There will be no third attempt as we propose to lay our cards on the table and let the general public render the verdict. As far back as Sept. 1921, we called the Times' attention to the fact that court notes were being taken from the Monitor without proper credit being given to which the editor replied: "I regret very much that court items have been published in the Times without proper credit. Next time we use them will give proper credit." Fair enough. But the promise was soon broken and so were the exchange relations between the two papers. Then the Times editor sends us $2.00 with the resquest that we put him on our list. We declined. Some time later his assistant sent us a check for a subscription, which was returned with thanks. In the meantime the said editor borrowed the Monitor and continued the practice referred to. Then we set a trap for our esteemed contemporary by publishing phoney court cases, which had no fact or foundation. We purposely changed the figures in giving the amounts in several cases. Like a bullhead, the Times editor swallowed the bait, hook, line and sinker, and published these incorrect reports and now has the gall to say that we are accusing him falsely in face of the above letter over his own signature. The plaintiff rests. Come on in brother, the water is fine.—Monitor.

A deal was completed last Thursday whereby E. M. Lathrop purchased the pool and billiard parlors of Alex. Smith, located next to the old Adam Hollman lot, possession being taken at once. Dave Finn is managing the hall for Mr. Lathrop. Ed. recently sold his produce building to Geo. Heginger, and Ed. is too lively to take it easy so bought another business.

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'TIS WELL FOR BELMOND

Says the Garner Leader—We had occasion to visit Belmond Monday evening and spent an hour or so in that splendid little city. We are going to give Belmond credit for being one of the live towns in this section of the state, but for the life of us, we cannot see what the town would ever have done were it not for the contributions that Garner has made to the business fraternity of that city. We found Wallace Ramsay in charge of their local mail dispensary and Fred Shipley, landlord of the principle hotel of that city. They were originally Garner boys. Well to the east end of Main street, we happened into the garage of the Belmond Motor Sales Company, and there we found N. E. Braer, another Garner young man, in charge. We gave this place a very thorough going over and found it to be a modern, up-to-date garage—one of the thriving, going institutions of Belmond, and "Nick" is the boy who makes it what it is. On the south side of the main thoroughfare, quite centrally located, we found a sign "Larson & Son, Meats, Groceries, Provisions." We stopped in and found our old Garner friend Mike Jacobson behind the block, dolled up in linen duster, looking cheerful, well fed and happy. On the "thumb hand side," in the manager's department, we located Northern Iowa's premier meat merchant, "Scoop" Larsen, another hustler who belongs to our town, whom Belmond has annexed. We were shown about this place of business by Mr. Larsen, and we are saying to our readers that we were actually bewildered. The entire sale and display room of this place, and it is spacious has genuine tile floor and magnificent fixtures. A built-in refrigerator about 20x24 feet, cooled by a modern ice machine, built-in smoke house and rendering tanks, stationary grinders, over-head steel track conveyers, those are a few of the modern improvements we found in the rear room. Positively, it is one of the best equiped, most modern miniature packing plants in the state of Iowa. "Scoop's" parents now reside in Belmond, and J. P., the senior member of the firm, delights in making the improvements the fastidious mind of his son, Oscar, suggests. The elder Mr. Larson is by trade a cabinet maker, and has built and installed many of the fixtures about the place. Do not visit Belmond without taking the time to drop into the places we have mentioned, and see for yourself what Garner men are doing for that town. We are giving Belmond a lot of credit. When they steal one of our men, they pick a good one.

MARTHA JANE MORSE-CUTLER

As briefly mentioned last week funeral services for the late Mrs. G. L. Cutler occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. R. Lockwood, after which the remains were taken by auto to Belmond for interment in the family lot.

Martha Jane Morse was born in Michigan nearly seventy-eight years ago, being one of eleven children of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morse. The Morse family came to Wright county in 1866 and located on a 400-acre tract of land near Belmond. At that time this entire country was a vast expanse of prairie land, the early settlers finding homes along the rivers, where fuel was gathered from the timber and fish taken from the streams. Common to others of the pioneer settlers Mrs. Cutler experienced much of frontier life. In August 1868, Martha Morse was united in mariage with George L. Cutler, also a pioneer settler. For a score of years they continued to reside at Belmond, when an official appointment for Mr. Cutler occasioned their removal to the county seat at Clarion in 1887, where he filled the position of county recorder for several years. For more than thirty-five years this city has been their home and during that time the Cutler family became one of the best known among our residents. Mrs. Cutler had a strong personality and was greatly admired by her friends and acquaintances for her many excellent traits of character. Her devotion as wife and mother could not be excelled.

The immediate relatives surviving are: Mrs. E. R. Lockwood of this city, also two brothers and one sister, R. C. and W. J. Morse of Belmond and Mrs. E. S. Hubbard of Durango, Colo. Those from a distance attending the funeral services were Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Devine of Indianola and Miss Mildred Lockwood of Des Moines.—Monitor.

SOCIETY

Banquet—

Last week, Wednesday evening, the Odd Fellows gave a banquet for the Rebekahs in the Odd Fellow hall. Over a hundred members and guests were present to enjoy the banquet and the splendid program given afterwards.

Much credit is due the committee in charge of which Wm. Hembd was the chairman for the success of the evening. Everyone declared it the best time ever held in the Odd Fellows Hall.

The supper was very neatly and nicely served by the men, and greatly enjoyed by all.

On the program were several selections by the male quartette: Wm. Nelson, Harry Nordscow, W. T. Gfeller, Wm. Trafford, accompanied on the piano by Thayne Bailey.

Some very good readings by Mrs. McBurney, Bernitas Wolle, Kathrine Barry, and Esther Dibble. Also a vocal solo by Esther Dibble accompanied by Mrs. Dr. Brown.

Rev. Van Meter who was present was asked to sing, which he did after telling a story and making the quartette line up back of him to help him out, they sang "That Old Goat was too Wise to Die." While everybody roared with laughter. Rev. Van Meter also led the singing of a few war songs and told a few of his experiencies while in the war. To some of the Odd Fellows it seemed like old times to have Rev. Van Meter with them with his jolly, wholesome humor.

Next T. N. Davenport was asked to "sing a little song." This he did and was called back twice, while the audience laughed as they had not laughed for many a day.

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Aid Division—

Mrs. Shaffer's divison of the M. E. Ladies Aid society will meet at the home of Mrs. Joe S. White this (Thursday) afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock.

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Cemetery Aid—

The Cemetery Aid society will meet with Mrs. F. O. Fitts on Friday, February 9th.

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Progress—

The ladies of tse Progress club met at the home of Mrs. Ted Townsan on Tuesday afternoon. The lesson was on the Book of Esther, and was a very interesting study. Mrs. C. I. Williams was the leader. On next Tuesday evening the club will hold their annual party and entertain their husbands at the E. W. Luick home.

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Delphian—

Mrs. W. T. Gfeller entertained the Delphian club Monday evening. The lesson on the period following the Civil War was led by Mrs. C. M. Morse. There were two special numbers, a paper on "The Flag" by Mrs. Herman Schultz, and a talk on the Santa Barbara Mission in California by Mrs. Glenn Klemme. Light refreshments were served by the hostess.

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Chain of Ten—

Mrs. Theo. Wright will entertain the Chain of Ten at their next meeting. The last meeting was held at the home of Mrs. F. J. Tuffree.

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Eastern Star—

Wednesday evening the Eastern Stars met for their regular monthly meeting. The Stars held their funeral services for Mrs. W. W. Goetz at the chuch instead of at the grave on account of the severe weather.

HERE AND THERE

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Martin, Mrs. Matt Barry and the Misses Mae Tracy and Maru Barry, all of Belmond, spent Thursday last at the C. E. Barnes home, visiting Mrs. Rosecrans who has been ill.—Garner Leader.

One little step won't take you far,
You've got to keep on walking;
One little word won't tell it all,
You've got to keep on talking.
One little inch won't make you tall;
You've got to keep on growing,
One little ad won't do it all,
You've got to keep them going.
—Exchange.

Miss Virginia Neuman of Belmond was a week end guest of Miss Anna Mae Aldrich.—Monitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker, of Belmond were here on business Saturday.—Klemme Times.

O. W. Albright, who has been the efficient buttermaker at the local creamery for about two years has resigned to accept a more lucrative position at Hull.—Kanawha Reporter.

Mrs. LuVerne Smith was at Belmond one day this week.—Times.

The Hampton high school building was broken into some time after 10:00 o'clock last Monday night and the building was ransackd from top to bottom.

The theives got away with some change, a gold ring and a Remington portable typewriter from the commercial rooms and a leather traveling bag belonging to Wayne Ferris from the locker room. No other losses have been discovered by the school authorities.

Entrance to the building was made thru a window in the domestic science rooms on the west side of the first floor.—Chronicle.

Mrs. W. I. Rosecrans went to the hospital at Rochester, Minnestota, Monday, where she expects to be operated upon. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Barnes and her niece, Miss Catherine Pritchard. Miss Pritchard is a trained nurse, and has been with her aunt practically all the time during her last sick spell which dates from around the first of the year. Mrs. Rosecrans' many Garner friends hope that she will return from the hospital entirely cured of the trouble which has caused her much pain and suffering for the month past.—Garner Leader.

Mr. and Mrs. Schlichting of Belmond were in Klemme Friday buying furniture of Wellemeyer.—Times.

Two men giving the names of B. Ayers and James Peterson, were arrested the last of the week for shooting prairie chickens on the Grimm farm, which is near the county line and about three miles north of the Pike. A young man who lives on the place heard a shot and saw a big flock of chickens fly away from the vicinity where the men were. He saw them pick up something and put in their car, so he testified in court. He took the number of their car, and from the number, had them arrested. They claimed that they had been over in Floyd county that day, but Justice Herb Reed thought differently from the evidence and assessed them $25 and costs amounting to $10.70 which they paid.—Garner Signal.

We read in one of our exchanges this week that people used to keep their "family skeletons" locked in the home closet, but judging from the present day daily newspapers, they get them all and expose them to the gaping public. This is not saying that the country editor could not do the samething, as the average country printshop has a good supply of "skeletons" on hand most of the time.—Kanawha Reporter.

HOSPITAL SERVICE DOUBLE SINCE 1920

Hospital service for state cases at the University of Iowa has more than doubled since 1920, according to figures just released by President W. A. Jessup. For the year ending July 1, 1920, the total number of state cases was 2,884, while for the half year ending December 31 1922 the total is 2,995, making an estimated total for the current year of about 6,000 cases. As a result the hospital facilities are crowded beyond the limit, and hundreds of persons are on the waiting list.

Service Fostered by Legislature

This service began in 1915 when the Thirty-sixth general assembly enacted the Perkins Law providing hospital and medical care for indigent children. The thirty-seventh General Assembly appropriated funds for the construction of a Children's Hospital, and the Thirty-eight General Assembly enacted the Haskell-Klaus Act extending the same provisions to indigent adults. The latter two acts were passed without a single dissenting vote.

Demands for hospital care at the University has now completely outgrown the accommodations available and a new hospital is regarded as imperative. Forty patients are quartered in dwelling houses and fifty in a wooden shack, with the attendant fire hazards.

Patients from 86 counties Waiting.

On January 15 more than 400 cases from 86 counties of the state were waiting their turn to get in. Some of these patients are in desperate straits and need instant attention.

Following is a report of committed state cases treated at the hospital:
Year ending July 1, 1920 2284
Year ending July 1, 1921.....3394
Year ending July 1, 1922.....4917
Half year ending Dec. 31, 1922..2995

Construction of the new hospital would be a real economy, President Jessup is convinced. It will release the old hospital for conversion into dormitories which are greatly needed. Class-rooms, for which church parlors, store rooms, and temporary wooden buildings are now employed, can be made of other buildings to be superseded by the new medical structures.

The grand two-day opening of the Belmond Furniture Co. last Friday and Saturday, was a huge success, and scores of visitors, both men and women, were entertained and shown thru the store. Cocoa and wafers were served and the ladies presented with a carnation. It is understood that the company plans to make this an annual event.

Ford Magnetos Recharged while you wait.—Belmond Motor Sales.

Every Day
In Every Way
Business Gets
Better and Better

---and that's because we have the Quality and the Price.

We have a complete line of FRESH FISH this week---just arrived.

Free Auto Delivery Service

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Belmond Iowa

As soon as a sick shoemaker is able to work, he's on the mend.

A busy person isn't necessarily industrious. Gossips are always busy.

For Sale!

As I have sold the building and will discontinue the produce business, I will sell the following articles at very low prices:

3 sets Platform Scales
Several Chicken Coops
Warehouse Trucks
Cream Testing Scales, Etc.

E. M. Lathrop
Belmond, Iowa

The Di Giorgio Orchestra

The Next and Last Number of the

LECTURE COURSE

WEDNESDAY, February 14th

6 - PEOPLE - 6

This number is a substitute for the number recently postponed. We are fortunate in obtaining this number, as the company is a still higher priced and higher class number than had been contracted for. If you enjoy high grade instrumental and vocal music, attend this number ---the last and the best!

Single Admission 50 cents

"Let Us Have Faith
That Right Makes Might"

---So Said the Great Emancipator

And so says this bank. It was this moral power, this strength to do that which he knew to be right that gave him immortality. You may not become immortal, but you will gain a large measure of happiness if your life is built upon this same conviction.

Right living means thrifty living, which is nothing more than careful expenditure and wise saving. How much do you save? Start a Savings Account, place in it one-tenth of your salary, and---

WATCH IT GROW!

STATE BANK OF BELMOND

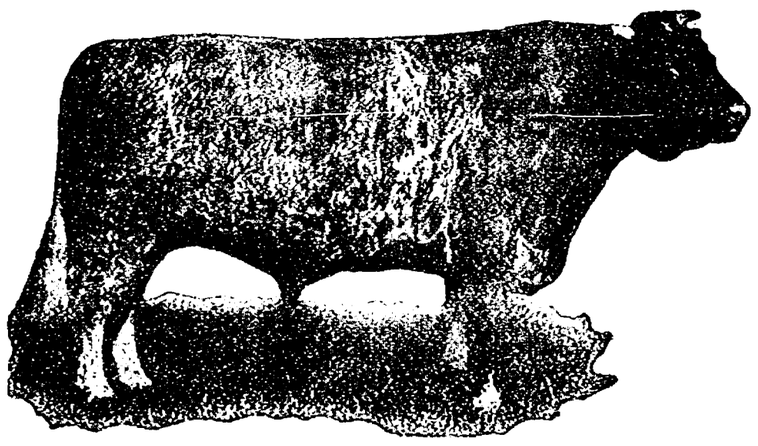
CLOSING OUT SALE!

As I have decided to quit farming, I will sell at Public Auction on the W. C. Tyrrell, Jr. farm, 2 3-4 miles south and 1-2 mile east of Belmond, on

Tuesday, February 13

Commencing Promptly at 10:30 0'clock a. m.

153 - Head of Livestock - 153



67 Head of Cattle

6 HEAD OF YOUNG CALVES. 5 HEAD OF 2-YEAR-OLD HEIFERS.
1 ROAN DURHAM BULL, 2 YEARS OLD NEXT JULY.
10 HEAD OF LAST SPRING CALVES, STEERS AND HEIFERS.
27 HEAD OF LARGE WELL-BRED MILK COWS. A NUMBER NOW FRESH, BALANCE TO BE FRESH SOON.

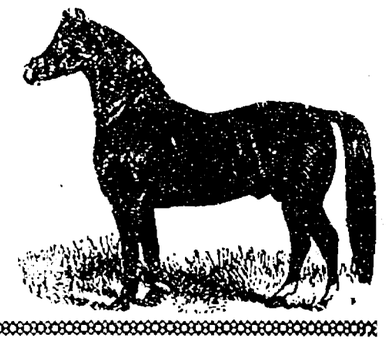
18 - Head of Cattle - 18

Consigned by Chas. Sampson & Son.
6 HEAD OF MILK COWS, TO BE FRESH SOON
12 LAST SPRING CALVES, STEERS AND HEIFERS.
These cattle are to be sold without reserve, as we are going into the full blood line.

12 - Head of Horses and Mules - 12

1 BAY MARE 6 YEARS OLD, WT. 1,550.
1 SORREL GELDING 5 YEARS OLD, WT. 1,500
1 DAPPLE GRAY MARE, 6 YEARS OLD, WT. 1,650.
1 SORREL TEAM 6 YEARS OLD, 1 MARE AND 1 GELDING, WT. 2,700.
1 BLACK TEAM, 1 GELDING, AND 1 MARE IN FOAL, 7 AND 8 YRS. OLD. WT. 3,350.
1 SPAN SORREL MARES, WELL MATCHED, IN FOAL, 6 AND 7 YEARS OLD. WT. 3,200.
3 HEAD OF MULES—1 3-YEAR-OLD, 2 COMING 3. WT. ABOUT 1,200 POUNDS EACH.

THESE HORSES AND MULES ARE ALL SOUND AND AN EXCEPTIONALLY FINE LOT.



74 - Head of Poland China Feeding Hogs - 74

WEIGHING FROM 125 TO 200 POUNDS. A CHOICE LOT.

Farm Machinery, Etc.

1 bob sleigh
1 truck wagon
1 harrow cart
1 single harness
1 4-section harrow
1 single top buggy
1 16-ft. basket rack
1 bicycle grind stone
1 Emerson gang plow
1 John Deere hay rake
1 3-section steel harrow
1 P. & O. beet cultivator
A number of horse collars
1 Success 300-egg incubator
1 P. & O. riding beet lifter
1 Champion mower, 5-ft. cut
1 John Deere 20-wheel disc
1 John Deere 16-wheel disc
2 2-row Bayliff corn plows
1 Independent 5-ft. cut mower
1 John Deere riding corn plow
1 John Deere hand corn sheller
1 frame chicken house, 10x14, new
1 John Deere 16-in. sulky plow
1 Broadcast endgate seeder, new
1 U. S. cream separator, new last spring
5 sets 1 1-2 inch heavy work harness, good as new.
1 Deering binder, new, has not cut over 60 acres.
1 Sattley corn planter, with 160 rods of wire
4 wide tired wagons with triple boxes, one new
A number pairs of extra double trees
Forks, tools, and a hundred other articles.

MUCH OF THIS MACHINERY IS PRACTICALLY AS GOOD AS NEW.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS— All my household goods, including chairs, tables, dishes, rugs, carpets, one new Summit Range, used three months, etc.

6 dozen last spring Hens---White Rocks, White Leghorn and Rhode Island Reds. A few roosters in all three breeds.

About 8 tons of good choice Timothy Hay. 1 good stack of Straw. 1000 bushels of Corn in crib.

FREE LUNCH AT NOON

TERMS OF SALE: All sums of $10 and under, cash; over that amount 12 months' time on approved security at 8 per cent interest. All property to be settled for on day of sale.

STATE BANK OF BELMOND, Clerk
T. D. RANKINS,
A. F. COWLEY, Auctioneers

George Polmateer

A MONTH GONE MIGHTY LITTLE DONE

(By G. L. Caswell)

Des Moines, Feb. 8, 1923.

This General Assembly has now been going along for a month, but the results of its work are not greatly to its credit, it must be admitted. Revising the Code of Iowa, which was the paramount issue when the session convened, has dwindled into an incident. The House has passed but few Code revision bills and the Senate ended the month of January with less than half a dozen, though by resolution that body voted to give Code revision bills precedence over all others until February 1st. Whether Governor Kendall will regard this as an earnest attempt to complete the revision work or not is a question. He is supposed to call a special session later, provided this regular session finds it cannot do the work within a reaonable time. At any rate, it is now very evident that if the Code is revised by this General Assembly it will have to be at a special session, regardless of cost or economy.

Taxation Commission Reports.

Report of the special state tax commission, members of which were appointed two years ago by action of the 39th General Assembly, was filed in both House and Senate Tuesday morning last week. Since that time there has been more or less serious talk about it, with some scoffing, some doubt, some hope and little confidence that very much along the lines suggested will be taken by this General Assembly.

The special tax commission consists of ten members, and this commission has met in Des Moines and has put in something over sixty days' time, off and on, studing taxation matters and trying to improve Iowa's taxation system as a whole.

Recommendations of this tax commission include five main features, as follows: first, abolishment of all local or town and township assessors and creation of a state board of assessment in place of the present board composed of the members of the executive council; a county assessor to be named by the chairman of the board of supervisors and county officers. Second, a state budget board to determine the amount of money to be appropriated for each department. Third, district budget boards. Fourth, a 10 per cent tax on all amusement tickets for the benefit of the school funds. Fifth, one cent per gallon tax on all gasoline sold at retail within this state, money from which shall go to the improvement of the secondary roads and the abolishment of the present two-mill road tax.

Details for carrying out all of these recommendations are suggested in the report, which is a voluminous one, covering 150 typewritten pages. Valuation of all property for assessment at full value instead of one-fourth will raise some serious quetion, but the committee explains that their administration bill provides that in no case shall the future tax levies raise more money on this account than is raised by the present system of scaling.

Rumors that this tax committee would favor the abolition of the present system of township assessors and local boards of review have been floating about over the state for some time, and as a result many members of both houses have received petitions from constituents protesting against any such change. They have had the present system so long and it has been bent to suit their ideas of taxation to that extent they do not want a change. The belief is that no final action on the commission's report or the special bills it has presented to carry out its recommendations will be taken during this regular session—and if it all goes over to the special session with Code revision there will not be time to handle so important a matter! And there you are—E pluribus unum.

Highway Commission a Target.

Iowa's good roads program and even the life of the State Highway Commission may be snuffed out by this General Assembly, from present indications. The first test vote along this line came on Wednesday, both in House and Senate.

The House passed the Fackler bill by a vote of 90 to 5, which provides that the primary road system money may be used for "any other purpose" in addition to that specified by the Federal aid act to secure Iowa's apportionment of government funds for highway purposes. At the same time the bill as amended leaves the Highway Commission and county supervisors without restraint in the use of the primary road money for "the establishment, construction and maintenance of the primary road system, including the drainage, grading, surfacing, construction of bridges and culverts, the elimination or improvement of railway crossings the purchase of additional right-of-way or for any other purpose connected with the establishment, construction and maintenance of the primary road system."

The House acted favorably on the bill by Patterson of Kossuth county, relating to elections authorizing the hard surfacing of roads, by providing that not less than two years after a vote has been declared to favor the hard surfacing of primary roads, the same voters may order another election to vote on the discontinuance of hard surfacing. The need for this law is said to have been demonstrated in certain parts of the state where voters have favored hard surfacing of roads only to see the matter delayed for several years and then put through without any chance to change the program.

The Senate attack on the Highway Commission came by way of a resolution introduced by McIntosh of Decatur, requiring that the Highway Commission furnish a complete invoice of all materials of every kind sent to it by the government with an approximate valuation of the different articles received and its approximate original cost; the amount of freight paid on same, and out of what funds payment was made, together with a statment of the amount of ground leased by the Commission, term of leases, etc, and the total cost of such buildings as have been erected to house such materials. An amendment by Buser was adopted requiring also the authority under which such property was received and paid for.

Friends of the Highway Commission fought against the passage of this resolution, and on one point raised a test vote indicated an exact tie—24 to 24. Friends of the Commission declared the Commission would furnish all information wanted without the resolution, but that a complete invoice as required would take weeks to prepare. On adoption of the amended resolution, however, they generally voted for the resolution.

Senator Holdoegel of Calhoun county chairman of the highways committee, offered the information that Iowa is now paying in to the Federal government $2,400,000, per year and is getting back in road fund money approximately $8,000,000, which funds, he states, will be jeopardized if this state refuses to comply with the terms of the Federal aid act.

More Important Bills Pending

As stated last week, the fact that certain bills are introduced need not excite the people greatly as most of such bills will be killed on the way though the legislative mill. However as indicating the trend of the legislative mind in these days, we may cite the purport of a few of the bills offered up to the middle of last week:

In the Senate:

S. F. 264 byMcIntosh—A bill to remove the maximum number of voters as prescribed where double election boards may be used giving such double election boards to all precincts.

S. F. 266 by Bowman—A bill giving to cities and towns the right to regulate telephone rates and charge for service.

S. F 267 by Tuck—A bill giving to boards of supervisors "plenary jurisdiction subject to the approval of the council to grade, drain, gravel or hard sufacing any road or street which is a continuance of the primary road system of the county within any town," or within any city.

S. F. 268 by Bowman—Companion to House File 268 by Fackler relating to primary roads, as passed by the House January 31.

S. F. 269 by Snook—Prohibiting public employees from receiving any other compensation from the public treasury for additional services.

S. F. 270 by Buser—A bill relating to exemption from taxation of municipal, school and drainage bonds.

S. F. 272 by Ethell—A bill relating to the organization of school boards, meetings of directors, election of officers, reports of secretaries and treasurers to the board, extension of terms in certain districts, etc.

S. F. 274 by Tuck—A bill making it unlawful for any country, township, school district, city or town to issue bonds without first submitting the proposition to issue such bonds to a vote of the people.

S. F. 273 by Caldwell—Providing a tax of two cents per gallon on gasoline to provide funds for paving numerous highways across the state.

S. F. 287 by Johnston—A bill relating to the incurring of debt and the issuance of bonds of the county by the board of supervisors and providing for an election. Limiting indebtedness of any county to $5,000 without authority of the voters.

S. F. 292 by Nelson—A bill relating to straightening of creeks and rivers.

S. F. 294 by Johnston—A bill relating to the appropriation of funds of the county to farm improvement associations, etc. Calculated to require an election and a majority of the voters favoring such appropriation before the board can make such appropriation as now goes to Farm Bureau organizations.

S. F. 298 by McIntosh—Changing the time for holding primary elections from June to August.

S. F. 303 by Snook—Providing penitentiary sentence for any person convicted of operating a motor vehicle upon public highways while in an intoxicated condition, and providing for confiscation of such vehicle.

S. F. 306 by Buser—Prohibiting use of decoys in hunting ducks. Also S. F. 307, limiting the number of ducks that may be bagged by a hunter in one day to ten.

S. F. 309 by Buser—Providing that the county treasurer shall, on or before the 15th day of each month, prepare sworn statements of the amount of money in his hands on the last day of the preceding month belonging to the state treasury, and requiring the state treasurer to draw on such funds whenever the state balance shall get below one million dollars. Until such balance is below one million all funds to remain in county treasury.

S. F. 311 by White—Relating to the funding or refunding of indebtness in counties by the issuance of bonds.

S. F. 349 by Thruston—Providing for an insurance rating bureau in this state and for rate regulation.

S. F. 323 by Abben—A bill providing for continuance of salaries now paid to county officers until July 4th, 1925.

Numerous House files are also on record, report of which will be made in another letter. At the present time all committees in both House and Senate are busy considering proposed legislation in their hands, but the calendars do not show very many bills recommended for passage. Code commission bills are receiving very little favorable consideration in either body.

Factional differences in both House and Senate, with suspicions, distrust, envy, and even hatred, are apparent to all observers among the solons. The state can look for very little constructive accomplishment with such a condition existing.

The Soldiers' Bonus.

Consideration of the legality of the soldiers' bonus law and issue of bonds to pay the soldiers of the world war by the state supreme court is set to begin February 13th. There seems to be a general feeling that the court will uphold the law as voted upon by the voters at last election and the issue of bonds contemplated as valid, in which case the bonds are all ready for sale and payments ready to be made to the soldiers as soon as the bond money comes into the hands of the state treasurer.

WHEN IT'S THE OTHER FELLOW

Have you ever noticed? When the other fellow acts that way, he is ill-tempered;" when you do it, it's "nerves". When the other fellow is set in his ways, he's "obstinate;" when you are, it is just "firmness."

When the other fellow doesn't like your friends, he's "prejudged;" when you don't like his, you are simply showing that you are a good judge of human nature.

When the other fellow tries to treat some one especially well, he is "toadying;" when you try the same tactic, you are using "tact."

When the other fellow takes time to do things, he is 'dead slow;" when you do it, you are "deliberate."

When the other fellow spends a lot he is a 'spendthrift;' when you do, you are "generous."

When the other fellow holds too tight to his money, he is "close;" when you do, you are "prudent."

When the other fellow dresses extra well, he's a "dandy;" when you do, it is simply "a duty one owes to society.

When the other fellow runs great risks in business, he is "foolhardy;" when you do, you are a "great financier."

When the other fellow says what he thinks, he is spiteful;" when you do, you are "frank".—Empire State Sunday School Leader.

INCOME TAX FACTS.

Revenue officers are visiting every county in the United States to aid taxpayers in the preparation of their income tax returns for the year 1922. Information concerning the date of their arrival and the location of their offices may be obtained by writing the collector of internal revenue for the district in which the taxpayer lives.

Forms for filing returns of individual net income for the year 1922 are being sent to taxpayers who filed returns for the year 1921. Failure to receive a form, however, does not relieve the taxpayer of his obligation to file a return and pay the tax on time, on or before March 15, 1923. The forms, 1040A for filing returns of net income $5,000 and less 1040 for filing returns of net income in excess of $5,000, may be obtained from collectors of internal revenue and deputy collectors.

Returns are required of every single person whose net income for 1922 was $1,000 or more or whose gross income was $5,000 or more and of every married person whose net income was $2,000 or more or whose gross income was $5,000 or more. Careful study of the instructions on the forms will greatly aid in making a correct return.

RYDER CASE DROPPED

The following clipping from the Dowagiac, Mich., Daily News gives the outcome of the Ryder case:

Legal action brought against R. E. Ryder to have him placed under bonds to preserve the peace, was dismissed this morning by Justice D. W. VanAntwrep on motion of Prosecuting Attorney Asa K. Hayden. Ryder was represented in court by Attorney Coy Hendryx.

Suit was filed by Attorney James Kinnane on behalf of Ryder's wife Miss Gladys Toyne, who has asumed her maiden name and is teaching school at Eau Claire. The wife accused Ryder of threatening her and attempting to coerce her into returning to Iowa with him.

Both parties were questioned by Prosecutor Hayden who declared that no case existed against Ryder.

The man came here from Rowan Ia., and was said to have been annoying his wife. It was said that the wife has come to Michigan where she will establish a residence and secure a divorce from Ryder.

It was expected that Ryder would return to his Iowa home today without consulting his wife further.

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ALL BRANCHES

The Power Behind

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INVEST in the COMMON SHARES, now on a 7 PER CENT DIVIDEND BASIS ANNUALLY, and receive a Dependable Income Every Three Months.

See any Employee; our Manager, Mr. H. F. Kellogg; or Our Representative, Mr. D. J. Thornton, for the Particulars.

IOWA FALLS ELECTRIC COMPANY

Iowa Falls, Iowa

PUBLIC SALE!

AS I AM QUITTING THE FARM, I WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON THE OLD BROOKS PLACE, SIX MILES STRAIGHT SOUTH OF BELMOND, ONE MILE NORTH AND THREE M ILES WEST OF ROWAN, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY ON

Monday, February 12th

Commencing at 12:30 o'clock p. m.

THIS IS ABSOLUTELY A CLOSING OUT SALE AND EVERYTHING GOES!

4 - Head of Horses - 4

1 BAY MARE 12 YRS. OLD, WT. 1550
1 BAY MARE 12 YRS. OLD, WT. 1200
1 BAY GELDING 8 YRS. OLD, WT 1600
1 GRAY GELDING 5 YRS. OLD, WT. 1500

28 - Head of Cattle - 28

6 MILK COWS, 5 NOW FRESH, 1 SPRINGER
3 HEIFER CALVES
3 HEIFERS COMING 3 YRS OLD, TO BE FRESH SOON
4 BABY CALVES

12 Head of Cattle

CONSIGNED BY H. M. GATES, CONSISTING OF
4 YEARLING BULLS 7 YEARLING HEIFERS
THESE ARE HIGH GRADE ANIMALS
1 4-YR. OLD DOUBLE STANDARD POLLED DURHAM, ROAN BULL, PAPERS FURNISHED.

35 - Head of Hogs - 35

16 FALL PIGS
5 CHESTER WHITE SOWS
14 DUROC JERSEY BROOD SOWS, TO FARROW IN MARCH

80 FULL BLOOD WHITE WYANDOTTE CHICKENS—3 TOULOUSE GEESE
ABOUT 800 BUSHEL CORN IN CRIB.
-10 BUSHEL SEED CORN, PART YELLOW, PART WHITE

Farm Machinery, Etc.

1 lawn mower
1 hand corn sheller
1 wide tired wagon
1 wagon with triple box
1 cold water cream separator.
2 new Century corn cultivators
1 250-egg incubator, nearly new
1 Rock Island 13-in gang plow
1 hay rack
1 hay rake
1 bob sled
1 8-ft. disc
1 grind stone
2 sets harness
1 spring buggy
1 3-section harrow
1 8-ft. McCormick binder
1 McCormick mower
1 end gate seeder, Victor
1 Dain hay stacker and buck
1 Moline 4-wheel corn planter, 100 rods of wire.
Piano case organ, china closet, and some other household goods.

Free Lunch At Noon

TERMS: $10 AND UNDER CASH; OVER THAT AMOUNT 10 MONTHS' TIME WILL BE GIVEN ON APPROVED SECURITY AT 8 PER CENT INTEREST. ALL PROPERTY TO BE SETTLED FOR ON DAY OF SALE.

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FARM BUREAU NOTES

Junior Livestock Judging at Woolstock.

A junior livestock judging contest is being planned in connection with the Woolstock short course which is scheduled for February 15 and 16. This junior judging contest will be open to all boys and girls of Wright and Hamilton counties, between the ages to ten and eighteen years inclusive, taking January 1st, 1923 as the date from which ages will be considered. All contestants in the judging contest will be required to judge one class each of horses, cattle hogs, and corn and will be required to give placings and written reasons on each class. Awards will be made to the boys and girls on the basis of fifty per cent for placings and fifty per cent for reasons, making 400 a perfect score in the contest. Prizes of $5 for first, $3 for second and $2 for third, have been arranged for by the committee for this junior live stock judging work.

Care In Selecting Dairy Cattle

Considerable interest has developed throughout the state of Iowa, and particularly in Wright county, during the past year in the dairy industry and as a result many dairy cattle have been imported into our county.

Too much care cannot be exercised in the selection of the dairy cattle which may be brought into any community. Since there is such a strong demand for dairy animals in our community, every effort should be made to guard against the shipment of inferior grade livestock of dairy type or otherwise unless something quite definite is known about the source of these individuals, also something about their milk records.

It would seem that in order for any farmer to buy good quality of dairy cattle, he should go to communities where the stuff is produced and select his cows on their individual milk records. The farmer who is not experienced in the dairy work and who is not a judge of dairy cattle, and who wishes to buy, should investigate thoroughly the source of the dairy cattle which he purchases. Reliable information can be had regarding the places where stock is for sale, and there is no good excuse why any farmer should buy an inferior grade of dairy animals when so many high quality, high grade animals are being offered for sale in dairy communities.

Poultry Association Elects Officers

At a meeting of the Wright County Poultry association which was held at the county agent's office January 30, directors were elected to direct the affairs of the association for the coming year.

President A. R. Thorpe was in charge of the meeting and plans for the work of the organization for the coming year were discussed. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws for the organization to be submitted for adoption at the next regular meeting of the association which will be held during the first week in April at the county agent's office. The date of this meeting will be announced later by President Thorpe.

Poultry fanciers from all parts of the county were in attendance at this meeting and representatives from the various parts of the county were appointed as directors on the board of directors of the organization. An effort was made to have one representative from each town of the county in order that the poultry association may be developed in all parts of the county.

The officers and directors who will direct the affairs of the association for the year 1923, are as follows:

Officers: President, A. R. Thorpe Clarion; Vice-Pres. Carl Dahlgren, Clarion; Sec-Treas., E. R. Ballou, Rowan.

Directors: L. E. Wilson, Eagle Grove; Carl Dahlgren, Clarion; Clarence McBride, Holmes; Claire Christie, Belmond; W. H. Bray, Dows; Eddie Haupt, Rowan; F. G. Taylor, Goldfield.

Big Short Course at Woolstock

The Woolstock Community Short Course which is being planned promises to be one of the liveliest community affairs which has ever been held in that section of Wright county. The various committees have been appointed and are now working unceasingly in an effort to hold a successful short course.

Considerable interest seems to have been created in the livestock department and breeders from both Wright and Hamilton counties have promised to bring out good exhibits in this department. Since the principal productions of Wright county are corn and hogs, there will no doubt, be a good showing in the corn and small grain exhibits. The poultry fanciers of the county are beginning to take interest in the plans which are being made for the poultry show to be held in connection with this short course.

Miss Rose Johnson, superintendent of the Woolstock schools, is chairman of the committee in charge of the ladies' department of the short course and it is hoped that the ladies of Woolstock and the surrounding community will bring out their exhibits to make this part of the show interesting, also to have the advantage of hearing Miss Elizabeth Storms, home demonstration agent, from Fort Dodge, who is to judge the exhibits and lecture in this department.

Plans have been completed and committees appointed and everyone seems to be working faithfully for a successful short course at Woolstock. The members of the various committee to plan and organize the Woolstock short course are as follows:

Livestock:—Frank Zenor, hogs; J. B. Carpenter beef cattle; H. O. Evans, horses; Victor Claude, dairy cattle.

Poultry:—E. A. Caquelin, chairman; Illo Frakes, Myron Paine, Mrs. Ernest Frakes, Tom Flaws.

Grain and Vegetables:—E. G. Caquelin, chairman, John Loux, Anthony Rapp, Louis Haack.

Domestic Science:—Miss Rose Johnson, chairman, Mrs. Matt Adams, Mrs. Louis Haack.

Landscape Architect Addresses Belmond Ladies.

Prof. H. H. Cornell, extension professor of landscape architecture, made a very interesting address to the ladies of the Belmond Community Welfare club at their last regular meeting which was held in the Belmond public library on January 19.

Mr. Cornell has the following to say about the transplanting of trees in winter:

"A home is more liveable with a tree beside it. Homes and schools everywhere appear bare and fobidding for lack of a little planting about them. A few trees carefully placed, will add more to the grounds than will many shrubs and flowers. But tree growth is slow. It is disheatening to wait for the baby tree to pread its branches and really become useful. Nor does it help much to favor the rapid growing varieties, for the older they grow the more trouble they give. With winter tree transplanting the long wait is concelled and a tree well towards maturity may be induced to leave the neighboring woods and come to your very doorstep—its coolness and shadow realized the very same year it is planted.

"Winter transplanting of large trees is not a difficult process. It is easier, usually much cheaper and less risky to dig up and move a frozen ball of earth containing the roots of a tree than it is to carefully transplant those same roots during the spring or summer, disturbing them by such handling, exposing them to dry weather and returning them to the ground in cramped and unnatural positions. The roots contained in the frozen ball of earth will never know they have been moved. In winter, too, the tree is dormant, and those roots actually injured will have time to partly recover before the demand for food must begin in the spring. Another advantage—in the winter there is more time to devote to such work.

If you have anything you want to sell, or if you want to buy something, need help or have something to trade, try an Independent want ad.

Griesy's Store News

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McCormick-Deering Primrose Cream Separator

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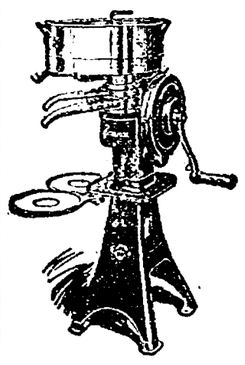

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14, will be a big day at our store. We have made special arrangements with the International Harvester Company to have a factory expert with us on that day. This expert will adjust, repair and instruct in the use of Primrose Cream Separators. If your machine needs attention, bring it to our store. This is your opportunity to have your cream separator repaired by a factory man.

There is no charge for this service to the owners of Primrose Cream Separators. Repairs will be charged at the regular price. If you contemplate buying a new cream separator, come in and hear what users of Primrose Cream Separators have to say about their machines. Come and see the new McCormick-Deering Ball-Bearing Primrose on our display floor. Do not forget the date—Wednesday, February 14.

WHITE Buys Cream and Eggs

PUBLIC SALE

--OF--

30 Duroc Jersey 30 Bred Sows

Belmond, Iowa

Saturday, February 17

Commencing At 1:30 O'clock p. m. Sharp

Sale Will Be Held In Belmond, At the Case Feed Barn

These sows are mostly sired by Col. Trailfinder Jr. and King Wonder Again. The get of Col. Trailfinder at the Belmond Short Course won 1st, 2nd and 3rd in gilts; 2nd and 3rd in boars, and 1st and Grand Champion sow over all breeds---85 sows shown---which shows that he is a sire of the type that we all desire.

The offering consists of 30 head of a most uniform lot of sows that I have ever sold. It represents some of the most popular blood lines, for there are listed 5 fall gilts by Orion Col. out of prize winning sows; 2 gilts by the Grand Champion sow, and there listed 4 half-sisters to the Grand Champion sow; 1 by King Orion Sensation by Great Orion Sensation and are bred to Col. Trailfinder Jr. and a grandson of Pathmaster and will farrow in March and April. I have listed 4 gilts bred to 1st prize Junior boar at the Belmond Short Course to farrow in May. Come and look them over.

TERMS OF SALE

Twelve months' time will be given on approved securities bearing 8 per cent interest from day of sale, and all hogs must be settled for on day of sale.

LEWIS HAUGE, Auctioneer
STATE BANK OF BELMOND, Clerk

GEO. THOMPSON

MESERVEY SECTION

Thursday, February 1, 1923

WILL BE

DE LAVAL SERVICE DAY

For the benefit of our many customers and users of De Laval Cream Separators we have established a ***De Laval Service Day.***

On this day we shall be glad to have any De Laval user bring his complete separator to our store for a thorough and careful inspection and adjustment, which will be made free of charge. Should any parts, due to unusual wear or accident, need to be replaced, this will be done, the only charge being for the price of the new parts used. ***No charge*** will be made for the service.

A De Laval representative will be with us to assist with this work. Bring in your De Laval Separator that day and receive the benefit of his advice on the care and operation of the machine, as well as the free service. It is our wish, and that of the De Laval Company, that every user of a De Laval Separator get the maximum of service at the minimum of cost, and we therefore urge you to avail yourself of this free and useful service.

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C. J. WENDEL, Meservey, Iowa

PAY BY CHECK--

If you have ever been asked to produce a receipt you did not have, for money you know you'd paid--

If you ever have had a controversy over a mistake in change--

If you worry over carrying large sums of money---

If you have ever been embarrassed by not having money when needed--

Then you will appreciate the convenience and safety of a checking account.

Come in and talk it over.

A BANK OF SERVICE AND SAFETY

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MESERVEY, IOWA

For Sale—Large type Poland China gilts, some of them will weigh 350 pounds. Bred to farrow in March, April, and May. Immune.—Jacob Nissen, Meservey, Iowa.

Mrs. G. E. Thomas and daughter Evelyn were Mason City passengers last Wednesday.

E. F. Courtney of Belmond was a business caller in our city last Thursday.

Miss Alma Ralston came down from Iowa Falls last Thursday to spend a few days with her parents and with other friends.

Little Jeanette Raecker was quite sick the latter part of last week.

The Infant daughter of C. J. Wendell was reported ill several days last week.

L. B. Hulsebus and H. Fischer were busy filling their icehouses last week.

A goodly number from here attended the district Declamatory contest held at Swaledale last Thursday evening. Altho' our representatives were not fortunate enough to carry off any of the honors, we were told they all did remarkable well, and much credit is due them for the way their readings were rendered.

We failed to mention in last week's issue the return of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Brogan after an absence of a week or ten days. A. D. was at Detroit attending a Life Insurance meeting. Mrs. Brogan and Stanley visiting relatives at Clear Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Hoginger of near Goodell visited at the B. Bruns and Fred Frohling homes Friday of last week.

Meservey Barber Shop

H. F. REIF, Prop.

Laundry Dry Cleaning

Did you ever try

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Cheese of all kinds.
We buy hides.

City Meat Market

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Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wendell were Mason City callers one day last week.

Vassel Bramer and Henry Mennenga of Palsville were calling in town last Wednesday.

Dick and Andrew Pals of Palsville were business callers here last Wednesday.

Mr. Wm. Gealow was a Dows visitor the latter part of last week.

NOTICE

To all members of the Meservey Live Stock Shipping Association, Leave your order for tankage and Mill feeds with C. J. Janssen Manager.
122c W. F. Butz Sec.

The Cemetery Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Jacob Nissen on Tuesday February 13 for their regular meeting. A good attendance is desired.

Mrs. E. G. Thomas and daughter Miss Viola were Mason City visitors last Saturday.

Mr. Albert Schrader returned to his home in Ogden last Monday after spending a week at the W. Prelipp home.

The Helping Hand society will meet on Thursday p. m. February 15, with Mrs. Adam Kolb, hostess.

Mrs. Wm. Prelipp who has been seriously ill for several weeks, is showing signs of improvement. Present indications are in favor of her recovery.

Jeanette Raecker is still quite ill but at the present writing conditions are in her favor.

Mrs. Louis Foss was taken suddenly ill on her return to her home from church last Sunday noon. She is getting along nicely at the time of this writing however, and if she continues so, she will soon be about again.

BOY SCOUTS

Wednesday evening, Jan. 31, the Boy Scouts assembled at the schoo house for their weekly meeting. The third test was taken and most of the boys are "tenderfeet". The Patrols "fell in" and repeated the Scout Oath and Scout Law. A few exercises were given. The scribe "fell out" and called roll. The Scouts answered with the Patrol call. The Patrols fell out and games were played.

The regular meeting night was changed to Monday night because some of the boys could not attend on Thursday night.

Donald Muller (Scribe).

COMMUNITY PROGRAM POSTPONED

Owing to sickness in the families of several who are to take part in the next community program, it was decided to postpone the meeting for one week, which will make it Friday February 16. The program will appear in next week's issue.

Klaus Abkes of Austinville visited from Friday until Tuesday at the H. K., C. K., and K. K. Pals and K. C. Ruigh homes. Grace Pals accompanied him home.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Announcements for balance of this week.

Thursday English class meeting 7:30 p. m. followed by choir rehearsal. Catechetical Instruction Saturday 2:00 p. m.

Sabbath School 9:45 a. m.

Morning Worship 10:45 a. m.

E. L. C. E. Sunday 7:00 p. m. followed by preaching services at 7:30.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

A. W. Schlesselman, pastor.

Dr. Agler has been confined to his home thru sickness for several days pat.

--Car of Eastern Kentucky egg coal at a bargain.—H. J. Klemme Lumber Co., Meservey, Iowa. 111c

Do You Owe Us Some Money?

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G. E. Raecker, Prop.

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See us for Plans, Etc.

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Meservey, Iowa
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Whichever you prefer, we have the tea that will suit you. Teas that make the fragrant, refreshing drink you like. Come in and let us tell you about our Green and Black Teas. in packages. Better still, take a package and try it.

We also have a complete line of Dry Goods, Notions, Etc. Come in and give us a tryout.

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Meservey, Iowa

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FARM BUREAU WOMEN ORANIZE

At the organization meeting of the Farm Bureau women of Grimes township, held at Mrs. Leland Jacobson's January 3rd, by Mrs. Wm. Bouck, county chairman, the following were elected:

Township chairman, Mrs. Carl Floy Jr.; Local leaders of each school district, Mrs. C. J. Janssen, Miss Essa Meyers; Mrs. Carl Hopkey, Mrs. Leland Jacobson, Miss Mary Floy, Mrs. Andrew Long, Mrs. Peter Floy, Jr., Miss Delia Tabat, Mrs. Arthur Mead.

A dress form was made at this meeting by the ladies. Anyone wishing one made, get in touch with the township chairman or local leader, and arrangments will be made to make them.

Monday January 29, the ladies met at the home of Mrs. Peter Floy, Jr., for an all day meeting on "Alteration of Patterns" the lesson being given by Miss Martha Foster, clothing specialist, of Ames. This was a school of instruction for the township chairman and local leader of each school district.

These were given the lesson and are to go back to their own district and give the lesson to the ladies there, thus reaching practically all in the township.

The clothing course, of which this was the first number, consists of five lessons, one of which will be held each month by Miss Foster and the local leaders. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings whether Farm bureau members or not.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

To whom it may concern:

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have formed, under the provisions of chap. 122 laws of the Thirty Ninth Assembly of Iowa, a corporation named the Meservey Live Stock Shipping Association, principle place of business at Meservey, Iowa.

The objects of this corporation shall be to buy, sell, ship, handle, and market the live stock and other farm products for its members cooperatively. All live stock producers are eligible for membership by paying the membership fee of $1.00, and each member is entitled to one vote in all meetings. The corporate period began January 11 1923 and ends January 11, 1948.

Management shall consist of a board of five directors, divided into two classes. The first class shall consist of three directors who shall hold office until the annual election in 1925, and the second class shall consist of two directors who shall hold office until the annual election in 1924. At each annual election successors shall be elected to a term of two years. The directors shall at their first meeting elect from their own number a president, a vice president and a secretary-treasurer.

The first class directors are: P. H. Pals, C. F. Ralston, Wm. Waak.

The second class are: Geo Lewis, W. F. Butz.

The officers are: Pres, P. H. Pals; Vice Pres, Wm. Waak, Secy-Treas, W. F. Butz.

The first annual meeting shall be held January 2, 1924 and each year thereafter on the first Wednesday in January.

The liabilities of the members for the debts of the association shall be limited to the amount of the membership fee paid, and the association shall have power to borrow money on a vote of the majority of the directors up to and not over $500.00.

Signed this 3 day of January, 1923 by P. H. Pals, Wm. Waak, W. F. Butz, C. F. Ralston, George Lewis.
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MESERVEY SCHOOL NOTES

High School

The new subjects which are taken up for the second semester in high school are Civics, Ancient History, Bookkeeping, Economics.

The English Literature class has begun "Carlyle's Essay on Burns" after the study of the life of Burns and some of his poems.

Those having the highest grades for the first semester are:

English 9: Molly Zieman, Oliver Sprau. Algebra: Donald Butz, Mervin Wickersheim. Com. Geography: Oliver Sprau, Donald Butz. General Science: Agnes Fischer, Oliver Sprau. English 10: Donald Muller, Eva Schluter. Agriculture: Peter Koemen, Eva Schluter. Geometry: Eva Schluter, Donald Muller. German 1: Eva Schluter, Lena Pals. English 11' & 12: Anna Pals, Evelyn Thomas. Com. Law: Eva Sprau Agnes Fischer. Physics: Mildred Koehler, Peter Koemen. German 2: Eva Sprau, Evelyn Thomas.

The Declamatory contest for the sub-district was held at Smaledale, February 1. The Meservey High school was represented by Agnes Fischer, Evelyn Thomas and Oliver Sprau. Although the Meservey contestants won no prizes, their work was very creditable and showed improvement since the preliminary contest here. A large delegation of Mesevey people attended the con-

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tests.

Rozell Sprau and Bert Groen entered High school for the second semester.

Anna Pals has returned after a week and a half of absence caused by illness.

The English Literature class has been studying the life and poems of Robert Burns and are now ready to begin the study of "The Essay on Burns" by Carlyle.

Sixth and Fifth Grades

Those neither absent nor tardy the past six weeks are: Marie Pals, Emma Boelman, Edna Koemen, Esther Van Osten, Fredona Lemke, Bert Frey, Jesse Suntken, Grace Meints, Lloyd Ruai, Edna Koehler, Harland Blewitt, Virgie Schuiter, and Wayne Waddingham.

The sixth grade boys are planning on posing "The Spirit of '76" at the community program.

Elmer Prilipp, Arne Winthers, Lydia Pannkuk and Lydia Groen were absent Tuesday.

Those receiving a perfect deportment star for each day the past week are: Arlene Nissen, Christopher Groen, Jennie Riekens, Marvin Nissen, Harriet Sprau, Harland Blewitt, Neva Muller, Wayne Waddingham, Edna Koemen, Nellie Frey, Fredona Lemke, Emma Boelman, Esther Van Osten, Mildred Janssen, Marie Pals.

Marvin Groen visited our grades Friday.

Primary Room

Florence Gruise re-entered the first grade Monday after an absence of several weeks. Her absence was due to illness.

The perfect spellers for the past week are: First grade—Marcele, Ardell, Louise, Ruth Prillipp, Florence, Anita, Avery and Gladys Mae.

Second grade—Bernice, Barbara, Neolo and Esther.

Opal Larson and Ivan Langlity have been out of school this entire week on account of illness.

Gladys Strasburg and Jens Olson were promoted to the Busy Bee division of the first grade, at the beginning of the new semester.

Two large pink frosted cakes found their way into the primary room last week, were divided into thirty-five portions, and eagerly consumed by as many pupils. The first cake was brot by Mrs. Walter Braga on Wednesday, in honor of Barbara's eighth birthday. The other was brot by Mrs. Earl Enabnit. Lucile Enabnit will go to the Thornton school from now on, as the family are moving away, and she wished to treat her small schoolmates before leaving.

Third and Fourth Grades.

Those absent this week in third and fourth grades were Ivadel Wickershiem, Esther Dorenkamp, Raymond Rooks on Monday; Esther Dorankamp, Wilbert Frey and Raymond Rooks, Tuesday, Wilbert Frey and Raymond Rooks, Wednesday and Henry Boelman, Thursday.

Those receiving one hundred per cent in the spelling this week were, Norman Muller, Henry Rieckens and Vana Weaver, third grade; Naomi Schlesselman, Lincoln Paul, Gwethelynn Wenzel and Marvin Lauen, Lydia Pals and LuVern Butz fourth grade.

Gladys Mienderts and Marvin Prillip were visitors of our room this week.

The third and fourth grades are contructing an Eskimo village on the sand table.

GET THIEF AT HAMPTON

Raymond W. Woodson was arrested last Thursday afternoon by Sheriff Atkinson and arraigned before Justice of Peace D. W. Parks last Friday for a preliminary hearing on the charge of larceny. Woodson is charged with the theft of automobile tires from the Farmers Elevator Company at Geneva.

The roobery occurred July 8, 1921 and no trace of the thieves were found at that time, but the officers have been on the lookout for any clue and a short time ago they located a tire at Dows which was the same make and which had the same serial number as one of the tires stolen at Geneva. The discovery was made by County Supervisor Andrew Erickson. The man who was using the tire, Maynard Wedekin is an employee of D. L. Cuppett, manager of the Cuppett Auto Company at Dows. Wedekin said that he purchased the tire along with another one like it from his employer. Cuppett told of the circumstances under which he had made the purchase of the tires and described the man from whom he had bought them. He later identified Woodson as the man who sold him the tires and his identification was substantiated by Wedekin. Cuppett said that Woodson came over to Dows and sold the tires claiming that his brother was in the tire business and had overbought.

Cuppett said that he bought fifteen tires from Woodson for $200 and that he paid $80 down and the remainder in two installments, which Woodson came to Dows and collected.

Woodson denied that he had any part in the theft of the tires at Geneva and he also denied that he sold any tires to Cuppett or to anyone else. "This whole business is a frameup against me," Woodson declared.

Outside of his denial of his guilt and his declaration that the whole affair was a frameup, Woodson made no statement.

Judge Parks, after reviewing the evidence, bound Woodson over to the February grand jury and fixed his bond at $1.000. Woodson has been unable to raise the amount of his bond up to date and is awaiting trial in the county jail.—Chronicle.

His Point of View

"Who can tell me a thing of importance that did not exist a hundred years ago?" asked the new teacher.

"Me," piped the small boy in the class.

ROWAN NEWS

Last Saturday night twenty-five neighbors of Mr and Mrs. Bert Watts met at the Gene Burt home for a farewell party before Mr. and Mrs. Watts moved away. The evening was very pleasantly spent. After which delicious refreshments were served. The friends presented them with a lovely set of silver ware as a token of their respect. The guests departed at a late hour wishing them success in their new home.

The basket ball game between Belmond and Rowan Monday night were two hard fought games. They were both clean games. The Rowan girls won by a score of 26 to 14 and the Belmond boys won with a score of 21 to 5. The gymnasium was crowded to capacity. This is a help to both teams as both teams had good support. Our girls have won every game played so far this year.

Mrs. Carl Steffens had the misfortune to fall and break her arm.

Ed Azeltine was a Clarion caller between trains on Monday of last week.

Mrs. Manley Francomb spent a few days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Allie, at Clarion last week.

A. A. Williams left last Monday night for Mo. to visit at the home of his son, Fred and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Halsey, of Allison, visited at the D. A. French home last Wednesday. Mr. Halsey helped at the stock sale at the pavilion.

Mesdames O. F. Braden and Leonard McCallum were Dows callers between trains Friday.

Ed. Miller, of Clarion, attended the stock sale Wednesday and visited at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ina Stumph.

Will Brooks, of Waverly, was calling on Rowan relatives and friends between trains Friday.

Mrs. D. E. Harris was a visitor with Belmond relatives Saturday.

Mrs. J. F. Howell was a business caller at Belmond Friday afternoon.

The town basket ball team played at Eagle Grove last week and was defeated by a score of 28 to 8.

E. R. Ballou made a visit to the State Agricultural college, at Ames, last week.

Mrs. Frank Dray and baby visited at the home of her sister, Mrs. Cliff Steffens last Wednesday. She had the baby in the hospital at Iowa City where she had his eye treated for a tumor in under the left eye lid. She went from here to Hawarden where she expects to join her husband who is hauling gravel at that place.

C. C. Currie spent a few days last week with his brother at Clarion.

County Attorney Jensen, of Belmond was a business caller in our city Friday.

Mrs. Georgia Rowen is quite seriously ill with stomach trouble.

Miss Haven spent the week end at her home in La Porte.

Theo. Hansen has been on the sick list the past week.

Mrs. Irvin Knuths was a caller at Mason City Friday where she had some dental work done.

Miss Dorothy Steffens was a Dows caller Friday.

Elmer Bailey brought his son Lloyd home from Iowa Falls last Wednesday. He is improving rapidly from his recent operation for appendicitis.

J. E. Baines, of Dows visited Wednesday afternoon at the Mrs. Hannah Whitten home and also attended the hog sale at the pavilion.

The Will Whitten home was the scene of a pleasant surprise last Thursday evening, when ten of her friends surprised Gladys on her 14th birthday. They spent the evening after school playing games. At 7:00 p. m. they set down to luncheon served by Mrs. Whitten assisted by the Misses Izetta Fletcher and Angie Baines.

Mrs. Ina Stumph and children spent Sunday in Clarion at the home of her parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Ed. Miller.

Mrs. Ike Erickson has been absent from the Whitten store this last week. She fell over a bicycle tearing the ligaments in the knee.

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Tomkinson went to Lake Mills Friday where he delivered his lecture on the Ku Klux Klan in the church at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Webber were Hampton visitors Friday.

Mrs. Etta Carr spent several days visiting her daughter, Mrs. Henry Miller at Latimer.

Frank Carr was a Hampton business caller last Saturday.

Mrs. Dan Fletcher has been suffering severly with an abscess in her head.

Last Friday evening about forty friends of Charles Keith gathered at his home in honor of his 21st birthday and gave him a very pleasant surprise. The evening was spent in various games after which dainty refreshments were served. A very fine time is reported.

Mrs. Harry Cain, of Ventura, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Steffens and other relatives.

Mr. Russel and Miss Dorothy Keith of Goldfield spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Keith.

Miss Violet Charter, of Hampton spent Sunday with friends in town.

Miss Edna McCutcheon, of Dows spent the week end at the home of her aunt, Mrs. R. H. Keith and family.

Mrs. D. E. Harris was a Belmond caller Monday.

Dan Hearn spent Sunday in Bristow with his family.

Several of Rowan's young people attended the Belmond-Hampton game at Belmond last Friday evening.

George Whitten was a Dows caller Monday.

The local Endeavor Society is observing Endeavor week this week. Sunday morning Rev. Halbert gave a sermon on the work of the organization. Sunday evening there was a special meeting at the Endeavor hour with Miss Esther Emerson as leader. The high school orchestra gave the closing number of the meeting. Tuesday evening will be Alumni night. A letter of greeting from Rev. S. A. Martin, of Grinnell will be read. He was pastor when the local society was organized. Rev. Halbert will tell of the first society to which he belonged. Wednesday night Prayer meeting will be conducted by the Endeavors. Thursday night Rev. Marousek, of Dows will speak to the young people. Visitors from Galt, Dows, Clarion and Alexander are expected to attend. At the close of the evening meeting a social hour will be held with refreshments served by the local society.

An invitation is extended to the members of the Epworth League to attend these services.

Friday night Rev. R. J. Montgomery, of Grinnell is expected to be present. Next Sunday morning Rev. Halbert will speak to the young people. At 4:00 o'clock p. m. there will be a Vespers service conducted by Rev Bump of Galt, followed by special Endeavor meeting conducted by Rev. Halbert.

Last Thursday evening the Y. P. S. C. E. held their regular monthly business meeting and social hour at the home of the Misses Ruth and Esther Emerson. Before assembling at the Emerson home the young people gathered at the Guy Sheldon home to listen to a lecture broadcasted by Father Clark, the organizer of the Christian Endeavor. They were disappointed in not being able to get his lecture but heard some fine music and a part of a lecture by Wm. J. Bryan from Kansas City. The young people appreciated the efforts of Mr. Sheldon in trying to get Rev. Clarkk's lecture for them and extend their thanks to him.

After listening to the Radio for a couple of hours they went to the Emerson home where after a short business meeting conducted by the Pres., Miss Frances Virden, they spent the evening in games. After which refreshments were served by the social committee. The evening was very much enjoyed by the large crowd present.

J. W. AZELTINE consigned one roan Scotch bull calf to H. O. Azeltine's sale.

ROWAN SCHOOL NOTES

Roy Fanselow was absent Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Toyne and daughter visited the grade rooms last week.

The first class in typewriting was held Friday of last week.

The Junior and Senior English class have just finished reading Shakespeare's "Macbeth."

Miss Mohr referred the girls' bas ket ball game at Belmond Friday night between Belmond and Hampton.

The high school orchestra played a selection at the Congregational Christain Endeavor society Sunday evening.

Claude Lent entered school again Monday as a Sophomore.

The Junior class sold pop corn at the game Monday evening. The proceeds are to be used in giving the Junior Senior Banquet.

The return game with Belmond will be played at Belmond Tuesday evening of next week.

Wesley Azeltine visited high school last week.

A number of high school boys were absent last week, having attended the stock sale at the pavilion.

The Declamatory contest will not be given the 9th as planned but one week from that date, February 16th.

The high school basket ball teams practiced Saturday p. m.

A pep meeting was held in the high school auditorium the last 15 minutes Monday p. m.

GOODELL NEWS NOTES

Last Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith returned from Iowa Falls, where they had for some time been visiting Mrs. Smith's mother.

Last Wednesday evening Herman Cunningham surprised his people by returning from Estherville, where he had been working in the railroad shops. He was much displeased with the way the work is managed at the shops.

Wednesday H. R. Allaben and Robert McNutt made a business trip to Clarion. Mr. Allaben is thinking of opening a photo studio at Clarion.

Mr. Estele returned from Traer last Wednesday where he had been visiting a brother.

Tuesday Mrs. O. Nelson and Mrs. John Savogue were in Belmond shopping.

Dan Miller made a business trip to Garner on Tuesday, last.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott of South Dakota are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth.

Mrs. Wm. Cunningham visited at the home of Mrs. Archie Christie on Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. John Ellsworth was on the sick list a few days last week.

Elmer Keinnenberger was in Belmond last Tuesday having dental work done.

On January 31, Lloyd Carpenter and Miss Effie Johnson were united in marriage at the home of the bride. These young people come from two of the most substantial families of Avery township and are well suited for each other. May they have a long, prosperous and happy life.

Howard Ruka is back from Colfax where he had been for treatment for rheumatism. At present he is doing his brother Earl's chores while he is away.

Saturday evening Earl Ruka went to Cedar Rapids for a visit with relatives.

Colds and the Chicken pox seem to be very common these days about Goodell.

Mrs. A. C. Carpenter passed away on February 5.

Henning Sandberg spent Sunday with his parents.

The basket ball game last Friday night with Crystal Lake resulted in defeat for the Goodell teams. Our boys lost 2 to 4. The Goodell girls scored 12 points and the Crystal Lake girls 33.

After the game the teams went to the high school building where refreshments were served.

Miss Hill was on the sick list Sunday, but on Monday she was able to handle her school work.

About 25 attended the Ladies Aid held at the Chris Deiger home on January 31, Mrs. Deiger and Mrs. Wesenberg served a bountiful lunch and all report an enjoyable time.

A VERY STRANGE CASE

"The Lord gave my daughter a crippled leg. If he had wanted her to have a good one, He would have given it to her." That was the argument Miss Lone Trott met in the course of her duties as Webster county nurse at Ft. Dodge, according to her report just received by Miss Ann Drake, director of nursing, Iowa Tuberculosis association. The nurse was "stumped." She consulted a minister for some scriptural references. But the woman believed in her own interpretation and was adamant. Miss Trott kept up her visits, saw that the child had enough to eat, took her to movies and in the end convinced the mother to take the child to the Perkins hospital in Iowa City. The mother remained in Iowa City to work so she could be with the child. The child was relieved in a large measure of her impediment and Miss Trott has received the thanks of the erstwhile obdurate mother.—Exchange.

PUBLIC SALE!

AS I AM QUITTING THE FARM, I WILL HOLD A CLOSING OUT SALE ON THE A. J. AZELTINE PLACE, 1 3-4 MILES EAST AND 3-4 MILE NORTH OF ROWAN, 1 MILE WEST AND 7 MILES NORTH OF DOWS, 3 MILES SOUTH AND 2 MILES WEST OF ALEXANDER, ON

Friday, February 16

COMMENCING AT 1:00 O'CLOCK SHARP

9 - Head of Horses - 9

1 SUCKLING COLT
1 BAY MARE 5 YEARS OLD, WT. 1,400
1 BAY MARE 6 YEARS OLD, WT. 1,200
1 MULE 13 YEARS OLD, GOOD WORKER
1 BROWN MARE 4 YEARS OLD, WT. 1,150
1 BLACK GELDING 5 YEARS OLD, WT. 1,400
1 SORREL DRIVING MARE, BLIND, 10 YEARS OLD, WT. 1,100
1 TEAM MARES, BLACK AND BROWN, 8 AND 12 YEARS OLD, WT. ABOUT 2,200

12 - Head of Cattle - 12

2 ROAN REGISTERED SHORT HORN COWS
4 YEARLING CALVES, HEIFERS AND STEERS
6 HEAD OF MILK COWS, SOME FRESH, BALANCE HEAVY SPRINGERS

3 Registered Spotted Poland China Brood Sows

Farm Machinery, Etc.

1 hay rack
1 top buggy
1 truck wagon
1 German heater
1 set bob sleighs
2 endgate seeders
1 Moline corn plow
1 Rock Island disc
1 Deering mower, 5-ft.
1 McCormick hay rake
1 wagon with triple box
1 Case 16-in. sulky plow
1 International corn plow
1 2 1-2 h. p. gas engine
1 4-section flexible steel harrow
1 Moline gang plow, nearly new
Forks, tools and many other articles

About 100 Chickens, mostly pullets.

Free Lunch At Noon

TERMS: ALL SUMS OF $10 AND UNDER, CASH; OVER THAT AMOUNT 10 MONTHS' TIME ON APPROVED SECURITY AT 8 PER CENT INTEREST. ALL PROPERTY TO BE SETTLED FOR ON DAY OF SALE.

COWLEY & MUNNIS, AUCTIONEERS.

STATE SAVINGS BANK, ROWAN, CLERK

H. O. AZELTINE
Owner

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Monitor—Auditor Walker has received notice from the office of the Iowa Highway Commission of the formal acceptance of the two miles of township roads recently set outside te Clarion corporation by the district court. It is probable the board of supervisors will undertake the graveling of the two sections as soon as conditions permit. The two miles north and south will revert to the county road system. This is good news to Clarion people in particular and the people of Wright county in general.

On Tuesday the board of supervisors and county treasurer sold $80,000 road funding bonds bearing four and one-half per cent interest a. at premium of $1153.60 to a Davenport company.

Marriage licenses were issued during the week to Elmer Paul of Clarion and Emma Hill of Eagle Grove, Joseph Arthur Enge of Holmes and Bernice M. Schultz of Belmond, Charles Nicholas Sadler of Eagle Grove and Gladys Matilea Tesdahl of Eagle Grove.

C. L. Speight of Clarion asks judgments against J. P. Beckett on his five promissory notes in the sum of $829.85.

Dahl Bros. Mfg. Co. vs E. B. Benson and School Township of Norway et al is a suit to collected a balance of $513.80 due from E. B. Benson for meterials furnished in the erection of four school houses in said township. The board is made defendant as it had funds on hand belonging to Dahl Bros., at the time the claim above referred to was filed. The plaintiff asks that the claims of Whyte & Son, Farmers Elevator Co., of Holmes, Tom H. Asbe, E. E. Wolf, Joe Larson, Martin Jensen, Martin Rotier, John H. Oakland and Arthur B. Wampler be declared junior and inferior to its claims.

358 barrels, and a quantity of cider made from a portion of apples, are in controversy in the case of F. B. Mathias vs Jones Produce Co. The apples in question were shipped to Eagle Grove in October, 1920, and the parties to this suit orally agreed to share the profits and losses of the business equally. Plaintiff alleges the partnership has been discontinued without settlement or adjustment of the obligations between them.

Emil Swanson claims a balance of $227 due from Berkland & Litell on their promissory note.

Standard Oil Co. demands judgment against Louis Scheppler, Jr., for $153.95 as balance on account.

A $250 note executed by Parker A. Smith of Eagle Grove in favor of Citizens State bank and guaranteed by C. E. Middleton, who later was required to redeem same, now seeks to recover from said Parker.

W. W. Frakes of Woolstock is defendent in a suit for $386.14 brought by the Nichols Wire and Sheet Co. to collect on an account.

Luedke Schaefer Co., a wholesale shoe concern, claims a balance due of $150.20 from L. B. Hanson of Eagle Grove.

Ada Carlson says her husband Hans is cruel and inhuman and has deserted her and for the reasons stated asks a divorce from the bonds of matrimony.

Geo. Marshall, a Woolstock merchant, asks judgment against Conrad Johnson in the sum of $141.56 on account past due.

A past due note for $400 on which a balance of $370.92 is due is cause for action in case of J. T. Jensen vs. N. E. Schroeder of Clarion. Another suit on note is that of R. W. Breckenridge of Clarion vs. E. E. Evans. A balance of $1110.80 is alleged to be due the plaintiff.

P. E. Sedahl is suing Harley Thompson to recover balance due on two promissory notes, $178.15 and $173.87 respectively.

McKinley Music Co. claims a balance of $176.34 due from the Anderson Music Co. of Eagle Grove for merchandise sold defendants.

John M. Shaw asks judgment against Oscar Donaldson and wife of Webster City in the sum of $802.50 and the foreclosure of a mortgage on certain lots located in Wright's addition to Eagle Grove.

The Vacuum Oil Co. of Chicago claim a balance of $205.54 due from the Nordschow Motor Co. of Belmond.

The Chicago Great Western railroad company is named as defendant in a suit for damages brought by J. L. Reddick who resides south of Eagle Grove to recover the sum of $950 for four head of horses, which he alleges were killed by defendant's train; that defendant failed to construct proper cattle guards and cross fences. The horses killed were Goldie, a purebred Percheron, valued at $300; Bessie, reasonably worth $250; a gelding named Frank, and Roxie, each worth $200 immediately before they were run over by defendant's train.

P. S. The above case has been settled and suit withdrawn since the item was written.

Butled Bros. of Minneapolis claim a balance of $115.34 due from W. A. Parsons of Belmond for merchandise sold said defendant.

The harware firm of Frakes & Kahl of Woolstock is defendant in suit brought by Prusia Hardware Co. to collect $1212.50, balance alleged to be due for merchandise.

Rowan Lumber Co. claims a balance of $265.35 due from Frank and Guy Toyne for coal, etc.

Mrs. C. J. Howard of Galt is the first woman to serve on a Wright county grand jury. She was chosen with six men to serve as grand juror for the February term of court. The others are, Geo. Elder, Belmond foreman; Richard Rompf Eagle Grove; B. B. Suiter, Clarion; Martin Olsos, Kanawha; Thos. Shillington, Clarion; J. B. Carpenter, Woolstock. B. L. Johnston is the clerk and Fred Borel, bailiff. It is probable that they will be in session for the most of the week as there is considerable of business to transact.

ALEXANDER NEWS

Albert Larsen, the assessor, is making the yearly rounds.

The many friends of Mrs. George Blau will be glad to know that she is improving, after the past three months of severe suffering.

Alfred Anderson was a business caller at Mason City Thursday.

Mrs. George Yaw and Arthur Thomas of Iowa Falls were visiting relatives at this place last Sunday.

George D. Pals and daughter Miss Jennie of Belmond were callers in town Friday.

Misses Oralee Brooks, Marjorie Flynn, and Mary Kernen were over Sunday visitors with relatives at Belmond.

The John Arends family is released after a seige of quanantine for Scarlet Fever.

James Cook of Minnesota former resident of this place visited at the George and Fred Dunn homes the first of the week.

Miss Hannetta Schulte visited at the Fred Frohling home near Belmond last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Murphy of Hampton were Sunday visitors at the Clarence Murphy home.

Otto Kieslich spent the last of the week with relatives at Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn of Geneva Minnesota are visiting at the homes of relatives in this vicinity.

Dr. Martin of Latimer was a professional caller in town Monday.

Mrs. Otto Kieslich is at Hampton caring for her mother, Mrs. J. F. Douglass who has been serious ill for the past month.

Mr. and Mrs Peter Bohlen visited relatives at Ackley the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Veeder and little daughter Virginia Ruth of Hampton visited at the Nels Larsen home the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bohlen were business callers at Hampton last Tuesday.

Jerry Blau was a business caller at Belmond last Monday.

Hero Frohling was a Belmond caller last Saturday.

Several of our Alexander people attended the box social held in District No 4 last Tuesday evening. A splendid program was given showing the well training of Miss Emma Eickmeyer as teacher.

C. I. McCallum of Rowan is visiting at the home of his son Bernard McCallum this week.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The Christian Endeavor society will give a home talent play entitled, "An Old Fashioned Mother," in the school auditorium on Tuesday February 13 at 8:00 p. m.

Characters as they appear in the play:

Deborah Underhill—A mother in Isral—Mrs. W. F. Dunn.
Widder Bill Pindle—Leader of the choir—Miss Ethel Roulet.
Lowizy Loving Custard—Plain Sewing and gossip—Edith Beemen.
Isabel Simpscott—The Village Belle—Miss Eva Whetstone.
Gloriana Perkins—As good as gold—Miss Ruth Beemen.
Sukey Pindle—The widders Mite—Miss Velma Larsen.
John Underhill—The Prodigal son—W. F. Dunn.
Charley Underhill—The Elder brother—Lloyd Green.
Brother Jonah Quackenbush—A united Sepulcher—Alfred Ammerman.
Jeremiah Gosling, "Jerry"—A merry heart—Ralph Schulte.
Enveh Rone—An outcast and a wanderer—Clifford Hansen.
Quintus Todd—The county sheriff—Jack Hill.

Time of playing: Two hours and fifteen minutes. Admission 35c and 20 cents.

The Helping Hand society will meet with Mrs. Geo Dunn Wednesday afternoon, February 14th. Come prepared to sew.

ST. JOHN'S EVANG. CHURCH

Sunday School at 2:00 o'clock.
Preaching service at 2:45 p. m.
Aid society meets with Mrs. Peter Schlegel on Wednesday p. m. February 14.
All services in the English language.

C. J. Barth, pastor.

WILL BURY NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nortz of Devil's Lake, North Dakota, were calling on old Corwith friends and former neighbors the latter part of last week and the first of this. They were both raised in Corwith and have a host of friends here. Mr. Nortz has been engaged in the lumber business since leaving here and he and his brothers have a line of yards in Minnesota and North Dakota. They have prospered nicely. He says that money has been and is still tight in their territory but that collections are not being forced beyond the debtor's ability to pay and as things are moving now settlements can be made without many foreclosures. Mr. Nortz thinks by the time the next election rolls around they will be able to bury the Non-partisan league and then North Dakota will again be on the road to prosperity.—Corwith Hustler.

JUDGE SAYS IT'S WRONG

Judge Wade, in the Federal court imposed a fine of $1,000 each on William H. Osmundson and Edward Flynn of Perry, who were convicted of conducting a lottery in the disposition of a farm by the sale of tickets upon which were given the date and method of conducting said lottery. The lottery purported to have the backing of the American Legion at Perry. Soon after the close of the war, there was a prefect mania in conducting "raffles" and it took a forceful appeal from the attorney general to convince people of the unlawful procedure.—Ex.

CLARION ANTICIPATING PAVING IMPROVEMENT

Clarion's paving program is taking on definite shape and if plans are carried out as outlined over four miles of paved streets will be added to our city this season, making the total practically five miles. Never in the history of the town has a single understaking been launched that meant so much for the future of our city as the present paving project. Another commendable feature of our city is the fact that with few exceptions it is being boosted by all classes of citizens. At present sixty-seven blocks are in the program, some of which may be dropped and others added. The width of practically all residence streets is twenty-four feet. The estimated cost of a 66-foot lot for concrete paving is $325, while the better grades will come as high as $400 per lot. A map showing the tentative outline of the proposed paving will be found on this page.—Monitor.

FRANKLIN COUNTY SELLS BONDS AT GOOD PREMIUM

The Franklin county board of supervisors sold $45,000 worth of funding bonds last Friday to Whitte-Phillips Company, of Davenport, at four and one-half per cent interest and secured a premium of $126. The bonds were advertised to be sold at five per cent, but the bidding was so lively and the board called off the meeting, and opening up with another contest selling at four and one-half per cent.

The saving to the county over the original proposition is considerable in the amount of interest it would be necessary to pay: The amount would run close to $2,300, and in this age of high taxes and high cost of living this will buy a lot of things. The bonds were to run for ten years.

The total bonded indebtedness of Franklin county is now just about $435,0000 mostly all for road purposes.—Hampton Chronicle.

Farm for Sale!

To settle the Geo. Kessler Estate it is necessary to sell the Kessler farm of 160 acres, east of Belmond, at once. For further particulars see

C. O. FITTS, Referee
Belmond, Iowa

Cecil THEATER, MASON CITY Wed.-Thurs. Matinee Thurs. Washington's Birthday **Feb. 21-22**

John Golden Will Present THE WORLD'S GREATEST PLAY

LIGHTNIN

Brilliant Cast Includes Thomas Jefferson, Bessie Bacon. Direct from Kansas City, Minneapolis, Omaha, Des Moines.

Mail Orders Are best protection for out-of-town people. Prices: Nights, Lower Floor, $2.50; Balcony, first six rows, $2; Balance $1.50. Thursday Matinee, Lower Floor $2; Balcony, first six rows $1.50; Balance $1; Gallery—not reserved—50c all performances. Add 10 percent tax to remittances and send self addressed stamped envelope. Box Office sale opens Tues., Feb. 20. NO OTHER ENGAGEMENTS WITHIN 100 MILES OF MASON CITY.

INDEPENDENT ADS BRING RESULTS

PUBLIC SALE!

AS I HAVE QUIT FARMING, I WILL HOLD A CLOSING OUT SALE AT MY PLACE 4 MILES STRAIGHT EAST OF BELMOND, ON

Thursday, February 15

COMMENCING AT 12:30 P. M. SHARP

10 - Head of Horses - 10

1 BAY MARE 11 YRS. OLD, WT. 1,300
1 GRAY MARE 11 YRS. OLD, WT. 1,600
1 BAY GELDING 4 YRS. OLD, WT. 1,200
1 BLACK MARE 5 YRS. OLD, WT. 1,200
1 BLACK HORSE 7 YRS. OLD, WT. 1,350
1 SORREL MARE 9 YRS. OLD, WT. 1,400
1 BLACK GELDING 10 YRS. OLD, WT. 1,600
1 DRIVING TEAM, 5 & 7 YRS. OLD, WT. 1,800
1 SORREL DRIVING HORSE 10 YRS. OLD, WT. 1,000

40 - Head of Cattle - 40

2 STEERS COMING 2 YRS. OLD.
8 YOUNG CALVES
10 LAST SPRING CALVES, 5 HEIFERS, 5 STEERS
5 HEIFERS COMING 2 YRS. OLD, TO BE FRESH SOON
15 MILK COWS, SOME FRESH NOW, BALANCE FRESH SOON

56 - Head of Hogs - 56

15 BROOD SOWS, BRED
1 FULL BLOOD DUROC JERSEY BOAR
40 HEAD OF FEEDING SHOATS WEIGHING 100 POUNDS OR BETTER

Farm Machinery, Etc.

2 discs
1 saddle
3 wagons
1 hay rake
1 hay rack
1 bob sleigh
1 hay bucker
1 corn binder
2 top buggies.
1 hay stacker
8 horse collars
2 sets fly nets
1 single harness
1 3-section drag
1 Deering mower
2 16-in. riding plows
1 set driving harness
1 one-hole corn sheller
1 John Deere spreader
3 sets 1 1-2 in. harness
1 Deering binder, 8-ft. cut
1 grain elevator 32 ft, horse power, complete.
1 corn planter with 100 rods of wire.
Numerous other articles

Free Lunch At Noon

TERMS: $10 AND UNDER CASH; OVER THAT AMOUNT 10 MONTHS' TIME WILL BE GIVEN ON APPROVED SECURITY AT 8 PER CENT INTEREST. ALL PROPERTY TO BE SETTLED FOR ON DAY OF SALE.

BELMOND SAVINGS BANK, CLERK

LEWIS HAUGE, AUCTIONEER

Adolph Meinders, Sr.
OWNER

The BLIND MAN'S EYES

BY

WILLIAM MacHARG and EDWIN BALMER

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Gabriel Warden, Seattle capitalist, tells his butler he is expecting a caller, to be admitted without question. He informs his wife of danger that threatens him if he pursues a course he considers the only honorable one. Warden leaves the house in his car and meets a man whom he takes into the machine. When the car returns home, Warden is found dead, murdered, and alone. The caller, a young man, has been at Warden's house, but leaves unobserved.

CHAPTER II.—Bob Connery, conductor, receives orders to hold train for a party. Five men and a girl board the train. The father of the girl, Mr. Dorne, is the person for whom the train was held. Philip D. Eaton, a young man, also boarded the train. Dorne tells his daughter and his secretary, Don Avery, to find out what they can concerning him.

CHAPTER III.—The two make Eaton's acquaintance. The train is stopped by snowdrifts.

CHAPTER IV.—Eaton receives a telegram addressed to Lawrence Hillward, which he claims. It warns him he is being followed.

CHAPTER V.—Passing through the car, Connery notices Dorne's hand hanging outside the berth. He ascertains Dorne's bell has recently rung. Perturbed, he investigates and finds Dorne with his skull crushed. He calls a surgeon, Dr. Sinclair, on the train.

CHAPTER VI.—Sinclair recognizes the injured man as Basil Santoine, who, although blind, is a peculiar power in the financial world as adviser to "big interests." His recovery is a matter of doubt.

CHAPTER VII.—Circumstances point to Eaton as Santoine's assailant.

He felt suddenly a rough tap upon his shoulder, and turning, saw that Donald Avery had come out upon the platform and was standing beside him; and behind Avery he saw Conductor Connery. There was no one else on the platform.

"Will you tell me, Mr. Eaton—or whatever else your name may be—what it is that you have been asking Miss Santoine?" Avery demanded harshly. "Harry, what has this man been saying to you?"

"Mr. Eaton?" Her gaze went wonderingly from Avery to Eaton and back again. "Why—why, Don! He has only been asking me what we had found out about the attack on Father!"

"And you told him?" Avery swung toward Eaton. "You dog!" he mouthed. "Harriet, he asked you that because he needed to know—he had to know! Harry, this is the man that did it!"

Eaton's fists clenched; but suddenly, recollecting, he checked himself. Harriet, not yet comprehending, stood staring at the two; then Eaton saw the blood rush to her face and dye forehead and cheek and neck as she understood.

"Not here, Mr. Avery; not here!" Conductor Connery put his hand on Eaton's arm. "Come with me, sir," he commanded.

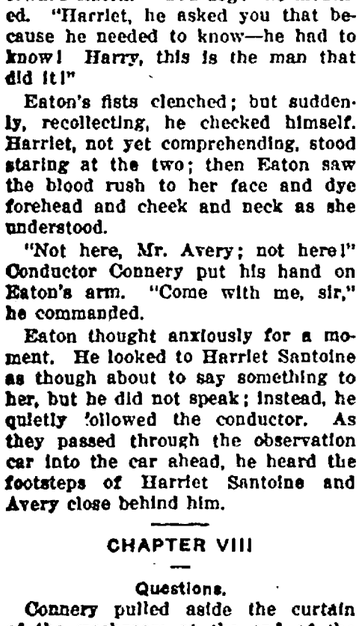
Eaton thought anxiously for a moment. He looked to Harriet Santoine as though about to say something to her, but he did not speak; instead, he quietly followed the conductor. As they passed through the observation car into the car ahead, he heard the footsteps of Harriet Santoine and Avery close behind him.

CHAPTER VIII

Questions.

Connery pulled aside the curtain of the washroom at the end of the Santoine car—the end farthest from the drawing room where Santoine lay.

"Step in here, sir," he directed. "Sit down, if you want. We're far enough



"Step In Here, Sir," He Directed.

from the drawing room not to disturb Mr. Santoine."

Eaton, seating himself in the corner of the leather seat built against two walls of the room, and looking up, saw that Avery had come into the room with them. The girl followed. With her entrance into the room came to him a strange sensation which exhausted his breath and stopped his pulse for a beat. To be accused—even to be suspected—of the crime against Santoine was to have attention brought to him which—with his unsatisfactory account of himself—threatened ugly complications. Yet, at this moment of realization, that did not fill his mind. Whether his long dwelling close to death had numbed him to his own danger, however much more immediate it had become, he could not know; probably he had prepared himself so thoroughly, had inured himself so to expect arrest and imminent destruction, that now his finding himself confronted with accusers in itself failed to stir new sensation; but till this day, he had never imagined or been able to prepare himself for accusation before one like Harriet Santoine; so, for a moment, thought solely of himself was a subcurrent. Of his conscious feelings, the terror that she would be brought to believe with the others that he had struck the blow against her father was the most poignant.

Avery pulled forward one of the leather chairs for her to seat herself and took another for himself facing Eaton.

"Why did you ring the bell in Mr. Santoine's berth?" Avery directed the attack upon him suddenly.

"To call help," Eaton answered.

"You had known, then, that he needed help?"

"I knew it—saw it then, of course."

"When?"

"When I found him. When I went forward to look for the conductor to ask him about taking a walk on the roof of the cars."

"You found him then—that way, the way he was?"

"That way? Yes."

"How?"

"How?" Eaton iterated.

"Yes; how, Mr. Eaton, or Hillward, or whatever your name is? How did you find him? The curtains were open, perhaps; you saw him as you went by, eh?"

Eaton shook his head. "No; the curtains weren't open; they were closed."

"Then why did you look in?"

"I saw his hand in the aisle."

"Go on."

"When I came back it didn't look right to me; its position had not been changed at all, and it hadn't looked right to me before. So I stopped and touched it, and I found that it was cold."

"Then you looked into the berth?"

"Yes."

"And having looked in and seen Mr. Santoine injured and lying as he was, you did not call anyone, you did not bring help—you merely leaned across him and pushed the bell and went on quickly out of the car before anyone could see you?"

"Yes; but I waited on the platform of the next car to see that help did come; and the conductor passed me, and I knew that he and the porter must find Mr. Santoine, as they did."

"Do you expect us to believe that very peculiar action of yours was the act of an innocent man?"

"If I had been guilty of the attack on Mr. Santoine, I'd not have stopped or looked into the berth at all."

"If you are innocent, you had, of course, some reason for acting as you did. Will you explain what it was?"

"No—I cannot explain."

With a look of triumph Avery turned to Harriet Santoine, and Eaton felt his flesh grow warm with gratitude as he saw her meet Avery's look with no appearance of being convinced.

Avery made a vexed gesture, and turned to Connery. "Tell her the rest of it," he directed.

Connery, who had remained standing back of the two chairs, moved slightly forward. "Where shall I begin?" he asked of Avery; he was looking not at the girl but at Eaton.

"At the beginning," Avery directed.

"Mr. Eaton, when you came to this train, the gateman at Seattle called my attention to you," Connery began. "Old Sammy has recognized men with criminal records time and again. He's got seven rewards out of it."

Eaton felt his pulses close with a shock. "He recognized me?" he asked quietly.

"No, he didn't; he couldn't place you," Connery granted. "He couldn't tell whether you were somebody that was 'wanted' or someone well known—someone famous, maybe; but I ought to have kept my eye on you because of that, from the very start. Now, this morning you claim a telegram meant for another man—a man named Hillward, on this train, who seems to be all right—that is, by his answers and his account of himself he seems to be exactly what he claims to be."

"Did he read the telegram to you?" Eaton asked. "It was in code. If it was meant for him, he ought to be able to read it."

"No, he didn't. Will you?"

Eaton halted while he recalled the exact wording of the message. "No."

Connery paused and looked to Avery and the girl. "You'll wait a minute, Mr. Avery; and you, Miss Santoine. I won't be long."

He left the washroom, and the sound of the closing of a door which came to Eaton a half-minute later told that he had gone out the front end of the car.

As the three sat waiting in the washroom, no one spoke. Eaton understood fully that the manner in which the evidence against him was being presented to him was not with any expectation that he could defend himself; Avery and Connery were obviously too certain of their conclusion for that; rather, as it was being given thus under Avery's direction, it was for the effect upon Harriet Santoine and to convince her fully. But Eaton had understood this from the first. It was for this reason he had not attempted to deny having rung Santoine's bell, realizing that if he denied it and it afterward was proved, he would appear in a worse light than by his inability to account for or assign a reason for his act. And he had proved right in this; for the girl had not been convinced. So now he comprehended that something far more convincing and more important was to come; but what that could be, he could not guess.

The conductor appeared in the door of the washroom followed by the Englishman from Eaton's car, Henry Standish. Connery carried the sheet on which he had written the questions he had asked Eaton, and Eaton's answers.

"What name were you using, Mr. Eaton, when you came from Asia to the United States?" the conductor demanded.

Eaton reflected. "My own," he said. "Philip D. Eaton."

"Mr. Standish"—Connery faced the Englishman—"you came from Yokohama to Seattle on the Tamba Maru, didn't you? Do you remember this Mr. Eaton among the passengers?"

"No."

"Do you know he was not among the passengers?"

"Yes, I do."

"How do you know?"

The Englishman took a folded paper from his pocket, opened it, and

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handed it to the conductor. Connery, taking it, held it out to Eaton.

"Here, Mr. Eaton," he said, "is the printed passenger list of the people aboard the Tamba Maru prepared after leaving Yokohama for distribution among the passengers. It's unquestionably correct. Will you point out your name on it?"

Eaton made no move to take the paper; and after holding it long enough to give him full opportunity, Connery handed it back to the Englishman.

"That's all, Mr. Standish," he said.

Eaton sat silent as the Englishman, after staring curiously around at them with his bulging, interested eyes, left the washroom.

"Now, Mr. Eaton," Connery said, as the sound of Standish's steps became inaudible, "either you were not on the Tamba Maru or you were on it under some other name than Eaton. Which was it?"

"I never said I was on the Tamba Maru," Eaton returned steadily. "I said I came from Asia by steamer." You yourself supplied the name Tamba Maru."

"In case of questioning like that, Mr. Eaton, it makes no difference whether you said it or I supplied it in your hearing. If you didn't correct me, it was because you wanted me to get a wong impression about you. You weren't on the Tamba Maru, were you?"

"No I was not."

"You did come from Asia though as your railroad ticket seemed to show?"

"Yes."

"From Yokohama?"

"The last port we stopped at before sailing for Seattle was Yokohama—yes."

Connery reflected. "You had been in Seattle, then, at least five days; for the last steamer you could have come on docked five days before the Tamba Maru. In fact, Mr. Eaton, you had been on this side of the water for as many as eleven days, had you not?"

"Eleven days?" Eaton repeated. "Yes; for it was just eleven days before this train left Seattle that you came to the house of Mr. Gabriel Warden and waited there for him till he was bought home dead!"

Eaton, sitting forward a little, looked up at the conductor; his glance caught Avery's an instant; he gazed then to Harriet Santoine. At the charge, she had started; but Avery had not. The identification, therefore, was Connery's, or had been agreed upon by Connery and Avery between them; suggestion of it had not come from the Santoines. And Connery had made the charge without being certain of it; he was watching the effect, Eaton now realized, to see if what he had accused was correct.

"Isn't that so?" Connery demanded. "Or do you want to deny that too and have it proved on you later?"

Again for a moment Eaton sat silent. "No", he decided, "I do not deny that."

"Then you are the man who was at Warden's the night he was murdered?"

"Yes," said Eaton, "I was there that evening. I was the one who came there by appointment and waited till after Mr. Warden was brought home dead."

"So you admit that ?" Connery gloated; but he could not keep from Eaton a sense that, by Eaton's admission of the fact, Connery had been disappointed.

"All right, Mr. Eaton!" Connery returned to his charge. You are that man. So besides whatever else that means, you'd been in Seattle eleven days and yet you were the last person to get aboard this train, which left a full hour after its usual starting time. Who were you waiting to see get on the train before you yourself took it?"

Eaton wet his lips. To what was Connery working up? The probability, now rapidly becoming certainty, that in addition to the recognition of him as the man who had waited at Warden's—which fact anyone at any time might have charged—Connery knew something else which the conductor could not have been expected to know—this dismayed Eaton the more by its indefiniteness. And he saw, as his gaze shifted to Avery, that Avery knew this thing also.

"What do you mean by that question?" he asked.

"I mean that—however innocent or guilty may be the chance of your being at Mr. Warden's the night he was killed—you'll have a hard time proving that you did not wait and watch and take this train because Basil Santoine had taken it; and that you were not following him. Do you deny it?"

Eaton was silent.

Connery, bringing the paper in his hand nearer to the window again, glanced down once more at the statement Eaton had made. "I asked you who you knew in Chicago," he said, "and you answered 'No one.' That was your reply, was it not?"

"Yes."

"You know no one in Chicago?"

"No one," Eaton repeated.

"And certainly no one there knows you well enough to follow your movements in relation to Mr. Santoine. That's a necessary assumption from the fact that you know no one at all there."

The conductor pulled a telegram from his pocket and handed it to Avery, who, evidently having already seen it, passed it on to Harriet Santoine. She took it, staring at it mechanically and vacantly; then suddenly she shivered, and the yellow paper which she had read slipped from her hand and fluttered to the floor. Connery stooped and picked it up and handed it toward Eaton.

"This is yours," he said.

Eaton had sensed already what the nature of the message must be, though as the conductor held it out to him he could read only his name at the top of the sheet and did not know yet what the actual wording was below. Acceptance of it must mean arrest, indictment for the crime against Basil Santoine; and that, whether or not he later was acquitted, must destroy him; but denial of the message now would be hopeless.

"It is yours, isn't it?" Connery urged.

"Yes; it's mine," Eaton admitted; and to make his acceptance definite, he took the paper from Connery. As he looked dully down at it, he read:

"He is on your train under the name of Dorne."

The message was not signed.

Connery touched him on the shoulder. "Come with me, Mr. Eaton."

Eaton got up slowly and mechanically and followed the conductor. At the door he halted and looked back; Harriet Santoine was not looking; her face was covered with her hands; Eaton hesitated; then he went on. Connery threw open the door of the compartment next to the washroom and corresponding to the drawing room at the other end of the car, but smaller.

"You'll do well enough in here."

He closed the door upon Eaton and locked it. As Eaton stood staring at the floor, he could hear through the metal partition of the washroom the nervous, almost hysterical weeping of an overstrained girl. The thing was done; in so far as the authorities on the train were concerned, it was known that he was the man who had had the appointment with Gabriel Warden and had disappeared; and in so far as the train officials could act, he was accused and confined for the attack upon Basil Santoine. But besides being overwhelmed with the horror of this position, the manner in which he had been accused had roused him to helpless anger, to rage at his accusers which still increased as he heard the sounds on the other side of the partition, where Avery was now trying to silence Harriet Santoine and lead her away.

CHAPTER IX

The Blind Man's Eyes.

At noon Connery came to his door, and behind Connery, Eaton saw Harriet Santoine and Avery. Eaton jumped up, and as he saw the girl's pale face, the color left his own.

"Miss Santoine has asked to speak to you," Connery announced; and he admitted Harriet Santoine and Avery, and himself remaining outside in the aisle, closed the door upon them.

"How is your father?" Eaton asked the girl.

"He seems just the same; at least, I can't see any change, Mr. Eaton."

"Can Doctor Sinclair see any difference?" Eaton asked.

"Doctor Sinclair will not commit himself except to say that so far as he can tell, the indications are favorable. He seems to think—" The girl choked; but when she went on, her blue eyes were very bright and her lips did not tremble. "Doctor Sinclair seems to think, Mr. Eaton, that Father was found just in time, and that whatever chance he has for recovery came from you. Sometimes Father had insomnia and wouldn't get to sleep till late in the morning; so I—and Mr. Avery too—would have left him undisturbed until noon. Doctor Sinclair says that if he had been left as long as that, he would have had no chance at all for life."

"He has a chance, then, now?"

"Yes; but we don't know how much. I—I wanted you to know, Mr. Eaton, that I recognize—that the chance Father may have came through you, and that I am trying to think of you as the one who gave him the chance."

The warm blood flooded Eaton's face, and he bowed his head. She, then, was not wholly hostile to him; she had not been completely convinced by Avery.

Her eyes rested upon Eaton steadily; and while he had been appealing to her, a flush had come to her cheeks and faded away and come again and again with her impulses as he spoke.

"If you didn't do it, why don't you help us?" she cried.

"Help you?"

"Yes; tell us who you are and what you are doing? Why did you take the train because Father was on it, if you didn't mean any harm to him? Why don't you tell us where you are going or where you have been or what you have been doing? Why can't you give the name of anybody you know or tell us of anyone who knows about you?"

"I might ask you in return," Eaton said, "why you thought it worth while, Miss Santoine, to ask so much about myself when you first met me and before any of this had happened? Why were you curious about me?"

"My father asked me to find out about you."

"Why?"

Harriet had reddened under Eaton's gaze. "You understand, Mr. Eaton, it was—was entirely impersonal with me. My father, being blind, is obliged to use the eyes of others—mine, for one; and he has Mr. Avery. He calls us his eyes, sometimes; and it was only—only because I had been commissioned to find out about you that I was obliged to show so much curiosity."

Harriet arose, and Eaton got up as she did and stood as she went toward the door.

Avery had reached the door, holding it open for her to go out. Suddenly Eaton tore the handle from Avery's grasp, slammed the door shut upon him and braced his foot against it.

"Miss Santoine," he pleaded, his voice hoarse with his emotion, "for God's sake, make them think what they are doing before they make a public accusation against me—before they charge me with this to others not on this train! It will not be merely accusation they make against me—it will be my sentence! I shall be sentenced before I am tried—condemned without a chance to defend myself! That is the reason I could not come forward after the murder of Mr. Warden. I could not have helped him—or aided in the pursuit of his enemies—if I had appeared; I merely would have been destroyed myself! The only thing I could hope to accomplish has been in following my present course—which, I swear to you, has no connection with the attack upon your father. What Mr. Avery and Connery are planning to do to me, they cannot undo. They will merely complete the outrage and injustice already done me—of which Mr. Warden spoke to his wife—and they will not help your father. For God's sake, keep them from going further!"

Her color deepened, and for an instant, he thought he saw full belief in him growing in her eyes; but if she could not accept the charge against him, neither could she consciously deny it, and the hands she had been pressing together suddenly dropped.

"I—I'm afraid nothing I could say would have much effect on them, knowing as little about—about you as I do!"

They dashed the door open then—silenced and overwhelmed him; and they took her from the room and left him alone again. But there was something left with him which they could not take away; for in the moment he had stood alone with her

They Dashed the Door Open, Then—

and passionately pleading, something had passed between them—he could give no name to it, but he knew that Harriet Santoine never could think of him again without a stirring of her pulses which drew her toward him.

The following morning the relieving snowplows arrived from the East, and Eaton felt it was the beginning of the end for him. He watched from his window men struggling in the snow about the forward end of the train; then the train moved forward past the shoveled and trampled snow where rock and pieces of the snowplow were piled beside the track—stopped, waited; finally it went on again and began to take up its steady progress.

The attack upon Santoine having taken place in Montana, Eaton thought that he would be turned over to the police somewhere within that state, and he expected it would be done at the first stop; but when the train slowed at Simons, he saw the town was nothing more than a little hamlet beside a side-track. They surely could not deliver him to the village authorities here.

It made no material difference to him, Eaton realized, whether the police took him in Montana or Chicago, since in either case recognition of him would be certain in the end; but in Chicago this recognition must be immediate, complete, and utterly convincing.

The train was traveling steadily and faster than its regular schedule; it evidently was running as a special, some other train taking the ordinary traffic; it halted now only at the largest cities. In the morning it crossed into Minnesota; and in the late afternoon, slowing, it rolled into some large city which Eaton knew must be Minneapolis or St. Paul. The car here was uncoupled from the train and picked up by a switch engine; as dusk fell, Eaton, peering out of his window, could see that they had been left lying in the railroad yards; and about midnight, awakening in his berth, he realized that the car was still motionless. He could account for this stoppage in their progress only by some change in the condition of Santoine. Was Santoine sinking, so that they no longer dared to travel? Was he, perhaps—dead?

No sounds came to him from the car to confirm Eaton in any conclusion; there was nothing to be learned from anyone outside the car.

Eaton lay for a long time, listening for other sounds and wondering what was occurring—or had occurred—at the other end of his car. Toward morning he fell asleep.

CHAPTER X

Publicity Not Wanted.

"Basil Santoine dying! Blind millionaire lawyer taken ill on train!"

The alarm of the cry came to answer Eaton's question early the next morning. He threw up the curtain and saw a vagrant newsboy, evidently passing through the railroad yards to sell to the trainmen. Eaton, hailing the boy put out his hand for a paper. He spread the news-sheet before him and read that Santoine's condition was very low and becoming rapidly worse. But below, under a Montana date-line, Eaton saw it proclaimed that the blind millionaire was merely sick; there was no suggestion anywhere of an attack. The paper stated only that Basil Santoine, returning from Seattle with his daughter and his secretary, Donald Avery, had been taken seriously ill upon a train which had been stalled for two days in the snow in Montana. The column ended with the statement that Mr. Santoine had passed through Minneapolis and gone on to Chicago under care of Dr. Douglas Sinclair.

Eaton stared at the newspaper without reading, after he saw that. He had not realized, until now that he was told that Harriet Santoine had gone—for if her father had gone on, of course she was with him—the extent to which he had felt her fairness, almost her friendship to him. At least, he knew now that, since she had spoken to him after he was first accused of the attack on her father, he had not felt entirely deserted or friendless till now.

But why, if Santoine had been taken away, or was dead or dying, had they left Eaton all night in the car in the yards? Since Santoine was dying, would there be any longer an object in concealing the fact that he had been murdered?

Continued next week.

Belmond Local News

Henry Polmateer of near Alexander was a business caller here Monday of this week. Mrs. Polmateer has been in Canada the past month visiting her brothers and sisters there, and is expected home this week. The family were formerly residents of Belmond.

Arvin Ellis has reserved Monday February 19, as the date for his closing out sale. Watch for particulars next week.

The Geo. Thompson Duroc Jersey blooded hog sale on February 17 is advertised in this issue.

Co. Atty. Jensen was at Goldfield last week, where four young men were prosecuted for larceny. The four, Geo. Keister, Maynard Patton, Harry Weeks, and Walter Miller, were charged with taking some clothing and jewelry from the Roy Woodard home during the absence of the family. The trial was held in Mayor Goodrich's court and Keister, Patton, and Miller were fined $100 and costs, Weeks drawing $25. Weeks and Keister appealed to the district court and the others were paroled to work their fine out. One piece of jewelry taken, a lavalier, is said to be worth $50. The young men are from rather prominent families, and the Goldfield Chronicle was placed in rather difficult circumstances regarding publication of the trial, as one young man's sister is an employee of the shop.

Ford Magnetos Recharged while you wait.—Belmond Motor Sales.

Many from this section will journey to the Cecil Theatre, Mason City to witness "Lightnin" on Wednesday and Thursday, February 21 and 22. A special holiday matinee is announced for Thursday —Washington's birthday.

Active Representative—Wanted by large wholesale house of high standing. Unlimited earning possibilities with opportunity to build permanent trade selling complete line of staples in constant use. A connection with a real future. State age and full details. John Sexton & Co. Chicago, Ill.

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Buy your milk and cream from T. B. tested cows, milk 10c qt., 5c pint; cream 60c qt., 30c pint, delivered. phone 1205.—Kurtz Dairy. For sale at Robinson's and Cash Market.

Mrs. Wm. Gealow of near Meservey, was visiting relatives and friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Look at the date on your paper. Are you paid up? If not, please come in and get a receipt. We need the money.

N. E. Brear, of the Belmond Motor Sales Co. was a caller at Fort Dodge last week from where he brought back four new Buicks, two Sixes and two Fours.

L. M. Andrews will hold a closing out sale on February 12. See his ad in this issue of the Independent.

Mrs. W. I. Rosecrans underwent an operation for tumor at the hospital in Rochester last Monday. She is reported as getting along very nicely.

R. Beemen, one of the merchants of Alexander, was a business caller here last Friday.

Ford Magnetos Recharged while you wait.—Belmond Motor Sales.

Timothy and wild hay for sale. Inquire M. Halfwassen. 111*

There will be a box social and program at the Norway Center school Friday evening, February 9th. The program will begin at 7:30. Visitors welcome. Ladies please bring baskets.
Erma L. Wilkinson, teacher.

Miss Lucretia Morse is now employed as bookkeeper for the Belmond Telephone Company.

Richard Gowdy, son of Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Gowdy, is reported quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCullock of Kanawha were callers here Monday of this week, on business affairs.

Dan Wenzell Sr. is spending a few days at Swea City, where he is visiting his son.

Marvyl Chase of Goodell was visiting friends and relatives here the first of the week.

Miss Nettie Benson and friend drove to Klemme with Mr. and Mrs. C. Scott last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stebbleton of Britt were visitors at the Wallace Ramsey home Sunday.

Our farmer readers are referred to the five sales advertised in the Independent this week if they are in need of anything in the farm machinery or live stock line. More will appear next week.

H. O. Azeltine of Rowan was a business visitor in town on Monday of this week.

John Dempsey, General mason work, plastering a speciality. Telephone 352. Belmond, Iowa. 114*

Mrs. Gus Ziska has been at Sioux Rapids the past week, where she was called by the serious illness of her sister.

Highest market price for ear corn. —W. C. Tyrrell, Jr. 93*

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The attendance upon the service last Sunday was not up to normal. The whooping cough, grippe, and cold weather has certainly had its part in keeping people at home. We are hoping that all will soon be in their usual health and back in their places again.

The Ladies Aid society will hold their regular monthly meeting in the church parlors on Thursday afternoon at two thirty.

Regular services on next Sunday Sabbath school at 10:00 a. m. Morning worship at 11:00 and the evening services at 7:30.

Two of our faithful women have been removed from the scenes of earth to their eternal reward during the past week. Mrs. W. W. Goetz, who died on Thursday morning and Mrs. Huntington, who died at the home of her daugter at Vermillion South Dakota on Sunday morning. We will greatly miss them but what is loss to us is gain to them. They rest from their labors but their work follows them.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.

Regular preaching service at 11:00 a. m. The pastor will try and make this a profitable service.

Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.

Prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m., on Thursday eve.

Mrs. Shaffer's division of the Ladies Aid meets with Mrs. Joe White on Thursday, at 2:30 p. m.

Evening service at 7:30 p. m.

Everyone is invited to all of these services.

TRINITY CHURCH

There will be no choir practice this Wednesday evening. Announcement will be given later.

Thursday evening prayer meeting will be held at the home of Ole Thompson.

Saturday morning the class will meet at 10 o'clock.

Sunday morning, Sunday school at 10 o'clock. No morning service. A Norwegian service will be conducted by the lay people at 3 o'clock. Sunday evening at 7:30 the Young People's League will hold its semi-monthly meeting. You are welcome. We would like to see our young people all actively engaged in our church work. The church needs you and you need the church.

A meeting of the Lutheran Brotherhood will be held at the Church on Monday eve, Feb. 11. Rev. Thomas Thorson of Fort Dodge will speak. Lunch will be served.

ST. OLAF CHURCH

Don't forget the devotional meetings held at the church Feb. 6-8. Come and take someone with you to these meetings.

Sunday morning divine service will be conducted in the Norwegian language. We are having a gratifying attendance at the services. Services begin promptly at 11 o'clock.

COMBINATION SALE

In order that you may get what you have to sell, ready, I announce that I will hold a Combination sale the latter part of February or the first of March. There will be plenty of help and auctioneers to take care of you. Watch for further particulars.
T. D. Rankins

The little daughter of Mr and Mr. Herman Wenzell has been quite ill the past week with bronchitis, but is reported somewhat better.

Two purebred Polled Hereford bulls at my farm 2 miles south and 2 miles east of Meservey.
Heiko Janssen.
103c Thornton Iowa.

The Priscilla club meets with Mrs. Wolle Wednesday afternoon.

Rev. E. S. Johnson of Clear Lake filled the pulpit of the Methodist church last Sunday at both services.

Miss Edna Stedman of Forest City visited Belmond friends Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Olson and family from near Britt visited friends and relatives here during the week end.

Mrs. E. F. Bailey went to Iowa Falls Monday.

Mrs. T. N. Davenport went to Ventura last Friday to spend the week end with relatives.

UNCLE TOM'S CABIN, to be played at the Opera House one night Saturday 10th.

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BELMOND SCHOOL NOTES

Next week Wednesday, February 14, will appear the third number of the Lecture course. This number is substituted in place of the one that failed to reach here. It is a much more expensive number. It is the De Georgio Concert Orchestra with Anne O'Molley, Contralto. Every one should plan to hear this musical.

Monday night the boys and girls team's played at Rowan. The girls met a fast team and were defeated 26 to 14. The boys won an easy victory and come home with the score of 21 to 5.

An epidemic of colds and grippe seems to have struck our school. So many are out of school it is impossible to mention them all.

Last week bids were received by the Annual Staff for the printing of the Annual. The Herald-Press gave the lowest bids so will print the Annual. The engraving contract has been let to the John & Ollier of Chicago. M. J. Thoe is to do the photography work which is being delayed on account of so many people being out of school.

The Belmond Independent is offering a prize of five dollars to any one in the high school or seventh or eight grades for the best short story not to exceed three thousand words. This is an excellent inducement for our people to try their hand at story writing.

Ruth Knudson and Caryl McIntyre of the beginning typewriting class recieved their certificates from the Remington Company for proficiency in writing twenty-five words per minute.

Mrs. Harold Luick and Mrs. Ramsey visited school last week.

Mrs. D. E. Packard has been on the sick list the past week, being quite ill. She is reported improved at this writing.

"Scoop" Larsen spent the week end with friends at Webster City, returning Monday afternoon.

Mrs. J. H. Neal of Mason City was in town a few days last week, visiting old friends. She was formerly a resident of Belmond.

The epidemic of colds and grippe has a pretty good hold locally, and many are more or less ill. Ninety-two grade pupils and 18 of the high school were ill the first of the week.

WANT ADS

Two cents per word first insertion; one cent per word ensuing insertions.

FOR SALE

For Sale—60 Rhode Island Reds, 20 Barred Plymouth Rocks pullets.—Richard Anderson. Phone 3511. 112*

For Sale—Registered Short Horn bulls, red, 8 to 12 months.—John Mark. Phone 3306. 11tfc

For Sale—Three big Jacks and three stallions. Inquire of R. G. Brown. 114*

For Sale—Pop corn, guaranteed to pop, four cents a pound. Phone 1606. 111*

FOR RENT

For Rent—5 room house, 5 blocks north of First National bank, modern—Frank Christie. Phone 2202. 111*

For Rent—Three-room house and an acre of ground, east of Belmond. Phone 1103. 113*

WANTED

Wanted—Orders for all varieties of pure bred baby chicks. Will hatch until July 1.—Glenn M. Jennings, Clarion, Iowa, phone 47. 104*

Wanted—Married man to work on farm. Inquire at Independent. 11tfc

MISCELLANEOUS

Dead animals removed from your premises FREE.—Belmond Rendering Works. Phone 2119. 48tfc

Lost—Crank from Cleveland car, between our place and Belmond.—Will Gealow. Meservey. 111

RESOLUTIONS

A meeting of school officers of Wright county for the purpose of considering the proposed bill for a state tax levy was held in the county superintendent's office at Clarion on February 5th.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, There is a posposal to lift ten mills out of the local school tax levy and add it to the state levy the proceeds of the ten mill school tax levy to be distributed back to the public school districts on a basis which takes into conideration the number of pupils being educated in each and the standard of educational facilities provided under the following classification:

Approved twelve year graded schools.

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We, the representatives of the school boards in Wright county, feel that the proposed plan would be no relief in the tax burden to the largest per cent of the property owners in our county, and be it.

Resolved, that we, the representatives of our respective school boards hereby disapprove of the plan of taking away from the local communities the right to levy and expend such a large amount in school funds.

J. E. Charlson,
H. M. McIntyre,
L. T. Quasdorf,
Committee.

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OPERETTA "CHERRY BLOSSOM" GIVEN SOON

Belmond Teams Continue Winning

Belmond Takes Kanawha And Rowan Teams Into Camp By Easy Scores.

SHEFFIELD IS NEXT GAME

Belmond added another victory to its long list by defeating Kanawha 31 to 11 last Friday. This making the 10th victory for Belmond. They have not been defeated. The game was inclined to be somewhat rough at times, aside from that it was a good game better then the score would indicate. Belmond's lineup has somewhat changed, Stapley was shifted to running guard and Christie for Stapley. It is hoped this will prove more satisfactory. Coach Pals used his second string during the second half. They proved themselves to be equal to the first's team. The boys have a splendid team this year, the best in the history of Belmond. They appreciate having a good crowd out to their games and will give you your money's worth. The Freshman team played the 8th grade. The yearling won by the score 15 to 4 due to good fast team work.

The high school basket ball teams of boys and girls from Rowan were in Belmond Tuesday evening to play corresponding teams here.

The girls' game was played first and resulted in a tie, 5 to 5. It was well played, both teams showing skill and doing hard work. Spectators report that the Belmond girls' team in this game played its old time form and did perhaps their best work of the present season. They have a splendid team this year and Miss Sharon is putting in a good deal of time for practice, in preparation for the Sheffield game next Friday night.

The boys' game result in a score of 19 to 13 in favor of Belmond, but it was not a walk away by any means. At one time during the first half Rowan was ahead with a score of 9 to 5, altho the second team played most of the first half. The boys played a much poorer game than they usually exhibit.

KEEPING HISTORY STRAIGHT

The basket ball game between the Hampton high school second team and the Belmond high school quintet was not played at Belmond last Friday evening as scheduled. After the first half, Superintendent Cecil and Coach Harshbarger decided that it would be better to forfeit the game to Belmond than to allow their officiating by the referee. The referee refused to give the name of a Hampton player on whom he had called a foul to the score-keeper. When pressed for the name he replied; "I'm refereeing this game and if Hampton doesn't like it let them forfeit."—Hampton Chronicle.

The above refers to the game a week ago Friday night, when the Hampton coach showed the yellow and took his team from the floor to avoid a hard licking. The Hampton team contained four of their first-string men, and was by no means a "second." The referee did not refuse to call the name of the player—he did call him, and because the foul was the fourth and put that player out of the game, Hampton kicked. The referee then made the remark qouted, in substance, and the coach jumped at the chance to quit. This explanation in just to "keep history straight".

COMBINATION SALE!

In order to make arrangements for room, if you have anything for the Combination Sale it will be necessary to commence listing at once with me or at the Belmond Savings Bank. Horses, hogs, and cattle will be numbered as listed and sold as numbered. Dates of the sale will be given in the Independent next week.

T. D. Rankins.

George Gelder left yesterday on the first leg of his journey to West Halton Doncaster, England, where he will spend three months visiting his home relatives and friends. He goes to New York City, from which place he sails on Saturday at four o'clock. Before leaving he ordered the Independent sent to him in England so he can keep track of affairs at home while away.

The big farm sale of George Polmateer's which was billed for Tuesday, February 13, was postponed until Saturday, February 24 on account of the young blizzard Tuesday. Geo is closing out all his farm equipment and stock preparatory to moving to Canada. He has some fine stuff, and is advertising his new date in the Independent this week. His bill may be found on page 7 of this issue.

PAVILION MEETING DRAWS BIG CROWD

Many Farmers Attend—Have Cite In View—Waiting For Plans From Ames.

The second meeting on the Sales Pavilion for Belmond was held at the city hall last Thursday evening, and was attended by a crowded house. Sentiment in favor of the pavilion idea appears to be rapidly rounding into favorable shape. Many farmers who have not heretofore given it much thought, are favoring the idea, while among the business men the favorable sentiment continues to grow. The committees are still waiting for plans from the engineering department at Ames, and when they are received and final arrangements completed, the real soliciting will start. It is believed that a good pavilion can be erected for ten thousand dollars or less, including cost of lot. With proper management, which is assured, it should be a paying proposition.

PURE BRED HOG IS A CORN SAVER.

"The same amount of feed that will make a common hog of 175 pounds will make a purebred hog of 241 pounds." This is the conclusion of the Bureau of Animal Husbandry of the United State Department of Agricultural after making an investigation and test with several thousand head of scrub and pure bred hogs belonging to more than 300 owners. In other words, 66 pounds more pork was marketed in the pure bred hog hides with the same care and same feed as were marketed in the carcass of the common hog.

It is estimated that the average farmer feeds ten bushels of corn to produce 100 pounds of pork, and it would therefore take about seven bushels of corn to produce the extra 66 pounds which the common hog would have to put in to be equal to weight to the pure bred. Figuring this corn at 60c a bushel, it would mean that it costs $4.20 more to grow the common hog. If a farmer markets 50 head, it would mean that it has cost him $210 more to grow the common herd than if they had been pure bred hogs.

There are seven pigs in an average litter, and it would therefore take seven sows to produce a herd of 50 porkers. If the farmer having seven common sows would market them, which weighing at maturity around 350 pounds, at the present market prices of about 8c, they would return him $196. This latter amount plus $210, which he loss in extra feed in feeding their progeny for market, would supply him with money enough to buy seven pure bred sows at around $58 apiece. The farmer cannot afford to waste feed and time with scrub hogs when he can buy pure breds as closely at home as farmers of this locality can secure them.

Some farmers in this community have been raising pure breds for a number of years. They evidently have found that it pays them to do so, as they are sticking to the pure bred hogs.

IOWA TOWNSHIP FARM BUREAU MEETING

The ladies of Iowa Township will hold an all day meeting at the home of Mrs. Chas. Richards, two and one half miles east of Rowan, Friday February 23rd. Ladies are requested to bring sandwiches and one other article of food for picnic dinner. At this meeting a demonstration on the making of cheddar cheese will be given. Everyone is invited.

BABY PASSES AWAY

Dale LeRoy Obrecht, the 5 months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Chas Obrecht, died at the home in north Belmond last Saturday, after an illness of about two weeks. The child had never been very strong, but was growing nicely until about two weeks ago when he contracted a bad cold, which turned into pneumonia, causing death February 10, 1923. He was born August 30, 1922, and was five months and 11 days old at his death. Funeral services were held at the house Monday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock. Rev. S. U. Leinbach of the Congregational church in charge and interment was made in Franklin Grove cemetery. The parents have the sympathy of the entire community in the loss of their little one.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our son and brother, and all who assisted us in any way.

Mr. and Mr. Chas Obrecht and children

Atty. Jensen has been spending most of his time the past two weeks attending district court at Clarion. As county attorney he is kept busy by an unusually heavy list of cases.

Still Soldiering

WHAT'S DOING AT THE BELMOND CHURCHES

TRINITY CHURCH NOTES

Thursday evening prayer meeting at the home of Henry Anderson.

Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock the class meets at the church.

Sunday morning Sunday School and Bible classes at the usual hour, 10:00 o'clock. English service in the morning at 11:00 o'clock, and Norwegian services in the evening at 7:30. Come to these services and take someone with you.

ST. OLAF CHURCH NOTES

Tobias Erickson and Tom Thompson of Holmes will conduct a series of Evangelistic meetings. Announcement will be made every day at the meetings. The time is not lost that is spent in devotion and prayer. First meeing held at the church Tuesday, February 13, at 2 p. m.

Sunday morning the lay people conduct a service at the church at 11:00 o'clock, in the Norwegian language.

SANDS MEMORIAL CHURCH

We are sorry that so many are sick, and hope all will soon be well again. We will all have to do our best to make up for what we have fallen below the past few weeks.

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.

Morning worship at 11:00 a. m.

Evening services at 7:30

PRITCHARDS HOME FROM CALIFORNIA

Garner Signal—Mayor W. S. Pritchard and wife returned last Thursday from their six weeks visit in California. They went out especially to see Walt's father, and incidentally to call on their many friends of former days who are now located in the land of sunshine. They had a wonderfully good time and saw a lot of country. Walt says they drove about 3000 miles up and down the coast, and nearly every mile on pavement.

They came home by way of El Paso and Tulsa, Oklahoma, where they visited Paul and his wife and the grandchildren.

They spent a day and a half with Paul and his family at Tulsa. They live on a farm seven miles from Tulsa and Paul has some cows, hogs and chickens. Paul is in the real estate business with Joe McGuire, formerly of Belmond and Ft. Dodge. They are buying leases on oil lands and expect to make a million dollars, or some such amount.

Walt phoned from Tulsa regarding the condition of Mrs. Rosecrans, Mrs. Pritchard's sister, and they cut their visit short on learning of her serious condition. They arrived home Thursday and were glad to get back, after a pleasant six weeks away from the cares of every-day life.

During their stay in California they spent nearly every day going some place and looking up some of their old friends. Walt says he drove his father's Ford, Walt Blume's Cadillac and Jennie Elder's Essex.

Walt got his fill of mountain driving. He says that his hair actually stood up when he came to some of the places in the road. The road is blasted out in the rock and in many places not wide enough for cars to pass. At most places you can see but a few feet ahead and one place there was a steady ascent for six miles. For one not used to that kind of roads, Walt says it is altogether too hard on the nerves.

Raymond Healey is working in the Sun Drug Co. store in Los Angeles, and George Pabst, formerly of Klemme, is working for the same company at Long Beach.

Mr. Pritchard says that he enjoyed the trip all the while and would like to take it again some day. Only once while he was in California did he see any frost, and then it was very light.

A FEW DOINGS OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Monitor—Mrs. Thea Tollefson of Eagle Grove was committed to the state hospital at Cherokee last week for treatment for mental trouble. Deputy and Mrs. Fred Johnson accompanied the unfortunate woman to the asylum. The husband was the complaining witness and alleged his wife had not spoken to him for three years; that she would cook her own meals, but not his. The wife is 42 and the husband nearly sixty. They have three children whose ages range from 9 to 12 years.

Licenses to wed were issued during the past week to Julien Albert Johnson of Albert Lea, Minn., and Edna Worrick of Clarion; John Frank Rockow and Agnes Tressa Lantz of Dows; William Schroeder and Amelia Hipp of Dows.

The U. S. Government by L. E. Bladine internal revenue collector at Dubuque, has filed suit against J. T. Johnson of Eagle Grove to collect $225 as his individual income tax and five per cent penalty and twelve per cent interest from December 15, 1921.

Board of supervisors met in regular session Monday and apportioned assessment for graveling secondary road district No. 10. This is the Clarion-Woolstock road, the gravel having been spread last fall.

Hearing on an extension to drainage district No. 25 in Blaine township, to continue same to the Iowa river, was held by the board of supervisors Tuesday. The establishment and hearing on damages will be considered at the next board meeting.

BAILEY-GOSLIN

Miss Beatrice Bailey of Belmond and Mr. Harley Goslin of Clarion were united in marriage Saturday, the ceremony taking place in Minneapolis, Rev. R. N. Burress of the Methodist church, formerly of the Congregational church of Clarion, officiating. The young couple returned Sunday to the home of the groom's mother where they will live for the present. Both are well known in Belmond and Clarion and the News joins their many friends in congratulations and best wishes.

The groom is a son of Mrs. Matt Goslin of this city, and is a popular and worthy young man. He is a graduate of the Clarion high school and served his country in the late war. He is at present employed in the Austin abstract office as assistant to Mr. Austin, and will continue to make Clarion his home. The bride is a very charming and talented young lady the daughter of Mrs. Irene Bailey, formerly of Belmond. For the past year she has been a student in the Minneapolis Institute of Art. She has many traits which have endeared her to friends and acquaintances, and the two are in every way worthy of much happiness and prosperity.—News.

OLAF

Mrs. Geo. Baxter went to Clarion Monday to serve on the jury.

Bad colds are still quite prevalent several being under the doctor's care

The following and their wives were entertained at a card party by Mr and Mrs. Orpha Anderson last Saturday evening. Messers H. O. Emerson, Oscar Hansen, Joe Larson Flie Evans, Clarence Scott, George Baxter and Martin Hill.

Ladies Aid Society will hold their next meeting February 21 with Mrs Tom Thompson.

The ladies of the Aid Society served a hot lunch, free, at the church each day of the meetings last week

Anna Groh is working for Mrs Carlton Johnson.

It is with regret that we see Torrance Scott and wife move from our community; they moved to Zimmerman, Minn, last week.

MRS. CARPENTER DIES AT GOODELL HOME

Well Known Goodell Woman Passes Away—Other News Of Neighbor Town.

MRS. LYDIA CARPENTER

Another useful life was completed when Mrs. Carpenter on February fifth closed her eyes in her last long sleep. She had been failing in health for over a year. About two weeks ago she was taken with pneumonia and her weakened condition made her unable to combat the disease.

Miss Lydia Smith was born at Polo, Ill., March 9, 1871 and died at her home on February 5, 1923; age 51 years, 10 months, and 27 days.

In the Fall of 1881 she, with her parents, brothers and sisters moved to Traer, Ia. Here she spent her youthful days . On December 24, 1895 she was united in marriage to Alfred Charles Carpenter. For three years they lived in Goodell, then moved to their present home.

To this union were born six children, all of whom are living; Thelma Lucinda Schlichting, Harry Lenard, Loyd Merle, Thora Mary, Alfred Verl, and Richard Charles.

She leaves to mourn her departure her children, husband, Albert Schlichting, son-in-law, Mrs. Loyd Carpenter, daughter-in-law, her mother, Mrs. Smith of Traer, Ia., two sisters Mrs. Bell Jordan of Traer, Ia., and Mrs. Mary Roberts, Polo, Ill., three brothers, William L. Smith of St. Louis, Mo., Fran and Robert of Traer, Ia., and many friends and neighbors.

While she lived at Traer, Ia she worshipped at the Methodist church and was a regular and faithful attendant of the Methodist Sunday school. Shortly after her marriage she united with the United Brethren church at Goodell, and remained firm in the faith. The subject of christianity was a frequent topic of conversation with her. She was a great lover of beautiful flowers. Her yard in the summer time was an inspiring flower garden. And in the winter her home was brightened by numerous and various plants and flowers. Mrs. Carpenter was a woman of high ideals for her children and no sacrifice was thought too great in order to realize those ideals. She was a great home builder. Every effort was made to make her home attractive and inviting to her family and to the young people of the neighborhood. Here the young people received a warm welcome and enjoyed many social afternoons and evenings. But to build a home and rear a large family in these trying times takes more than earthly means; it takes fesh and blood, it takes life. But in this sacrifice she rejoiced. Indeed she looked well to the ways of her household. She has left her children a priceless legacy. A faithful and sacrificing wife, a kind and loving mother has gone to her heavenly reward. No more will her voice be heard; her chair is vacant, but her sweet influence still lives in the home.

Those from away that attended the funeral were her two sisters, the brother from St. Louis, and her brother Robert of Traer, Ia. In her sickness she had the best of medical care and nursing but these could not take the hand of death..

The funeral was at the U. B. church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. T. Miller, on February 7. Her body was laid to rest in the cemetery East of Goodell.

Dr. Snearly returned from Indianapolis, where he attended the funeral of his sister, last Thursday.

Misc McCormick left last Friday for Ames. She returned on Sunday.

Mrs Miller taught her classes on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Clark is improving nicely. It is reported that she is able to sit up.

Mrs. Bell Jordan, who was here to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs Carpenter, returned to Traer on Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Heginger have been sick with very bad colds the past week.

Jack Zielie was laid up last week with a severe cold.

Amos Hanson and Miss Selma Sandberg visited at the Earl Jeneson home last Thursday evening.

Mrs. John Savogue was obliged to be in the house most of last week because of a severe cold.

On February 6 Mrs. Geo. Ruka entertained the ladies of the Twin Lake Farm Bureau.

Mrs. Mary Roberts, of Polo, Ill., left Saturday night for a short visit with relatives at Traer, before going on to her home.

Saturday night Gus. Okrueg went to Chicago with three car loads of fat cattle.

Miss Hill spent Sunday with her parents at Clarion.

Last Friday night Prof. Nelson went to Belmond to referee a game of basket ball.

Mrs. Wesenberg entertained at her home on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs Geo. Ruka.

Miss McCormick is on the sick list this week.

Last Friday H. R. Allben went to Hanlontown to visit his brother Vincent, who is teaching in the consolidated school there.

Mr. and Mrs. Shermon went to Belmond Monday afternoon where they took a Great Western train for their home in Wyoming. They have extended their visit because of Mrs. Shermon's mother being sick. Mrs. L. White is now getting along fine.

The Ladies Aid has been postponed one week because of Mrs. Savogue's illness.

Mrs. Earl Clark of Garner spent Sunday in Goodell.

Mrs. J. M. Jensen entertained a few of her friends at her home last Thursday, serving a dainty two course luncheon at the close of a social afternoon.

Adolph Meinders was unable to hold his sale today owing to the condition of the roads, and will hold it next Tuesday, February 20.

School Children To Stage Event

Big Event Now Being Arranged For—Other News Notes Of The Local Schools.

ANNUAL STAFF ON THE JOB

Wednesday evening February 14, comes the last number of the Lecture Course. This is an especially good attraction which everyone will want to see. The Di Giorgio Company and their soloist, Miss Anna O'Malley will give a varied program which will interest everyone.

The boy's basket ball team won an easy victory from Kanawha Friday night. The first team seemed to score almost at will, so Coach Pals put in his second team for nearly half of the time. The final score was 31 to 11.

Tuesday night of this week Rowan's basket ball teams play both our girls and boys here. This is our last home game of the season.

Friday night both of our basket ball teams go to Sheffield to meet the teams of that place. These will no doubt be hard-fought games.

The situation in regard to sickness in our schools is much improved over last week. Many who were out last week are back at work now.

Monday afternoon the 1923 Annual Staff held an assembly at which they presented the matter of an annual for this year to the high school. Most of the students signed up for their annuals. Work on the photography is being carried on as fast as possible.

Miss Hill and the Operetta cast are working hard practicing for "Cherry-blossom". This is one of the biggest understakings the high school has attempted for some time. The operetta has a charming plot and beautiful music. Watch for the date of its performance.

The literary program which was postponed so many times on account of the illness of those who were to take part was given Tuesday afternoon. Election of officers was held also.

COMMUNITY CLUB PROGRAM FOR 1923-24

If the calendar committees plans can be carried out a program of practical benefit to every home represented in the Community club will be the result. It is planned to have five or six out-of-town speakers, if those wanted can be obtained. A speaker who has made a study of "The movie and its Influence" will take up one afternoon. There will be a talk on "Health and How to keep the mother fit"; an afternoon with a demonstration of the alteration and use of the commercial pattern. The committee hopes to get Mrs. Van Patten who pleased all who heard her at the county Federation meeting, to give her lecture on "The Spirit of the Home." Last, but not least, of the out of town speakers, being arranged for is Mrs. Max Mayer, who is so much admired by her Belmond audiences. Besides these there will be a program on automobile and highway laws that affect us, a home-coming day; a college girls day; a Christmas idea program and a memorial services in January, 1924, to Mr Crist, the community club's, best friend. On that day also, civic improvements for Belmond will be discussed.

Belmond has plenty of evidence that the Community club has warranted its existence and Mr. Crist's generosity to this organization ought to inspire us to "carry on" to make Belmond a still better place in which to live. Community service with high aims, is a sacrifice that enriches the one who gives such service as well as the community.

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EVERY DAY IN EVERY WAY—

What? Pro and con, there is quite a little in this famous theory of Coue's. Coue as we gather it, says you can make yourself worse or better by insisting that you are thus or so. "Every day in every way you are getting better and better." And you get better—or thinner, or fatter, or shorter, or taller—or worse. If you keep it up long enough the doctors will all be out of business—or you will. You'll get better—or worse. It won't work in all ways, tho. We tried it on our bank account—"Every day in every way there's more and more," until pretty soon there should have been a pile. But the bank sent an overdraft notice just the same.

It will work in a good many cases, however. Last week we heard a certain Belmond citizen saying "Every day in every way I am getting drier and drier." And he was. But whether it was due to Coue or Atty. Jensen is the question.

Even at that, you know there is a lot in this mental suggestion. "As a man thinketh, so is he." Any physician will tell you that the mental attitude of a patient has much to do with his recovery. And we might better think we are getting better rather than worse even if we do kid ourselves in doing it. To our way of thinking, however, a little horse sense mixed with some Coueism will go a long ways toward obtaining the desired end. Coue, like all enthusiasts, puts too much stress on his own particular line, to the detriment of other equally important ones. Telling yourself you are getting better and better won't go nearly as far as to tell yourself you are, and then do something to make youself so. Coueism is the dream, which we think requires realistic accomplishments to make come true.

Your neighbor's daughter pounding out cat fights on the piano may be wonderful to her parents, but awful to you. You're going to have a hard job convincing yourself that every day in every way she's getting better and better. Your son imitating a dying calf on the trombone isn't going to get any better to your neighbor, either. They both require practical methods.

For years unto years the Republicans and Democrats have tried to make us think they were getting better and better. They are, in some ways—they ought to be, with the practice they've had. But you know and we all know, that they would be a good deal better if we gave them more of our valuable attention at election and primary times. A practicable application of horse sense—and perhaps a mule kick or two—with the theory would do wonders.

When you come to analyze the howdedo made over Coue in America you find it all centered on the one thing which Americans always grab—the slogan. The rhyme in "Every day in every way" catches the the fancy. The English, who are not as quick to grasp the new and unusual, and who haven't the knack of inventing slogans or catch phrases which is inborn in the Yankee, had the slogan of Coueism "Every day in every respect." It doesn't sound nearly as interesting does it, as "every day in every way?"

All this to the contrary notwithstanding, there is a lot of sense to Coue's idea, and if we all would only believe that "every day in every way we are getting better and better" maybe we would. At any rate, it wouldn't make us any worse.

FACTS AND COMMENTS

The present liquor bill of Germany is about one billion dollars annually.

The final returns show that Ohio defeated the wine and beer amendment by 189,472.

The American Football Coaches Association passed a resolution at their recent meeting strongly opposing gambling or betting on football games.

Judge Webb of the United States District Court of North Carolina, in charging a jury, said, "The bootlegger and the blockader are fighting a hopeless cause. The hope in the hearts of a minority in this country that liquor is coming back is fast dying out."

A 9x24 banner has been posted on the Milano Hotel in San Jose, California, which states: "This building closed for one year for violation of the United States Prohibition Act. by order United States District Court." Such measures applied fearlessly and without discrimination would tremendously discourage the opposition to the prohibition law.

Mr. Thomas J. Hickey, President of the American Baseball Association says: "Prohibition has been the greatest blessing we ever enjoyed. The passing of the saloons increased our patronage wonderfully. It was a great business booster for us."

News from Canada indicates that the Dominion Government will shortly take further measures to prevent the exportation of liquor from Canadian provinces to the United States.

SOCIETY

"500" Club—
Mrs. Ted Townsan entertained the "500' club at her home last Thursday evening. Light refreshments were served by the hostess.

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Auxiliary—
The Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion will hold their next meeting on next Tuesday evening, February 20th. A special program has been arranged and refreshments will be served. A large attendance is desired.

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Party—
Mr. and Mrs. Orpha Anderson entertained at a 500 party at their home near Olaf last Saturday evening.

Dance—
The home of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Kaufman was the scene of a very enjoyable dance on Monday evening of this week. A large crowd was in attendance.

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Progress—
The ladies of the Progress club entertained their husbands at a Valentine party at the home of Mrs. J. J. Sharon, Tuesday evening. This annual party as usual was one of the biggest social events of the season. Nearly all the members were present and a very, very good time was reported. The home was decorated with hearts and cupids and Valentine games were played. A two course luncheon was served at the close of the evening.

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Surprise—
The Society Reporter surprised the Editor with a birthday party last Thursday evening, some 12 young business men and farmers forming a progressive 500 evening. The editor was completely taken in until he saw some of the crowd arrive with white collars, which "spilled the beans." The "guest of honor" hopes the rest enjoyed the evening, because he certainly did. Light refreshments were served.

Public Sale!

Tuesday, February 20th

Owing to the condition of the roads and weather, I was unable to hold my CLOSING OUT FARM SALE on Thursday, February 15, as had been advertised. I will therefore hold this sale on

Tuesday, February 20th

and will sell everything that I had advertised.

Watch for further bills.

ADOLPH MEINDERS

Every Day
In Every Way
Business Gets
Better and Better

---and that's because we have the Quality and the Price.

We have a complete line of FRESH FISH this week---just arrived.

Free Auto Delivery Service

CASH MARKET

Phone 60
Belmond, Iowa

- HOW TO SAVE MONEY -

Fourth--

Set A Minimum Amount

Figure out to a penny the very least you will deposit each time. Make it as large as possible---then STICK TO IT!

If you can deposit more, you're that much winner.

Make Your First Deposit Today. We Pay

5 per cent Interest
On Your Money

Belmond Savings Bank

INDEPENDENT ADS BRING RESULTS

PUBLIC SALE

AS I AM QUITTING THE FARM, I WILL HOLD A CLOSING OUT SALE AT MY PLACE, 2 MILES NORTH AND 4 MILES WEST OF BELMOND, 1-2 MILE SOUTH AND 1 MILE EAST OF OLAF, ON

Wednesday, February 21

COMMENCING AT 11:00 O'CLOCK

8 - Head of Horses - 8

1 DRIVING TEAM, WT 2400
1 BAY MARE, 11 YRS. OLD, WT 1400
1 SORREL HORSE, 8 YRS OLD, WT. 1650
1 BLACK HORSE, 8 YRS. OLD, WT 1575
1 TEAM BLACK MARES, 3 AND 4 YRS OLD, WT. 2800
1 BAY GELDING, 3 YRS OLD, WT 1300

28 - Head of Cattle - 28

4 WINTER CALVES
4 YEARLING HEIFERS
10 YEARLING STEERS
10 HEAD OF MILK COWS, SOME GIVING MILK, BALANCE FRESH SOON

14 - Head of Hogs - 14

CONSISTING OF 14 HEAD OF PURE BRED POLAND CHINA SOWS

ABOUT 75 CHICKENS—5 BUSHEL YELLOW SEED CORN

Farm Machinery, Etc.

1 disc
1 hay rack
1 swill cart
1 gang plow
1 stone boat
2 cream cans
1 grind stone
3 set fly nets
1 spader disc
1 surface plow
1 heavy harness
1 1-4 in. harness
6 sets hay slings
1 2-seated surrey
1 driving harness
Some hog troughs
1 4-section harrow
1 Deering hay rake
1 gas barrel, 50 gallon
1 set breeching harness
1 McCormick corn binder
1 Rock Island hay loader
1 Standard mower, 5-ft cut
1 Kerosene barrel, 45 gallon
16-ft line shaft, pulleys and belts
Some whipple trees and eveners
1 McCormick binder, 8-ft cut
1 Hayes corn planter with 170 rods of wire
1 John Deere 86-ft elevator, complete
1 Little Boy cultivator, with gopher attachment
1 De Laval Cream separator No. 17
1 2-seated double platform spring wagon
1 2 1-2 h. p. Gade gasoline engine
2 wide tired wagons, 1 with triple box good as new
Many other articles

Free Lunch At Noon

TERMS: ALL SUMS OF $10 AND UNDER, CASH; OVER THAT AMOUNT 10 MONTHS' TIME ON APPROVED SECURITY AT 8 PER CENT INTEREST. ALL PROPERTY TO SETTLED FOR ON DAY OF SALE

BELMOND SAVINGS BANK, CLERK
LEWIS HAUGE, AUCTIONEER

Peter P. Swenson
Owner

FARM BUREAU NOTES

Livestock Marketing Meetings

The livestock marketing meetings which have been held in Wright county during the past week, have proved to be a great success from the standpoint of attendance at the various meetings and the extreme interest which has been shown by the farmers in so important a problem as the marketing of livestock products. The farmers are becoming intensely interested in the marketing of all kinds of farm products and these meetings have intensified this interest in livestock marketing work.

The annual meeting of the Clarion Livetock Shipping association brought out about two hundred farmers in and around Clarion. The Clarion Livestock Shippers were fortunate in having two speakers at their annual meeting, also in having splendid music furnished by the Meekers' orchestra. Prof. Sam H. Thompson, of the marketing department of the extension service, Ames and Knute Espe secretary of Iowa Federation of Livestock Shippers, of Des Moines, were present at the Clarion meeting. Secretary E. W. Campbell, of the Clarion association report that a sufficient number of livestock producers have signed the contract so that it will be put in force immediately.

Mr. Espe has given his time for the past week in assisting the county agent with the reorganizing of shipping associations at the various points. Succesful meetings were held at Belmond, Goldfield, Woolstock, Galt, and other points where there seems to be an interest in the livestock marketing work. The time has arrived when the farmer is not content with turning his livestock products over to a stock buyer and allow him to realize a margin on his labor in producing the livestock. The farmers have come to realize that by cooperating with one another, they are able to add, to their own account, the margin which has formerly gone to the stock buyer.

Dows Corn Show Great Success

The annual corn show and exhibit which was held at Dows last Wednesday and Thursday, February 7 and 8, was a decided success and the business men of Dows and the farmers of the surrounding territory should congratulate themselves upon having held a show which attracted as much attention as did this year's corn show.

One very outstanding feature of this corn show was the exceptional decorative ability which was exhibited in the various booths and displays. Charles Hemonway, proprietor of Chuck's cafe at Dows, is the one man who deserves most of the credit for the decorations at this show. Mr. Hemenway seems to be gifted along artistic lines and it was through his efforts that the splendid decorations were arranged. The corn palace which was bulit entirely out fo corn, covering the entire front of the building in which the corn show was held attracted attention for many miles around. The Des Moines Register had a reporter in Dows on the second day of the corn show and a report came out in the Register last week.

The 1923 corn show at Dows proved to be the most successful ever held in that city. The sentiment and enthusiasm for a good corn show in Dows seems to be increasing every year and the people of that community are beginning already to make plans for the 1924 corn show. The city of Dows and its good people in and around Dows have again demonstrated that the citizens of any community, both farmers and busniess men, can work together in such a way that it is for the mutual benefit of everyone concerned.

Prairie Dell Community Contest

The Prairie Dell Agricultural society of Lake township is back in "old form" again. On last Friday evening, the south half of the territory of the Prairie Dell Club put on a program at the Breckenridge school to settle the question as to whether north or south side division of the society should have the honor of giving the best program.

The interest in the Prairie Dell social life seems to be increasing and the members of the club are beginning to concern themselves as to how the crowds will be accomodated as time goes on. The little school house was crammed full at this meeting and standing room was at a premium after all had arrived. The improvised stage which was made of curtains on a wire had the effect of a real stage and those who took part in the short plays and dialogues did themselves credit in the entertainment which was provided. To date the north side has put on two entertainments receiving seventy-one points in the first and eighty points in the second. The Friday night entertainment was the first by the south side and they piled up eighty-five points. The next entertainment by the south side will probably tell the tale. The south side team was under the leadership of Russell Breckenridge as captain. Due credit should be given Hazel Mikelson, Mrs. Luther Clark, and Mrs. Russell Breckenridge who served on the entertainment committee.

The Prairie Dell Agricultural society which was organized a number of years ago under Mr. Benson's leadership has been in existence ever since its inception and has been holding its regular meetings. The spirit of cooperation among the members of this society is the kind which builds for one hundred per cent Americanism in any community.

Lincoln Meeting Well Attended

The postponed meeting of the Lincoln township Farm Bureau which was held in the Center school last Thursday evening, was attended by a group of interested people which packed the building to overflowing.

The evening's program opened with a short address by L. W. Collins, director of the Lincoln township Farm Bureau, in which he urged the closest cooperation among the members. This was followed by a short talk by the county agent who explained, briefly, the present activities of the farm bureau organization. Special music had been arranged for this program but owing to sickness in the community, those who were to take part were not able to attend.

Dr. J. F. Jamieson, of the Presbyterian church, gave a very interesting and stirring address at this meeting. His address was entirely different from what would naturally be expected in such a meeting. He told in a very interesting way, the world conditions as they exist today and brought out a number of current topics which are uppermost in the minds of our citizens today. In speaking of the important problems to today, he touched upon the "Occupation of the Ruhr Valley by the French," "The Withdrawal of the American Troops from Occupied Territory," "The General Attitude of the American People Towards French Occupancy of the Ruhr District," and "Passive Persistance by Germany to French Occupation."

This able address on topics of the times was highly appreciated by the people of Lincoln township and it was expressed by several members that an address of this kind is what an agricultural community should have occasionally, especially because of the fact that the average farmer does not have time to read enough to keep himself informed on international problems. His address to the Lincoln farmers is evidence that Dr. Jamieson is a student of world problems.

Evergreen Short Course

The annual short course of the Evergreen Sporting association was held at the Evergreen school house Friday and Saturday, February 2 and 3, and exhibits of corn, small grain, fruit, vegetables, and poultry, also entries in the home economics division were judged Friday afternoon and Saturday, morning. On account of the extremely cold weather, the judging of the livestock exhibit was postponed to Saturday, February 10.

The postponed judging of the livestock was held at the Darland farm last Saturday afternoon and the livestock exhibits were judged by County Agent H. C. Flint of Humboldt county. Some keen competition in the livestock exhibits was brought out and considerable interest was exhibited in this department of the short course.

The Evergreen short course, which is an annual affair, has been held for a good many years and the people living in that community pride themselves upon being able to hold such an agricultural exhibit in a farm community away from any town. The secret of their success in holding such a short course away from town is the fact that they believe in the closest cooperation with one another. The Evergreen Sporting association is a splendid example of a community in which all farmers "pull together."

The Corn Situation

The estimate of the 1922 corn crop is 2891 million bushels. By adding a carryover of 187 million bushels of last year's corn on farms on November 1, 1922, and the "visible supply" of 9 million bushels in commercial channels on the same date, we find an available supply of 3069 million bushels for the current year as compared with 3354 million bushels as of last year and 3348 million bushels two years ago.

Figures which have been compiled show that the distribution of corn into consumptive channels both domestic and export, in the 1921-22 crop year amounted to 3186 million bushels, the largest for any year on record. In the preceding year we find a distribution of 3053 million bushels. According to the U. S. department of agricultural our corn is consumed in the following ways: forty per cent is fed to hogs, twenty per cent to horses and mules, fifteen per cent to cattle, four per cent to poultry, one to sheep on farms, 5.5 per cent to livestock not on farms leaving ten per cent for human consumption, and four and one-half per cent for exports and miscellaneous uses.

Since over eighty-five per cent of the corn crop is fed, it is significant that estimate made by the department show more live stock on farms on January 1, 1923, than a year ago. Hogs increased 9.7 per cent, milk cows 1.4 per cent, other cattle 0.9 per cent and sheep 2.4 per cent. Mules increased 0.7 per cent but horses decreased 1.1 per cent. The department also estimates that 25 per cent more cattle were on feed in the corn belt on January 1 than on the same date in 1922 while the combined had 30 per cent more lambs in feed lots than a year ago. Another survey by the same agency indicates that the number of sows to farrow in the first six months of 1923 will be 13.1 per cent larger than in the spring of 1922. Receipts of hogs at the leading markets in the last three months have been twenty-four per cent larger and of cattle thirty-one per cent larger than in the same period a year ago.

50 GOOD CIGARETTES 10¢

GENUINE "BULL" DURHAM TOBACCO

HERE AND THERE

Mrs. G. R. Hill spent the week end with relatives at Belmond.—Monitor.

Mrs. W. I. Rosecrans, mother of Mrs. C. E Barnes, was operated upon at Mayo Hospital, Rochester, Minnesota, Thursday last. Word from her is that the operation was successful, and latest advises from her bedside are that she is recovering as speedily as could be expected under the circumstances. Mrs. Barnes and her niece, Mrs. Catherine Pritchard, a trained nurse, went to Rochester with her, and have been with her ever since the ordeal. —Leader.

There has been such a demand by those who were not able to see the production before and by those who wish to see it again, that the American Legion has decided to reproduce their home talent play. "A Poor Married Man," and this will be at the local opera house on Thursday evening of next week. Everyone who saw the play as it was staged last week, declared it to be one of the best, if not the very best home talent ever put on in Garner.—Garner Signal. (This play was managed by Josephine Friel McAlpine of Belmond.)

A new daughter was born at the editor's home Sunday morning, making the fourth daughter and the sixth child. She will be named Ellen May, and like the other children of the family gives every indication of being full of pep and very much wideawake.—News.

IT'S ABOUT AS HARD sledding for a man to try to run an eight page paper in Goldfield as it would be to pull a forty car freight train from Goldfield to Renwick with a Fordson tractor. Unless there is a little more scattered along the Chronicle's path in all probabilities the chronicle will be cut to a four page paper.—Goldfield Chronicle.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cline of Belmond were here Friday buying some furniture at Wellemeyer's—Klemme Times.

The Clarion schools are requiring a health certificate signed by the family physician, before permitting a student to return to school after an absence of one day. Prevalence of diphtheria and fear of a further spread of the contagion is the reason assigned.—News.

James Kenefick to Roscoe Norem, tract in se of se of 25-93-24. $850.

Walter S. Pritchard to Belmond Twp. school Dist., tract in 33-93-24, $1.

A. A. Keiser to Alice Elizabeth Keiser, lot 2, blk. 3, Bartholmew's add., Belmond, $1.

S. S. Packard to Cato C Griesy, part of lot 5, blk. 20, Belmond, $3750.

Griesy's Store News

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The next time you are in town we ask that you call and see our new addition. We are nicely settled and can make a much better showing of our hardware and implement stock We haven't the best looking place from the outside but you should see the quality merchandise inside.

A Complete Family

There's everything you need in tillage tools in the McCormick-Deering family—horse and tractor drawn disk, harrows, peg and spring-tooth harrows, Dunham culti-packers. The same is true of P. & O plows—a full family and every member a winner sturdy 2, 3, or 4-bottom, little Genius tractor plows, Little Wonder

P&O

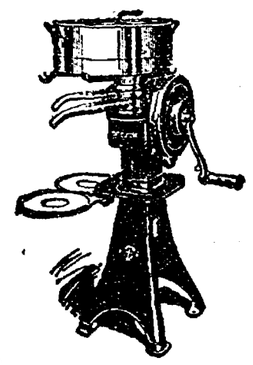
plows for small tractors, famous Diamond gang and sulky plows, and walking plows in all standard types and sizes. Disking with a McCormick-Deering disk after plowing with a P. & O. plow pays big. Culti-packing after seeding or planting firms the soil and promotes germination. Thorough tillage pays dividends in increased crops.

Use Practical "Big Ball" Twine

Two "Big Ball" fit any twine can snugly, and they are not josried around, while two of the ordinary old style balls fit the twine can loosely, and they have 40 per cent less twine than the "Big Balls." This means fewer stops in the field for twine. The patented cover winding of the "Big Ball" twine keeps it from collapsing or becoming enfirm and solid up to last hundred feet or so and does not snarl or tangle. "Big Ball" twine means less bulk to store, handle and haul, yet it costs no more than the ordinary. Ask for "Big Ball" twine for your harvest need and buy it now.

Primrose Oiler never Forgets

Some otherwise good cream separators have but one fault. If their oiling systems were up-to-date they would doubtless do satisfactory work and give less trouble. But you're buying "Ifs" when you get a cream separator, and that's why the primrose ball-bearing machine will meet your requirements in every way. The Primrose has an automatic splash oil system that never fails. You put



in a supply of oil and the spindle driving gear sprays the oil to all working parts and is carried to the bearings through spiral grooves on the shafts. No oil holes to collect dirt and no oil cups. Considering the many other wonderful features on the new Ball-Bearing Primrose, is there any other machine you can think of that measures up to its all around quality and goodness.

Public Auction

AS I HAVE DECIDED TO QUIT FARMING, I WILL HOLD A CLOSING OUT SALE ON THE OLD PAT McNAMARA FARM, 3 MILES SOUTH AND 1 MILE WEST OF BELMOND, 2 MILES EAST AND 1 1-2 MILES NORTH OF CORNELIA, ON

Monday, February 19

COMMENCING AT 1:00 O'CL OCK SHARP

10 - Head of Horses - 10

1 SUCKLING COLT
1 BLACK HORSE 8 YRS. OLD, WT. 1625
1 BLACK TEAM GELDINGS 5 & 6 YRS OLD WT. 2900
1 BAY TEAM GELDING AND MARE 4 YRS OLD, WT 2600
1 TEAM BROWN MARES, HEAVY IN FOAL, 11 YRS OLD WT 2700
1 TEAM, BAY GELDING AND BLACK MARE, 7 & 8 YRS OLD, WT 2800

26 - Head of Cattle - 26

5 CALVES
10 YEARLING HEIFERS
11 HEAD MILK COWS, SOME FRESH, BALANCE FRESH SOON

16 - Head of Hogs - 16

5 SUMMER SHOATS
1 REGISTERED DUROC JERSEY BOAR
10 HEAD DUROC JERSEY BROOD SOWS

Farm Machinery, Etc.

1 hay rack
1 hog oiler
1 bob sleigh
1 pump jack
1 hog waterer
1 truck wagon
1 walking plow
1 Deering hay rake
1 McCormick 6-ft mower
1 Independent 8-ft binder
1 2-seated top buggy
1 wagon box, 28 inch
Woven wire stretcher
4 sets 1 1-2 in. harness
1 set breeching harness
Set of blocks and tackle
1 John Deere hay bucker
1 Defiance endgate seeder
1 John Deere 20-wheel disc
1 International hay stacker
1 Emerson 12-in. gang plow
1 John Deere 2-row cultivator
1 John Deere manure spreader
1 John Deere corn planter with 140 rods of wire.
2 John Deere single row cultivators
1 La Crosse single row cultivator
1 John Deere 4-section flexible steel drag
Some feed bunks and hog trough
1 high wagon with triple box and spring seat

This machinery is practically all new and in good shape.

100 WHITE ROCK HENS—AB OUT 6 BUSHELS SEED CORN

Free Lunch At Noon

TERMS: $10 AND UNDER CASH; OVER THAT AMOUNT 12 MONTHS TIME WILL BE GIVEN ON APPROVED SECURITY AT 8 PER CENT INTEREST. ALL PROPERTY TO BE SETTLED FOR ON DAY OF SALE.

STATE BANK OF BELMOND, CLERK

H. BRUMMUND, AUCTIONEER

ARVIN ELLIS

OWNER

MESERVEY SECTION

Harm Groen and Miss Ollie Pals of the Klemme Lumber Co. were business callers at Belmond last Thursday.

A. E. Muller returned last Saturday from a few days visit at the home of his mother in Harlan, and with other relatives and friends.

How About Your Garden?

We have a large shipment of grass seeds of first quality on the way. Please leave your orders for your spring needs, as they are going higher.

In about a month we will have a carload of woven wire, barb wire and nails.

Anyone thinking of doing any fencing next spring, will do a wise turn by first getting our prices.

C. J. WENDEL

Meservey, Iowa

Comparative Growth of Deposits

Feb. 7 1916	$142,000.00
Feb. 7, 1917	185,000.00
Feb. 7, 1918	217,000.00
Feb. 7 1919	243,000.00
Feb. 7 1920	258,000.00
Feb. 7 1921	323,000.00
Feb. 7 1922	264,000.00
Feb. 7 1923	273,000.00

We realize that we can only grow as our community and customers prosper, with this ever in mind you are assured of our interest in your success.

We expect to grow faster after our drainage tax is all paid.

A BANK OF SERVICE AND SAFETY

FARMERS SAVINGS BANK

MESERVEY, IOWA

Mrs. C. Bier was a Mason City caller last Wednesday having dental work done.

Miss Esther Andersen enjoyed a visit from her father and sister Miss Myrtle last Wednesday. Her father visited between trains, while her sister remained for a longer visit, returning to her home on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Wendell and sons Henry and Ralph were Mason City shoppers last Wednesday.

The infant son of Mrs. and Mrs. Henry Sprau has been quite ill the past week, but is recovering nicely.

Mrs. Fred Halfpop was numbered among the sick last week.

Mrs. C. Mayers was reported sick most of last week, but is slowly recovering.

For Sale—A limited number of Duroc Gilts, to farrow in April. Price $35 to $50.—C J. Janssen & Son, Meservey Ia. 133c

BROOD SOWS

I have for sale a few choice Poland China Gilts, due to farrow in April. Immune. Price $30. if taken at once.—C H. Quandt, 2½ miles south of Meservey, Iowa. Phone 619. 131c

For Sale—Large type Poland China gilts, some of them will weigh 350 pounds. Bred to farrow in March, April, and May. Immune.—Jacob Nissen, Meservey, Iowa.

NOTICE

To all members of the Meservey Live Stock Shipping Association. Leave your order for tankage and Mill feeds with C. J. Janssen Manager.

122c W. F. Butz Sec.

Meservey Barber Shop

H. F. REIF, Prop.

Laundry Dry Cleaning

FINE QUALITY MEATS

We can please you on Hams, Bacon, and Sausages. The best quality that money can buy. All handled in a sanitary way.

Our slicing machine slices meat just right for you.

We buy cream,

City Meat Market

Waage & Ruiter, Props.

Phone 27 Meservey, Iowa

OBITUARY

Dorothy Louise Koepke was born February 19, 1849, in Jacobshagen, Province of Pommern, Germany. She was confirmed in the Luthern faith; was married to Wm. Prilipp in 1876. They came to America in 1887 locating at Ft. Dodge Ia., where they were converted in the German M. E. church during their first year in that city. They united with the Evangelical church, bringing their church with them when moving to Meservey 8 years after their arrival at Fort Dodge. Until 9 years ago they lived on a farm 6 miles north of Meservey since then they have resided in town.

She was a true christian and a faithful wife and mother. Of her 10 children, 7 preceeded her in death; leaving to mourn her departure, her now sorrowing husband, 2 sons Albert and William and one daughter Amelia beside 18 grand-children and many friends.

She has been a patient sufferer for a number of years and in her last illness of four or five weeks was wholly resigned to the will of her Heavenly Father. She wrote and prepared all data for her obituary, carefully arranged her clothes for burial as well as other matters as cooly as one preparing to go on a journey.

When she believed the end was near she called all present to her side, naming each one and with a hand shake bid each one farewell saying "It is glorious! It is glorious! It is glorious! I see my Savior, now let me go; don't you hear the angels singing?" etc. After reviving somewhat she said "Why did you not let me go, I was nearly there."

Last Saturday a. m. February 10 she seemed quite well; she led the others in prayer at family devotion. She soon grew worse and shortly after 12 o'clock at noon she entered her eternal rest having reached the age of 73 years 11 months 22 days.

"Their eyes shall behold the King in His beauty; they shall behold the land that is afar off" Isa. 33:17.

Funeral services were held at the Evangelical church on Tuesday p. m. February 13, conducted by the pastor Rev. A. W. Schlesselman. Interment was made in the Meservey cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindly assistance and sympathy, and for the special help rendered us during the sickness and burial of our beloved wife and mother. Also for the beautiful floral offerings. Words fail to express our gratitude and appreciation for your kind deeds.

William Prelipp.
Mrs. Amelia Fahnke
Wm. R Prelipp.
Albert F. Schrader.

CEMETERY SOCIETY POSTPONES MONTHLY MEETING

Owing to unforseen circumstances the Cemetery society did not have their regular meeting last Tuesday. They will meet at the home of Mrs. Jacob Nissen on Tuesday, February 20. Plan to come.

Miss Hueneman spent the week end with home folks.

Miss Andersen, Primary teacher, submitted to a minor operation at one of the hospitals at Mason City, last Saturday. Her affliction was was brought on by a prolonged severe cold. Last reports are that she is recovering nicely. Miss Orpha Smith is taking charge of her school work during her absence.

Tuesday of this week made us think of the "old time" blizzards we hear our elders talk about. The wind blew at a terrific rate of speed all day causing the parents of the school children deep anxiety. School was dismissed early, giving the bus drivers a chance to get the children home in good time.

Our school teachers attended Institute at Mason City last Saturday. Misses Humke and Thomas returned the same day, the others remaining until Sunday.

Irvin Langlitz was under the doctor's care several days last week.

Mrs. Hartley Blewitt and baby have been guests at the Hartfelder home for several weeks. Mr. Blewitt came down Saturday from Thornton to spend Sunday with them.

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To whom it may concern:

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have formed, under the provisions of chap. 122 laws of the Thirty Ninth Assembly of Iowa, a corporation named the Meservey Live Stock Shipping Association, principle place of business at Meservey, Iowa.

The objects of this corporation shall be to buy, sell, ship, handle, and market the live stock and other farm products for its members cooperatively. All live stock producers are eligible for membership by paying the membership fee of $1.00, and each member is entitled to one vote in all meetings. The corporate period began January 11 1923 and ends January 11, 1948.

Management shall consist of a board of five directors, divided into two classes. The first class shall consist of three directors who shall hold office until the annual election in 1925, and the second class shall consist of two directors who shall hold office until the annual election in 1924. At each annual election successors shall be elected to a term of two years. The directors shall at their first meeting elect from their own number a president, a vice president and a secretary-treasurer.

The first class directors are: P. H. Pals, C. F. Ralston, Wm. Waak.

The second class are: Geo Lewis, W F. Butz.

The officers are: Pres, P. H. Pals; Vice Pres, Wm. Waak, Secy-Treas, W. F. Butz.

The first annual meeting shall be held January 2, 1924 and each year thereafter on the first Wednesday in January.

The liabilities of the members for the debts of the association shall be limited to the amount of the membership fee paid, and the association shall have power to borrow money on a vote of the majority of the directors up to and not over $500.00.

Signed this 3 day of January, 1923 by P. H. Pals, Wm. Waak, W. F. Butz, C. F. Ralston, George Lewis. 104

MESERVEY SCHOOL NOTES

Primary Room.

Lucile Enabnit left school this week and will attend the Thornton schools from now on.

The perfect spellers for this week are: First garde: Ruth Schlesselman, Gladys Mae, Marcele, Avery, Louise, Ardell, Ruth Prillipp, Florence, Opal, Anita and Gladys.

Second grade: Lois, Esther, Viola, Bernice and Kenneth.

Third and Fourth Grades

Those having perfect spelling lessons during the past week are Leona Frederick, Vona, Esther and Ivadel in the third grade. Thora, Naomi, Phyllis, Lincoln, Lydia and Luverne of the fourth grade.

The children who were absent during the past week were Marvin Lauen on Tuesday, Lydia Pals, Marvin Lauen and John Van Osten on Wednesday. Marvin Lauen and John Van Osten on Thursday, and Henry Boelman, Clarence Quandt, Marvin Lauen and John Van Osten on Friday.

We had no visitors during the past week. Next week we hope to have several names for this item.

Phyllis, Thora, Lydia, LuVerne, Gwethalynn, Mervin, Naomi, Leona, Arnold and Benjamin Suntken of the fourth grade; in the third grade, Leona, Frederick, Norman, Tillie, Ivadel, Vona, Wilbert, Esther and Lyle have had an average grade of 90 per cent or above, during the past week.

Many children had to sit in the "baby row" during the past week. If you want to know who the "babies" were, ask your little girl or little boy. Children will not learn or like school as long as they are bent on doing nothing but mischief. We hope the number in the "baby row" will be smaller next week. Next week we shall introduce the third and fourth grade "babies" to you by the means of the school notes in the news paper.

"Grammar Room"

Elizabeth Winther has been absent the entire week from the seventh grade.

Those absent Friday were: Vilhem Winther, Gilbert Koehler, Tena Pals, Ruby Quandt.

The seventh and eight grades will begin their essay's on Temperance next week.

Those ranking first in their classes for the semester are: Arloene Jansen, seventh grade, Orvis Schlesselman, eight grade.

Dorothy and Orvis Schlesselman have been neither absent or tardy during the first semester.

High School Notes

The Physics class has been experimenting on "light" this week. Some very interesting and surprising experiments have been performed.

A community program will be held at the Methodist church on Friday evening February 16.

The following program will be rendered:

Music—Orchestra.

Dramatization of a Washington story —Primary pupils.

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A Visit to the Samson's—5th and 6th grades.
Lincoln Stone's—Franklin Fischer.
Gettysburg Address—Lucile Paul.
Dialogue — Ruby Quandt, Virgil Sprau.
Talk—Rev. Pannkuk.
Farce "How the Story Grew"—Mrs Wm. Hartfelder, Mrs. G. E. Raecker, Mrs. Louis Foss, Mrs. Carl Quandt, Mrs. L. B. Hulsebus, Mrs. Nels Faaborg, Mrs. Albert Mrs. Henry Frey.
Tribute to Washington—Pres. Harding—Peter Koemen.
Tribute to Lincoln—Gov. Kendall—Peter Koemen.
Music—Orchestra.
Song—H. S. students.

The Seniors were pleasantly surprised last Tuesday when the Secretary of the class brought a small box containing the class rings. Every one concerned seems to be well pleased with them.

The High school will have a Valentine box on Wednesday, February 14th.

Those absent from high school this week were Clarence Paul, Harm Groen, Harry Smith, Theo. Dirks.

Jeanette Raecker who was seriously ill is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bohning of Belmond were callers at the F. Frohling home last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. John Langlitz was on the sick list several days last week.

Mrs. Ed Foss suffered with one of her chronic attacks last Monday, but has improved greatly, and is able to be about her work at present.

Miss Billy Loats Sundayed with home folks.

Miss Mildred Gealow spent the week end with relatives at Belmond.

The E. L. C. E. held their monthly business and social hour at the home of Henry and Ralph Wendell on Tuesday of last week. Those present report a pleasant evening.

Wm. Messelheiser is reported on the sick list, having been confined to his home most of last week.

Mrs. Geo. Blau of near Alexander is still very ill.

ROWAN NEWS

Monday Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pritchett entertained at a 12:30 dinner in honor of the birthday of Mrs. George Pritchett.

Last Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. James Rowen entertained at an evening of 500. The following guests were present, Charles Rowen, Mr. and Mrs. Will Bingham, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Braden, Mrs. J. F Howell.

Last Thursday evening the Farmer's Union met at the Brooks hall for their regular program and social meeting

Last Wednesday evening Mrs. Leonard McCallum entertained a few friends of her daughter, LaVonne in honor of her ninth birthday.

Mrs. Guy Shelton was a Dows caller Wednesday.

Rev. Seth Huntington and wife, of Dinsdale Ia., Mr. and Mrs Jackson, of Vermilion S. D. and Mr. and Mrs Williams, of Martinsburg Iowa were visitors at the home of their Grandmother, Mrs. Jennie Rowen last Wednesday.

Miss Stella Emerson is on the sick list.

Miss Frances Virden is suffering from a severe cold.

Mrs. Ike Erickson is suffering from tonsilitis.

Mr. and Mrs. N B. Olson were called to Sheffield Ill., Monday night of this week by the serious illness of his mother.

Ben Fanselow was a Ft Dodge business caller Wednesday.

Amos Cowley was a county seat visitor between trains Wednesday.

Clarence Currie was calling on old friends at Clarion Thursday.

Mrs. Ed. Riley visited at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fuller Bailey, at Belmond Thursday.

Earl Patton was a county seat visitor Saturday returning home via of C. R. I P.

Mrs. Ina Stumph and children, Garnett and Bernard, visited at the parental Ed. Miller home in Clarion over the week end.

Mrs. Georgia Rowen who has been very ill the past week is better at the present writing.

Williard McCallum had a troublesome ingrowing toe nail cut out at the Steele Hospital in Belmond Friday. He went to Belmond Sunday to have his toe dressed.

Mrs. Peddle is ill with the grippe.

Mrs. C. T. Halbert was called to Sioux City Tuesday of this week by the serious illness of her brother-in-law. It is thot he can not live.

Mrs. Carl Steffens, Miss Nora Shaffer and William Shaffer were Dows visitors Thursday where Mrs. Steffens went to have her injured wrist attended to.

Mrs. Coulter returned Wednesday from Iowa Falls where she has been visiting the past few weeks.

Mrs. Ben Fanselow sprained her ankle last Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Whitten spent last Friday visiting at Hampton and Latimer.

Mrs. Morris Sullivan came Friday from Des Moines where she had been visiting for some time. She visited at the home of her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fletcher. She was called back to her home in Ft. Dodge to assist in the Western Electric telephone office.

Mrs. Hannah Whitten has been on the sick list the past week.

Word has been received of the arrival of a new baby girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tresidder.

Mrs. Etta Carr spent last week in Latimer with her daughter, Mrs. Henry Miller.

D. W. Whitten went to Des Moines Saturday evening to attend the G. W. C. Convention.

The W. C. T. U meeting which should have been held Wednesday February 21, has been postponed until Wednesday February 28.

Mrs. Harry Cain has been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Steffens. Mr. Cain came from Allison Saturday to spend the week end.

Shool Notes

The basket ball girls played a practice game Friday p. m. for the benefit of the grades.

The game between Rowan and Goldfield boys played here last Friday was one of the closest games of the season. Our boys won with a score of 10 to 12. The two scores were tied several times during the game. The game was refereed by Donald Farren. The line up was; Rowan—Azeltine, Kerecheval, Utz, Moellering, McKinley. Goldfield—Braden, Elsworth, Nelson, Madison, Richardson.

The Dramatic and Oratorical classes of the contest practiced in the high school auditorium Saturday afternoon.

The Declamatory contest will be held at the school house Friday afternoon and evening.

Rowan lost both games for the first time at Hampton last Saturday. Both teams were handicapped by the size of the gymasium. Though the scores were both strong in favor of Hampton the Rowan teams played a good game. Both games were refereed by Mr. Fotterell of Cedar Falls. The scores were, girls 23 to 5; boys, 3 to 20. The girls line up was: Rowan—Azeltine Emerson, Duffy, C. Azeltine, Aldinger, Holliday. Hampton—Gibson, Bront, Cocks, Brandt, Ferris, Lunbar; boys: Rowan—Azeltine, Kerecheval, McKinley, Moellering, Utz. Hampton —Bumb, Mothle, Dinium, Remnes Ferris.

Prof. Hollister gave a short talk on Lincoln preceding the Chapel Monday morning.

The students taking part in the contest are to give their selections in the grade rooms for practice some time this week.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The meetings of the past week were quite well attended and were very helpful. The Vespers service Sunday afternoon conducted by Rev. Bump, of Galt was a very helpful service.

The Mission Study club will meet with Mrs. Chester Moellering at the Fred Brooks home Thursday evening of this week.

Service next Sunday as usual to which all are invited to attend.

The Rev. Harold Tomkinson delivered a lecture last Monday evening at Thornton in the Opera house and under the suspices of the American Legion. The house was crowded to the doors, there hardly being standing room left. Mr. Tomkinson spoke on the Ku Klux Klan.

A large number of witnesses from Rowan were before the Grand jury last week in connection with the bootlegging case.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whitten are spending the week in Des Moines. Mr. Whitten is attending the State Hardware Convention.

Dr. Maker from Goldfield was in town last Friday.

Quite a number of the farmers are shelling corn, and others are getting ready to move before the first of March.

Commencing on Monday, February 19, a week of special services will be held in the Methodist church with Rev. Fred Neal, of Lake Mills, as the special speaker. Mr. Neal has spoken in Rowan before and therefore is no stranger. He is a forceful speaker and will bring many messages of help and inspiration. Will you not plan to be present at these meetings, and help along the good work? Mr. Neal's subjects will be announced later.

METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor, Rev H. Tomkinson.
10:00 a. m. Sunday School.
6:30 p m. Public worship.
6:30 p. m. Epworth League.
7:30 p m. "The Genius of Washington."

Last Sunday evening Mr. Tomkinson spoke on Lincoln, and the things that helped to immortalize him. Next Sunday evening he will deal with the Father of Independent, Washington. We all ought to do homage to these men who have helped to make our country what it is.

Public Sale!

Tuesday, February 20th

Owing to the condition of the roads and weather, I was unable to hold my CLOSING OUT FARM SALE on Thursday, February 15, as had been advertised. I will therefore hold this sale on

Tuesday, February 20th

and will sell everything that I had advertised.

Watch for further bills.

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ALEXANDER NEWS

Mrs. Younglin of Latimer spent several days the past week visiting her friend Miss Anna Beemen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Suntken of Meservey were visitors at the J. C. Arends home on Friday.

Mrs. E. E. Butler of Hampton visited with relatives here the latter part of the week.

Miss Gertrude Berninghausen of Hanlontown spent Saturday and Sunday with Friends in this vicinity.

John Arends was a business caller at Belmond last Wednesday.

Glen Klinefelter of Garner visited with relatives here the last of the week.

Chas Studebaker of Belmond was a visitor at the J. C. Arends home last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hall and children and Miss Edna Arends attended the farm bureau meeting at the Hugh Whitten home last Tuesday evening. A very pleasant evening was spent.

Rev. Sherman Arends of Hayfield Minnesota visited his parents. Mr. and Mrs. A. B Arends last Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mr. Albert Larsen and children and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Seegar and daughter visited at the Chas Harris home near Hampton last Thursday.

Lloyd Green and Forrest Gillett were business callers at Dows Monday.

Lewis Bell was a caller at Hampton last Thursday.

Miss Wilma Roughtly spent the last of the week with relatives at Belmond.

Miss Esther Larsen visited with relatives at Hampton the last of the week.

The Ladies Aid society of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. Clarence Murphy next Wednesday afternoon, February 21st. Come prepared to sew.

George Hake of Belmond was working in this vicinity last week soliciting for the Sugar Beet Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Meyers and Miss Lelia Klinefelter of Dows were visitors at this place last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Finkle and daughter Leona of Hampton were Sunday visitors at the Nels Larsen home.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hensel enjoyed a few days visit last week from Mr. Hensel's mother of Webster City.

The Misses Oralee Brooks and Mary Kernen spent the week end with relatives at Belmond.

Earl and Lyle Hall and J. C. Arends were at Belmond Monday, looking after their live stock interest there.

Merle Hansen is assisting at the creamery during the abence of Leslie Borne, who is taking a short course at Ames, we are sorry to learn that we loose Mr. and Mrs. Borne from our midst in the near future.

Henry Stoffer was a business caller at Belmond last Tuesday.

Mrs. Henry Polmateer returned home Thursday from Canada where she has spent the past three weeks visiting with relatives.

Cornelius Stoffer was a caller at Mason City last week.

Henry Polmateer was a business caller at Belmond one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Veeder and daughter Virginia Ruth of Hampton spent the day Sunday at the Nels Larsen home.

Jewie Wolford of Hampton is here for a visit at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Rulph Beenen.

The Dows high school basket ball teams defeated the local high school teams in a fast and closely contested games here last Tuesday night. The score of the girl's game was 18 to 12 and the boys score was 21 to 5 in the visitors favor.

On Friday night the games between Alexander and Latimer was closely played at the latter's floor the score being 6 to 5 in favor of Latimer girls and 13 to 11 in favor of Latimer boys.

The following attended the funeral services held for Frank Latch last Saturday: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Meyers Geo., Willie, and Marie Meyers of Ackley Ia. Mrs. Edd Butler of Hampton, Rev Sherman Arends of Hayfied Minnesota, Mrs. Lillie Groh of Lyle, Minnesota, Geo. Latch LuVerne, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Maier and son Sherman of Ackley, Mr. and Mrs. David Nolting of Ackley, Ia.

The pessimist is also a fellow who knows what ought to be done but is sure that it will not be done.

Are You Inquisitive?
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February 17, 1923

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Saturday, February 17

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The offering consists of 30 head of a most uniform lot of sows that I have ever sold. It represents some of the most popular blood lines, for there are listed 5 fall gilts by Orion Col. out of prize winning sows; 2 gilts by the Grand Champion sow, and there listed 4 half-sisters to the Grand Champion sow; 1 by King Orion Sensation by Great Orion Sensation and are bred to Col. Trailfinder Jr. and a grandson of Pathmaster and will farrow in March and April. I have listed 4 gilts bred to 1st prize Junior boar at the Belmond Short Course to farrow in May. Come and look them over.

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Twelve months' time will be given on approved securities bearing 8 per cent interest from day of sale, and all hogs must be settled for on day of sale.

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GEO. THOMPSON

HEAR RURAL CREDITS THIS WEEK IN SENATE

Des Moines ,February 12.—The most promnient proposed piece of legislation according to discussions in the campaigns of the past couple of years in Iowa and other agricultural states is rural credits and methods of furnishing relief to the chief industry of the mid-west and southern states. This subject is to furnish the program for the senate session the afternoon of Thursday, February 15th, according to agreement of members of the senate. The question will come up at that time for the consideration of Joint Resolution No. 2 by Senator M. L. Bowman, of Black Hawk county for many years connected with the extension department of Ames college. This resolution proposes to amend the state constitution to permit the establishment of credits to farmers. When the resolution came up last week the matter was discussed at some lenght and was then postponed until the commission appointed by the governor could complete its report and have the report printed for consideration and study. The senate and house had already appointed a joint committee to investigate and report on methods adopted by other states. These reports will be in the hands of the legislators the fifteenth it is promised. Members of the commission declare that systems of providing credits are practical and the reports will recommend that ware houses be provided for the storage of grain and the issuance of credit on receipts for the same and on real estate. During the first discussion of the joint resolution the following points were prominent in the issues raised:

1. The constitutionality of the legislation regarding class privileges and an amendment was proposed and accepted to help clear up this point.

2. A recognition that agricultural is the chief industry of the state of Iowa, yet believing that manufacturing is closely identified with the development of agriculture might not such state credits be extended to other lines of industry placing about the state loans the same safeguards that are placed in loans against rural lands and grain.

Members generally look upon the proposed rural credits system with favor yet the points outlined will undoubtedly be discussed at considerable lenght, it is predicted. To become a law the joint resolution must pass two general assemblies and then be voted on by the people.

State Audit and County Warrants

Spending money when there is no money in the accounts of the county on which warrants are drawn came up for spirited debate on the Tuck bill which sends county officers issuing the warrants and boards of supervisors for authorizing such warrants to jail won a large majority vote in the senate. An exception is made in court costs which can not be estimated and which are authorized by courts and not by board of supervisors, certain other emergency expenditures are excepted in the bill as it passed the senate. A bill in the house would require an audit of the books of school treasurers and of school boards by agents of the state auditor the same as being done at the present time with county and city offices. It has been claimed that the school funds which amount up to many times over the funds of city and county funds are managed in many cases without system and in a manner not warranted by law. Bills have been introduced looking to state audit of the books and accounts of the state board of education, state board of control, state board of agriculture and state highway commission. Another bill requires all state institutions, boards and commissions to adopt uniform systems of bookkeeping, etc., approved by the state executive council.

The Family Circle

Representative Hauge of Polk, who has seen the evil effects of the family circle in county offices after Des Moines has lost thousands of dollars through the practice of embezzling city and county funds by relatives of officials would prohibit any officer from employing a member of the family as assistant, clerk or in any other position. The anti-nepotism bill has been introduced many times in the Iowa legislature but has never become a law. It is likely to succeed at this session.

Temple of Justice

The Storey bill abolishes the commission appointed before the war to build a Temple of Justice, turns the appropriation back in the state treasury and the plans and proceedings of the commission into the hands of the state executive council. While Representative Storey claimed that at the proper time he would favor the construction of a temple of justice he did not think this was a proper time.

Highways Most Important

If the number of bills introduced and the discussions in the press are an indication it may be truthfully said that the highways are the most important matters before the general assembly. Bills have been introduces touching every phase of road making. The Gallagher resolution refusing federal aid in the construction of highways or for any other purpose was defeated by a large majority in the house. The next move was to abolish the state highway commission but accepting the federal aid makes it practically necessary to continue the commission with state and government management of road projects where federal aid is applied. Secretary Wallace under whose department at Washington federal aid to highways is determined came out strongly in letters urging Iowa legislators not to do anything to interfere with the plans of the government. Certain measures introduced would have cancelled further appropriations from the government in the building of Iowa highways and would have kept the progressive program of road making from making further improvements. The discussion still continues and the main issues will not be settled until near the close of the session. The effort to move the highway commission's offices to Des Moines is not as strong as it was before members of the highway committees and other legislators visited Ames and viewed the great plant and property there. However, this point is being vigorously urged by enemies of the commission.

Farm Bureau Wins

The two bills of Senator Johnston of Lucas to confine membership of farm bureaus to actual farmers and farm owners and to require a vote every two years of counties to determine whether the counties should continue to contribute to the maintainance of the farm bureaus were both overwhelmingly defeated in the senate. Senator Johnston called such appropriations subsidies to farmers and he was opposed to them unless the tax payers had an opportunity to vote on the question at stated intervals. During the dissussion it developed that the fight made by Senator Johnston was inspired by the Farm Unions which are said to be strong in several counties of the state and in Lucas county especially. Two or three members who represent counties with strong farm union organizations made an effort to dodge the vote. A call of the house was ordered and Senator Ethell of Davis, who was one of the five to vote for the bills, asked that the most diligent search be made in all parts of the temple for fear some great tragedy had been committed and the absent memebrs made away with. The bill received five votes showing the overwhelming majority of the senate favoring the farm bureau and its system of agricultural education.

County Superintendents

The bill repealing the county superintendent's law making this officer elective by the people passed the house by one majority. Objections to the bill were based largely on opportunities to secure more efficient officials by having superintendents chosen by an educational board of school officers. It was brought out that by a county wide election cities and towns which do not in fact come under the jurisdiction of the county superintendent would control the elections. It is understood, however that bills are to be voted on eliminating cities where county superintendents do not superintend from voting for such officers.

Work On Code

Regardless of the understanding that code revision would be suspended after February first code bills are being considered by the committees and by both houses when other legislation can be laid aside. Following out the agreement with the governor an earnest effort is being made to take up code bills which do not promise any great amount of argument and complete consideration.

Tax Revision

The report of the tax commission appointed by the last general assembly to report and submit bills changing the tax laws of the state so as to adjust valuations, assessments and tax levies is being considered at daily meetings of the ways and means committees of both branches of the assembly. To bring about just and equitable tax laws nas been the endeavor of every legislative body since Iowa became a state and the legislature at this time faces the most trying period in history. The commission was composed of men representing all interests and in many features the bills reported out are compromises it being understood the report was arrived at with a unanimous vote. Regardless of this the committees are again arguing the same points which for so long divided the commission. The committees may devote several weeks to these subjects and after that the two legislative bodies have an opportunity to split hairs and discuss differences of opinion. It seems to be quite sure now that gasoline is doomed to pay a tax for road making. Other states have adopted such measures and are proving satisfactory according to reports made to the committees. Every effort is made to cut down appropriations where such cuts are possible so as to reduce the state tax and counties, where the bulk of the tax money is spent, are being restricted in their expenditures.

Telephone Bill

Another telephone bill has been introduced placing the control of telephone companies under the jurisdiction of the state railroad commission. The first bills placed rate making with city councils. Owing to the fact that city councils would not have jurisdiction over long distance lines the new bill would make supervision by the state instead of by localities.

The Kenyon Incident

The resolution by Representative Blakee endorsing Judge William S. Kenyon which caused a stir in the state house for several days was withdrawn by the author on Friday. Democrats who saw an opportunity to embarrass the Republicans objected to the withdrawal of the resolution but the House which is overwhelmingly Republicans granted the request.

G. L. CASWELL

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Belmond Local News

Dick Schmidt, Sr., of Alexander was a business caller in town last week Saturday.

John Harberts is going to quit farming, and has his closing out sale advertised this week in the Independent.

"Scoop" Larsen was a business caller at Klemme last Thurday.

Geo. Thompson was a business caller at Kanawha last week Saturday.

The Dows corn show held last week was reported a fine success. The decorations on some of the business houses were very good.

Does advertising pay? Last week a farmer ran a 25 cent want ad in the Independent for a married man to work on the farm, having applicants apply here. The following three days 12 calls were made at this office, either personally or by phone, with one long distance call from Mason City. Independent ads bring results.

Arvin Ellis has his farm sale advertised in this week's Independent. Mr. Ellis will move soon to Kanawha to make his home.

Four sales are advertised in the Independent this week. The sale season is very nearly over, and these sales will be among the isst of the winter. If you are in need of any farming equipment, better read these sales over and attend.

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Wednesday, February 21st

COMMENCING AT 12 O'CLOCK SHARP!

9 - Head of Horses - 9

1 YEARLING GRAY MARE COLT
1 ROAN MARE 7 YRS. OLD, WT. 1,100
1 BLACK MARE 8 YRS. OLD, WT. 1,600
1 SORREL MARE 8 YRS. OLD, WT. 1,100
1 BROWN HORSE 4 YRS. OLD, WT. 1,100
1 BROWN GELDING 5 YRS. OLD, WT. 1,500
1 BAY MARE IN FOAL, 8 YRS. OLD, WT. 1,400
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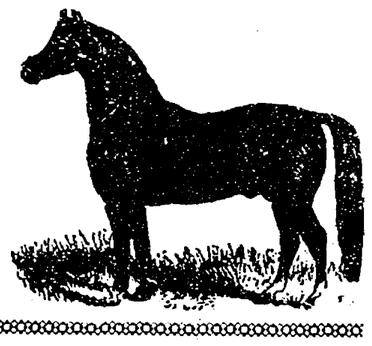
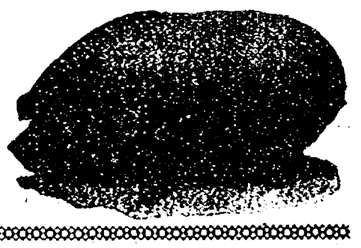


30 - Head of Cattle - 30

8 CALVES
1 YEARLING STEER
2 2-YR.-OLD STEERS
4 YEARLING HEIFERS
4 MILK COWS, ALL GIVING MILK
1 ROAN BULL COMING 2 YRS. OLD
10 2-YR.-OLD HEIFERS, 4 TO BE FRESH SOON

6 - Head of Hogs - 6



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5 BROOD SOWS BRED TO FULL BLOOD DUROC JERSEY BOAR

65 CHICKENS—7 BUSHELS REEDS YELLOW DENT SEED CORN—500 BUSHELS CORN IN CRIB—300 BUSHEL 103 SEED OATS.

Farm Machinery, Etc.

1 disc
1 saddle
1 hay rack
1 top buggy
1 pump jack
1 single harness
1 4-section drag
1 Endgate seeder
1 shoveling board
2 sets work harness
About 25 tons of hay
1 McCormick 8-ft. binder
2 Hayes riding corn plows
1 16-in. riding stubble plow
1 International hay stacker
1 International hay bucker
1 McCormick 5-ft. cut mower
1 McCormick 10-ft. hay rake
1 Mayflower range, nearly new
2 lumber wagons with triple boxes, one nearly new
1 International Corn planter with 100 rods of wire
1 Fairbanks 1 1-2 h. p. gasolene engine
Forks, tools and many other articles

THIS MACHINERY IS PRACTICALY ALL NEW AND GUARANTEED TO BE IN GOOD CONDITION

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BELMOND SAVINGS BANK, CLERK
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John Harberts
Owner

The BLIND MAN'S EYES

BY

WILLIAM MacHARG and EDWIN BALMER

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Gabriel Warden, Seattle capitalist, tells his butler he is expecting a caller, to be admitted without question. He informs his wife of danger that threatens him if he pursues a course he considers the only honorable one. Warden leaves the house in his car and meets a man whom he takes into the machine. When the car returns home, Warden is found dead, murdered, and alone. The caller, a young man, has been at Warden's house, but leaves unobserved

CHAPTER II.—Bob Connery, conductor, receives orders to hold train for a party. Five men and a girl board the train. The father of the girl, Mr. Dorne, is the person for whom the train was held. Philip D. Eaton, a young man, also boarded the train. Dorne tells his daughter and his secretary, Don Avery, to find out what they can concerning him.

CHAPTER III.—The two make Eaton's acquaintance. The train is stopped by snowdrifts.

CHAPTER IV.—Eaton receives a telegram addressed to Lawrence Hillward, which he claims. It warns him he is being followed.

CHAPTER V.—Passing through the car, Connery notices Dorne's hand hanging outside the berth. He ascertains Dorne's bell has recently rung. Perturbed, he investigates and finds Dorne with his skull crushed. He calls a surgeon, Dr. Sinclair, on the train.

CHAPTER VI.—Sinclair recognizes the injured man as Basil Santoine, who, although blind, is a peculiar power in the financial world as adviser to "big interests." His recovery is a matter of doubt.

CHAPTER VII.—Circumstances point to Eaton as Santoine's assailant.

CHAPTER VIII.—Eaton is practically placed under arrest. He refuses to make explanations as to his previous movements before boarding the train, but admits he was the man who called on Warden the night the financier was murdered.

CHAPTER IX.—Eaton pleads with Harriet Santoine to withhold judgment, telling her he is in serious danger, though innocent of the crime against her father. He feels the girl believes him.

CHAPTER X.—Santoine recovers sufficiently to question Eaton, who refuses to reveal his identity. The financier requires Eaton to accompany him to the Santoine home, where he is in the position of a semi-prisoner.

He dressed and then paced back and forth the two or three steps his compartment allowed him. He stopped now and then to listen; from outside came the noises of the yard; but he made out no sound within the car. If it had been occupied as on the days previous, he must have heard some one coming to the washroom at his end. Was he alone in the car now, or had the customary moving about taken place before he awoke?

Finally, to free himself from his nervous listening for sounds which never came, he picked up the paper again. He read:

"The news of Mr. Santoine's visit of a week on the Coast, if not known already in great financial circles, is likely to prove interesting there. For years he has been the chief agent in keeping peace among some of the great conflicting interests, and more than once he has advised the declaring of financial war when war seemed to him the correct solution. Thus, five years ago, when the violent death of Matthew Latron threatened to precipitate trouble among western capitalists, Santoine kept order in what might very well become financial chaos. If his recent visit to the Pacific coast was not purely for personal reasons but was also to adjust antagonisms such as charged by Gabriel Warden before his death, the loss of Santoine at this time may precipitate troubles which, living, his advice and information might have been able to prevent."

Having read and reread this long paragraph, Eaton thrust the sheet out the window. As he sat thinking, with lips tight closed, he heard for the first time that morning footsteps at his end of the car. The door of his compartment was unlocked and opened, and he saw Doctor Sinclair.

"Mr. Santoine wants to speak to you," the surgeon announced quietly.

This startling negation of all he imagined, unnerved Eaton. He started up, then sank back for better composure.

"Mr. Santoine is here, then?"

"Here? Of course he's here?"

"And he's conscious?"

"He has been conscious for the better part of two days. Didn't they tell you?"

Eaton looked toward the window, breathing hard. "I heard the newsboys—"

Sinclair shrugged. "The papers print what they can get and in the way which seems most effective to them," was his only comment.

The surgeon led Eaton to the door of the drawing room, showed him in and left him.

Harriet Santoine was sitting on the little lounge opposite the berth where her father lay. She was watching the face of her father, and as Eaton stood in the door, he saw her lean forward and gently touch her father's hand; then she turned and saw Eaton.

"Here is Mr. Eaton, Father," she said.

Harriet Santoine Was Sitting on the Little Lounge Opposite the Berth Where Her Father Lay.

"Sit down," Santoine directed.

The blind man was very weak and must stay quite still; and he recognized it; but he knew too that his strength was more than equal to the task of recovery, and he showed that he knew it. His mind and will were, obviously, at their full activity, and he had fully his sense of hearing.

Harriet's lips trembled as she turned to Eaton; but she did not speak directly to him yet; it was Basil Santoine who suddenly inquired:

"What is it they call you?"

"My name is Philip D. Eaton." Eaton realized as soon as he had spoken that both question and answer had been unnecessary, and Santoine had asked only to hear Eaton's voice.

The blind man was silent for a moment, as he seemed to consider the voice and try again vainly to place it in his memories. Then he spoke to his daughter.

"Describe him, Harriet."

Harriet paled and flushed.

"About thirty," she said, "—under rather than over that. Six feet or a little more in height. Slender, but muscular and athletic. Skin and eyes clear and with a look of health. Complexion naturally rather fair, but darkened by being outdoors a good deal. Hair dark brown, straight and parted at the side. Smooth shaven. Eyes blue-gray, with straight lashes. Eyebrows straight and dark. Forehead smooth, broad and intelligent. Nose straight and neither short nor long; nostrils delicate. Mouth straight, with lips neither thin nor full. Chin neither square nor pointed, and without a cleft. Face and head, in general, of oval Anglo-American type."

"Go on," said Santoine.

Harriet was breathing quickly. "Hands well shaped, strong but without sign of manual labor; nails cared for but not polished. Gray business suit, new. Soft-bosomed shirt of plain design with soft cuffs. Medium-height turn-down white linen collar. Four-in-hand tie, tied by himself. Black shoes. No jewelry except watch-chain."

"In general?" Santoine suggested.

"In general, apparently well-educated, well-bred, intelligent young American. Expression frank. Manner self-controlled and reserved. Seems sometimes younger than he must be, sometimes older. Something has happened at some time which has had a great effect and can't be forgotten."

While she spoke, the blood, rising with her embarrassment, had dyed Harriet's face; suddenly now she looked away from him and out the window.

"He would be called, I judge, a rather likable-looking man?" Santoine said tentatively; his question plainly was only meant to lead up to something else; Santoine had judged in that particular already.

"Mr. Eaton"—Santoine addressed him suddenly—"I understand that you have admitted that you were at the house of Gabriel Warden the evening he was killed while in his car. Is that so?"

"Yes," said Eaton.

"You are the man, then, of whom Gabriel Warden spoke to his wife?"

"I believe so."

"You believe so?"

"I mean," Eaton explained quietly, "that I came by appointment to call on Mr. Warden that night. I believe that it must have been to me that Mr. Warden referred in the conversation with his wife which has since been quoted in the newspapers."

"Because you were in such a situation that, if Mr. Warden defended you, he would himself meet danger?"

"I did not say that," Eaton denied guardedly.

Continued next week.

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PUBLIC SALE

AS I HAVE DECIDED TO QUIT FARMING, I WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON THE W. C. TYRRELL, JR., FARM, 2 3-4 MILES SOUTH AND 1-2 MILE EAST OF BELMOND, ON

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COMMENCING PROMPTLY AT 10:30 O'CLOCK A. M.

OWING TO THE WEATHER I WAS UNABLE TO HOLD THIS SALE FEB. 13 AS PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED.

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67 - Head of Cattle - 67

6 HEAD OF YOUNG CALVES
5 HEAD OF 2-YEAR-OLD HEIFERS
1 ROAN DURHAM BULL, 2 YEARS OLD NEXT JULY
10 HEAD OF LAST SPRING CALVES, STEERS AND HEIFERS
27 HEAD OF LARGE WELL BRED MILK COWS, A NUMBER NOW FRESH, BALANCE FRESH SOON

18 - Head of Cattle - 18

Consigned by Chas. Sampson & Son.

6 HEAD OF MILK COWS, TO BE FRESH SOON
12 LAST SPRING CALVES, STEERS AND HEIFERS

12 - Head of Horses and Mules - 12

1 BAY MARE 6 YEARS OLD , WT. 1,550
1 SORREL GELDING 5 YEARS OLD, WT. 1,500
1 DAPPLE GRAY MARE 6 YEARS OLD, WT. 1,650
1 SORREL TEAM 6 YEARS OLD, 1 MARE AND 1 GELDING, WT. 2,700
1 SPAN SORREL MARES, WELL MATCHED, IN FOAL, 6 AND 7 YEARS OLD, WT. 3,200
1 BLACK TEAM, 1 GELDING, AND 1 MARE IN FOAL, 7 AND 8 YEARS OLD, WT. 3,350
3 HEAD OF MULES—1 3-YE AR-OLD, 2 COMING 3, WT. ABOUT 1,200 LBS. EACH
THESE HORSES AND MULES ARE ALL SOUND AND AN EXCEPTIONALLY FINE LOT

74 - Head of Poland China Feeding Hogs - 74

WEIGHING FROM 125 TO 200 POUNDS. A CHOICE LOT.

Farm Machinery, Etc.

1 bob sleigh
1 truck wagon
1 harrow cart
1 single harness
1 4-section harrow
1 single top buggy
1 16-ft. basket rack
1 bicycle grind stone
1 Emerson gang plow
1 John Deere hay rake
1 3-section steel harrow
1 P. & O. beet cultivator
A number of horse collars
1 Success 300-egg incubator
1 P. & O. riding beet lifter
1 Champion mower, 5-ft. cut
1 John Deere 20-wheel disc
1 John Deere 16-wheel disc
2 2-row Bayliff corn plows
1 Independent 5-ft. cut mower
1 John Deere riding corn plow
1 John Deere hand corn sheller
1 John Deere 16-in. sulky plow
1 Broadcast endgate seeder, new
1 U. S. cream separator, new last spring
5 sets 1 1-2 inch heavy work harness, good as new
1 Deering binder, new, has not cut over 60 acres.
1 Sattley corn planter, with 160 rods of wire
4 wide tired wagons with triple boxes, one new
A number pairs of extra doubletrees
1 frame chicken house, 10x14, new
Forks, tools, and a hundred other articles.

MUCH OF THIS MACHINERY IS PRACTICALLY AS GOOD AS NEW.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS—All my household goods, including chairs, tables, dishes, rugs, carpets, one new Summit Range used 3 months, etc.

6 DOZEN LAST SPRING HENS, WHITE ROCKS, WHITE LEGHORNS, AND RHODE ISLAND REDS. A FEW ROOSTERS IN ALL THREE BREEDS—ABOUT 8 TONS GOOD CHOICE TIMOTHY HAY—ONE GOOD STACK OF STRAW—ONE THOUSAND BUSHELS OF CORN IN CRIB.

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TERMS OF SALE—ALL SUMS OF $10 AND UNDER, CASH; OVER THAT AMOUNT 12 MONTHS' TIME WILL BE GIVEN ON APPROVED SECURITY AT 8 PER CENT INTEREST. ALL PROPERTY TO BE SETTLED FOR ON DAY OF SALE. IF NECESSARY TO LEAVE ANY OF THE STOCK, SAME WILL BE CARED FOR FREE OF ALL CHARGE UNTIL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH.

STATE BANK OF BELMOND, CLERK.

RANKINS & COWLEY, AUCTIONEERS.

George Polmateer

80 per cent of the farm sales this season were advertised in the Independent. Mr. Merchant---to advertise your goods to the farmer, use the medium he uses---and reads---the BELMOND INDEPENDENT.

Belmond Local News

Mrs. M. C. Barry was hostess to the Kensington club last Monday.

Try our whole wheat, Graham and Health bread.—Belmond Bakery.

Tom Cullinan has been numbered among the sick folks this week.

Mrs Pat Dillon has been on the sick list this week.

If you like a loaf of bread with crust all around, ask us for Cream bread.—Belmond Bakery.

A. F. Cowley of Rowan was here looking after business interests Saturday.

B. K. Kinseth has been making some nice improvements in his store.

Miss Mildred Gealow came down from Meservey to spend the week end with home folks.

Special for Saturday, February 17: Cream Puffs 30 cents a dozen.—Belmond Bakery.

Supt. Holliday of the Rowan schools was a business caller in town Monday afternoon.

Boys! Build your own Radio! Atwater Kent parts have no equal. See us for diagrams and hook-ups.—Townsan Hardware.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Eaton have rented the Ward Martin house in south Belmond and will move in the first of March.

John Harberts will hold a closing out sale on February 21. See his advertisement in the Independent this week.

Make this Bakery your headquarters for all kinds of fresh bakery goods and Rye bread.—Belmond Bakery.

Where does your money go? Spend it here and boost Belmond. We do every thing in the line of Tailoring. All work guaranteed.—New Belmond Tailor Shop.

The children of Ernest Stadtlander, who have been suffering from the whooping cough, are much better, but are not able to attend school yet.

B. K. Kinseth is making quite extensive improvements in his store. A number of new shelves are being added and he will greatly enlarge his stock of dry goods.

I have a few coops left at 50 cents each. 2 platform scales left, will sell cheap. One cream tester scales, a few tables, and warehouse truck. Will sell very cheap.—E. M Lathrop. 131c

Dr. and Mrs. Wallace have rented the residence on Main street owned by the Congregational church and now occupied by Fuller Bailey's and will move in on March 1st. The doctor built this many years ago.

D. E. Packard has been on the list of sick the past week or so and has been very ill at times. At this writing he is reported somewhat improved, and his host of friends are honing to see him around again soon.

A fairly heavy snow fall Monday morning certainly made some fine sleighing and sleds were numerous. This winter has not furnished very much good sleighing so far, and any more depends upon whether the Ground Hog saw his shadow or not. What do you think?

So many of the folks are entertaining the grippe, or just recovering from a visit of it, that they aren't doing much out of the ordinary and consequently news is pretty scarce. Items are always appreciated if you phone them to 115.

Joe S. White has been on the sick list this week, suffering from a severe attack of grippe.

Stop in Saturday! Look over our line of goods, fit for a king to eat.—Belmond Bakery.

C. O. Fitts, as Referee, sold the old George Kessler farm of 160 acres Monday, to George and Wm. Kessler the price being $194 per acre. At this price, Iowa land does not seem to be going back any, and the purchasers acquired one of the best farms around at a reasonable price.

Relatives of Axel Enger received word last week that he is again back in France. He had been in Africa for some time on government work. Axel is still connected with the army.

P. Barban is making extensive improvements in his bakery. The interior and show cases have been painted white, and the equipment is being rearranged to better advantage.

COWLEY & MUNNIS

SALE DATES

Feb. 16—H. O. Azeltine, Rowan.
Feb. 17—Watts Hog Sale, Clarion.
Feb. 20—Frank McLead, Galt.
Feb. 21—A. W. Johnson, Galt.
Feb. 22—Art Roline, Rowan.
Feb. 23—Simons sale, Galt.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Martin returned Monday from Rochester, where they had been to visit Mrs. Rosecrans who recently underwent a serious operation. They report Mrs. Rosecrans as getting along very nicely, much better than had been expected. Mr. and Mrs. Martin made the trip in their car.

Lionel Robertson from near Kanawha was operated on for appendicitis at the hospital here last Thursday.

"Bill" Dempsey started for Forest City, Tuesday morning, with a truck but after narrowly escaping getting stuck in the snow near Klemme, came back. He reported four foot drifts across the road.

BOX SOCIAL

There will be a box social and program on Friday evening February, 16 at school, District No. 4, Belmond township, 6 miles West of Belmond. The program will begin at 7:30. Everybody invited. Ladies please bring baskets.

Magdalene Johnson, teacher.

STEAK

The man of the house will eat steak when no other kind of meat will tempt him, but it MUST be juicy and tender.

OURS IS

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Phone 207 Free Delivery

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Two cents per word first insertion; one cent per word ensuing insertions.

FOR SALE

For Sale—60 Rhode Island Reds, 20 Barred Plymouth Rocks pullets.—Richard Anderson. Phone 3511. 122*

For Sale—Registered Short Horn bulls, red, 8 to 12 months.—John Mack. Phone 3306. 12tfc

For Sale—Three big Jacks and three stallions. Inquire of R. G. Brown. 124*

FOR SALE

At once, the Mrs. George Kessler house in Belmond. Modern, and well located.—C. O. Fitts, Referee. 131c

For Sale—Pure bred Bronze Turkey Toms. Phone 2520.—Mrs. H. O. Emerson. 131*

FOR RENT

For Rent—Three-room house and an acre of ground, east of Belmond. Phone 1103. 113*

WANTED

Wanted—Orders for all varieties of pure bred baby chicks. Will hatch until July 1.—Glenn M. Jennings, Clarion, Iowa, phone 47. 104*

Wanted—Married man to work on farm. Inquire at Independent. 12tfc

Wanted—To buy a building approximately 8x10x10 to 16 feet, suitable for a chicken house.—H. M. Wilkinson, Belmond.

MISCELLANEOUS

Dead animals removed from your premises FREE.—Belmond Rendering Works. Phone 2119. 48tfc

Buy your milk and cream from T. B. tested cows, milk 10c qt., 5c pint; cream 60c qt., 30c pint, delivered. phone 1205.—Kurtz Dairy. For sale at Robinson's and Cash Market.

Robinson's

BREAD

2 loaves - 15c

2 lb. loaf 15c

Other Goods To Make You Happy

We Deliver Anywhere In the City

We Have A Limited Number of All Wool

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ORDER YOUR SPRING SUIT NOW!

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All the latest designs suitable for any room in your home. Prices reasonable. We trim your paper for you and take back all full rolls.

Before buying from mail order houses let us show you our line. Save express or parcels pot charges, and know what you are getting.

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Are You Worth A Quarter?

If you are, prove it to yourself by putting a quarter a day into a savings account in this bank. We'll pay you five cents for every dollar you keep for yourself in a savings account. A quarter a day is little, but in a year—figure it up. Then ask us to show you how easy it is to

WATCH IT GROW

STATE BANK OF BELMOND

BELMOND IOWA

DANGER!

Attention! Radio Enthusiasts!

AMATEUR RADIO ENTHUSIASTS WHO ANTICIPATE INSTALLING RECEIVING SETS SHOULD PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE DANGER CONNECTED WITH THIS INSTALLATION, AND SHOULD BE GUIDED BY THE FOLLOWING RULES:

NEVER climb a pole to which wires are attached. They might be in contact with high voltage wires that are dangerous to life.

NEVER string aerials over or under any other wires. Should these two sets of wires come in contact with one another the aerials might become dangerously charged.

NEVER attach radio aerials or anything else to poles carrying wires of any sort. Accidental contact with live wires may cause injury or death, or bring about fires.

ALWAYS attach radio aerials to substantial supports so located that if either the supports or aerial wire breaks it cannot come in contact with other wires.

IOWA FALLS ELECTRIC COMPANY

Iowa Falls, Iowa

KILLIAN'S New York Resident Buyers' SALE

FIFTH ANNUAL

New York Resident Buyers' Sale

BEGINS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

Sale bills are now in the mails. If yours has failed to arrive, a postcard will bring one by return mail.

LOUIS KILLIAN CO.

Mason City, Iowa

Kinseth's Store News

Wasn't that a nice little baby-sized blizzard we had on Tuesday? It may have seemed like a real day to the young folks, but the old Timers remember' way back when—

Sure, and you want to remember that this is the place to save money. We specialize in saving your money by offering you good goods at bargain prices—that's why our business has grown so that we have had to enlarge it. We're getting all dolled up at our place—come in and see us. Remodeling and enlarging to give you better service than ever. As a bargain—one in many—we are going to sell you nice, fresh, juicy oranges Saturday for 27c a dozen, and appetite-satisfying grape-fruits, large ones, 3 for 27c.

And don't forget to look at our shoe department—from boys to men—and our overshoes and rubbers, guaranteed for a whole year.

We've some dandy apples by the box or barrel, and fruit of all kinds. And of course fresh groceries of all kinds, all the time. Above all things, and for "goodness" sake, remember that our phone is No. 19, and the store on the corner is the place to save money. Save yours and start a savings account.

P. S—And don't forget our 38c coffee, as good as the best and better than most.

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SUGAR COMPANY COMING FINE ON ACREAGE

Belmond Enters Tournament At Britt

Enter At Britt Today—Then Go To Fort Dodge If They Win Out At Britt.

HAVE WON EVERY GAME

Belmond's champion basket ball team took the last game of the season Friday night, when they walloped the Kanawha team on its own floor by a score of 27 to 11. Both the first and second teams played a good game. This was the first time that Belmond has ever defeated Kanawha on it's home floor. Madsen was easily the outstanding star of the game, caging seven field goals. Leinbach and Stapley were the two main reasons for Kanawha's low score, their guarding being excellent.

Next Thursday and Friday the teams go to Britt where they will take part in the district tournament in which 10 teams are entered and local fans are hoping they bring home the bacon as they have been doing. The winners of this meet will go to Fort Dodge the following week. This is a new method to determine the state champion team. Never in Belmond's history has it had as strong a team as this year, a team that has not been defeated and which Belmond hopes and believes will not be. In the games played this year, Belmond has scored a total of 298 points to their opponents 125. The scores by games have been as follows:

Belmond 30, Meservey 5.
Belmond 28, Sheffield 20.
Belmond 38, Alumni 10.
Belmond 24, Garner 9.
Belmond 26, Clarion 5.
Belmond 21, Garner 14.
Belmond 14, Hampton 4.
Belmond 21, Rowan 5.
Belmond 31, Kanawha 11.
Belmond 19, Rowan 13.
Belmond 19, Sheffield 18.
Belmond 27 Kanawha 11.

Here's to the boys, may they bring home to Belmond the championship honors of the state. Much credit should be given Coach Pals for his training and hard work with the team.

THE GASOLINE TAX

The latest development in the legislature is a sentiment favoring a gasoline tax to be given to the counties in which it is collected, and to be devoted to the improvement of the roads. Now if they will abolish the automoblie tax and make the gasoline tax strong enough to raise the same amount of money, this paper will favor it.

There is no doubt that the gasoline tax is more equitable than the auto tax. With a flat tax on autoes the man who keeps a pleasure car and who drives it once a month, pays exactly the same amount as the man who drives his car every day. Under our present system the proprietor of a jitney bus pays no more than the owner of a jitney that does not see the outside of the garage more than twice a year. This is manifestly wrong.

The gasoline tax will make the people who use the roads, pay for them. That will be just and equitable.

However, there should also be a tire tax. Without it we can not catch the hard-tired six-ton trucks that do more to damage the roads than one hundred autoes. A tire tax should be arranged to tax the big truck, especially the truck with solid tires.

With a tire tax and a gasoline tax, and the auto tax abolished, we would come pretty near to placing the expenses where they belong.—Humboldt Republican.

A. A. KEISER

A. A. Keiser, one of Belmond's best known citizens, and for many years a resident of this place, died at his home in Belmond Monday morning, February 26, death being caused by hardening of the arteries. For some time Mr. Keiser had not been in good health, and about a month ago disposed of his painting business and retired from active work. He was 64 years, 11 months and 14 days of age at his death. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the house Rev. Father Eardley in charge, and interment was made in Franklin Grove cemetery beside his daughter, Iris, who preceded him in death many years ago. The wife, one daughter, Ora, residing near Ames, and other relatives and friends are left to mourn his passing.

Mrs. Peter Stacy has been very ill the past week with pneumonia and for a time was in a very serious condition. She is much improved at this writing and her speedy recovery is now expected.

ANOTHER SHEFFIELD BANK FAILS TO OPEN

The Farmers and Merchants Bank a private bank at Sheffield, went into the hands of a receiver last Monday. The institution was organized over twenty years ago by William Storck and C. J. LeValley, and has been conducted by them since that time. The bank had enjoyed a successful business for many years, and its total liabilities at this time run about $400,000, with deposits of nearly the same amount. The depositors stand to lose heavily in the failure of the bank.

Land speculations and the loaning of credits to promotion enterprises which have failed to develope as anticipated, brought about the failure of the bank. The crash in financial conditions two years ago is of course the real cause of the failure, because if business condition had continued even at a normal gait during the fall of 1920 and year of 1921 the present frozen credits of the bank would have been largely reduced, and the bank would then have been able to carry any ordinary slow paper.

E. W. James, a substantial citizen of Sheffield, who has the confidence of his neighbors and acquaintances, has been appointed receiver for the bank, and is now busy getting out reports of the assets and liabilities of the bank, and will file them in court as soon as completed.

The failure of the bank did not cause any excitement in Sheffield, as it was generally supposed by the citizens of that town that the bank was having hard work weathering the storm.

The Sheffield Bank which closed several months ago, was another private banking institution, and had been conducted by the Carhart family for over thirty years. The affairs of this bank are now being aired in the state and federal courts. The failure of the two banks has given the good people of Sheffield a harder knock than they had coming to them.—Hampton Chronicle.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

A successful social was held at the Center school last Friday evening in spite of all the sickness.

School attendance is poor, due to the grippe and whooping cough.

Mr. Fred Loats who has been confined to his home, because of illness is not much improved in health.

Mrs. Weintjes who has been sick for the past month, is slowly recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Pals are the proud parents of a baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Goeman, moved to their new residence in north Belmond last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Halfpop were Sunday visitors at the Chas. Barkema home.

BELMOND MAN'S PLEA TO ENTER ASYLUM IS GRANTED

Clarinda, Feb. 24—An incident said to be so rare as to place it in a class by itself occurred here when a service man appeared at office of the secretary of the Page county board of insanity commissioners, asked to be adjudged insane and sent to the state asylum here, and whose singular request was acted upon favorably and the young man calmly pocketed the commitment papers much as one would a contract of any kind, and started off for the asylum, where he was duly admitted. The young man who figured in this strange drama was Robert W. Richardson, whose home is in Belmond, Wright county Iowa.

He is 38 years of age. He was wounded in the world war and ordinarily his mind is not affected, but he has periods of lunacy and it was to receive treatment under the expert guidance of Dr. Max Witte, superintendent of the state hospital here, that he took the action. He says his greatest trouble is in being unable to concentrate his mind so that he can retain a job—Globe Gazette.

FARM BUREAU MEETING

The Iowa Township Farm Bureau will hold its next meeting at the home of Joe Simon, 1½ miles northeast of Rowan, on next Tuesday March 6 at which time Prof. H. H. Cornell of the Extension Department at Ames will be present. This meeting is to be an all day affair, and big plans are being made to make it a rousing success. Prof. Cornell will address the crowd on "Landscape Architecture." The ladies are requested to bring sandwiches and one other article of food. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. This meeting was previously erroneously advertised as being at the H. J. Whitten place. Remember time and place, March 6 at Joe Simon's, 1½ miles from Rowan.

HURTS ANKLE

Ralph Christie had the misfortune to injure one of his ankles yesterday morning when a team he was driving ran away. Ralph, who was in the wagon, jumped, injuring the bone in his ankle. The injury is not serious, however, and he will soon be O. K. again.

Grand Opera

NOTED HOG STEALING CASE IS ENDED

One Man Found Guilty But In Other Cases Evidence Is Not Sufficient.

News—The trial of Frank Graegert, charged with being an accomplice in the theft of the Senss hogs in Wall Lake township, ended Wednesday afternoon when the jury returned the verdict of "Not Guilty". The jury was convinced of Graegert's innocence and was out less than twenty minutes. Court followers of the trial could not foresee any other verdict in the case. There was no direct evidence tending to connect him with the crime. Circumstances surrounding the theft of the hogs tended to indicate that Graegert should have had knowledge of the action of Bishop and probably Payne, but he stoutly denied this and the state failed to produce any direct evidence which could reasonably connect him with the crime.

After the conclusion of the Graegert trial, Bishop was arraigned and entered a plea of guilty. He will receive sentence in the early part of the week. Payne, another employe of Graegert's, is now facing trial. Stronger circumstantial evidence is marshalled against him but it cannot be predicted with certainty that he will be found guilty of the charge. The testimony of Stockman Bige, who bought the seven hogs, proved a disappointment to the state in the Graegert trial, and will possibly prove as disappointing in the Payne case.

The Frank Graegert trial was concluded Wednesday morning, the arguments beginning before noon and concluding in the afternoon. The evidence against Graegert charged with stealing hogs from Edward Senss, Wall Lake, rested solely on circumstantial evidence. Bishop, his brother-in-law, was arrested at Hampton while attempting to dispose of eight Spotted Poland sows. There he said he was marketing the hogs under orders from Graegert. Graegert's truck had been used to haul the hogs to Hampton. Payne, an uncle of Graegert, charged with the same offense, is believed to have marketed hogs in Webster City.

Stockbuyer Bige of Webster City swore that he had bought seven head of hogs Monday, after Senss' hogs had disappeared Sunday night, but while at the grand jury he declared he could identify the man who had sold them, in court he said he could not do this. A ficticious name was given by the stranger who sold the hogs to him, it is charged.

The state sought to prove that the nature of the circumstances were such that Graegert had guilty knowledge if not actual participation in the thefts.

Miss Herring school teacher boarding at the Graegert home, swore that in the night she heard two persons go down stairs. Graegert swore he was in bed with his wife thru the night, and Mrs. Graegert likewise swore that he was at her side thru the night.

Monday morning Graegert went to Webster City to have a tooth treated. He flatly denies any knowledge of the theft of the Senss hogs. Bishop's guilt in the theft is unquestioned. Payne's part in the theft is supported by circumstantial evidence which is more convincing than that presented against Graegert.

The state sought to prove that Graegert was implicated in the theft, for it would have been impossible for the two men working for him to have driven the hogs to his barn yard and loaded them up in his truck and wagon without help.

The sale of seven hogs at Webster City, to Mr. Bige, corroborates Mr. Senss' story. He lost fifteen head

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THIEVES ENTER FIVE BUSINESS PLACES FRI.

Get But Little For Their Efforts —Two Places Entered At Goodell Same Night.

Unknown thieves last Friday night entered five different business establishments in Belmond and took what came handy in the way of money. The M. & St L. depot, Belmond Motor Sales, City Market, Bohning & Co. and Standard Oil Filling station were the places visited. The thieves, however, failed to secure but little in the way of cash, getting about $20 in all from all five places.

The robbery took place between midnight and six in the morning. In all cases the thieves used a pinch bar to pry open the doors of each place visited, going in the front door at each place.

The only places where it is known they secured money was at the depot and the City Market. The same night two places were entered at Goodell, a hardware store and general store being entered there. At the Thada general store the thieves were frightened away by Mr. Thada, who was sleeping upstairs and who awoke and heard them.

No clews have been found as to the identity of the robbers, By some it is thought it was local talent, while others believe they were from another town. The robbery at Goodell tends to strengthen the latter theory.

BELMOND SCHOOL NOTES

The boys' basket ball team went to Kanawha, Friday night for their last game before the tournament. The first team easily outplayed their opponents and soon had a lead of several points, so Coach Pals let the second team finish the game. Even the Kanawha fans cheered our midget player, Kenneth Nourse. The final score was 27 to 10.

Friday of this week the basket ball teams go to Britt to play in the first series of the state tournament. The winners of this tournament will play the winners of other sectional tournanents a week later. We are depending on our boys to win the Britt tournament. The drawing for pairings for the first round will take place Thursday night.

Friday evening the three declamatory contestants who won first place in the home contest will go to Kanawha to speak in the preliminary contest for the state series. The winners at Kanawha speak in the sub-district contest two weeks later. Our contestants at Kanawha Friday night will be:

Oratorical, Alfred Wilkinson.
Dramatic, Kathleen Barry.
Humorous, Bernetas Wolle.

Division 1 of the Literary society gave a very original and interesting program, Friday afternoon.

Supt. Guthrie was ill Thursday and Friday of last week.

Miss Jewell, of the Commercial Department, and Miss Rohrback, of the fifth grade, were back at work Monday.

This is the end of the six week period so tests are going on this week. Report cards will be out next week.

Many are still suffering from grippe and colds, altho there are not so many out of school.

It is understood that the trial of Guy Bates, scheduled to appear before district court on Tuesday where he appealed on the charge of drunkeness some time ago, was not held owing to the non-appearance of Bates. Jack Finn and S. S. Packard who went his bonds, have been hunting him at Mason City and other points. Unless he is found in a few days, they will have to forfeit his bond, one hundred dollars.

BERT TRUMBELL

Bert Trumbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas Trumbell, was born at Belmond, Iowa, May 21, 1902.

His mother died July 28 1902 leaving Bert with no remembrance of her. His grandmother, Mrs. J. W. Brooks, took him to her home and was a faithful and kind mother to him, up until the time of his death.

Bert was not strong physically, but possessed a very keen intellect, and through his whole school life, stood high in his class work. He graduated from the Belmond High School in June, 1920. After graduating from high school he took a business course at Des Moines, and then entered the business world for himself.

Though meeting many difficulties in life, he always demonstrated a high degree of hopefullness and self reliance, working during all his vacations while attending school, in order that he might finish.

He was stricken with Pneumonia while at work in Des Moines, and died at the Congregational Hospital on Monday, February 19, 1923, at the age of 20 years, 9 months and 28 days and was buried at Goodell, Iowa, Wednesday, February 21st, 1923.

Thus another young life has gone from among us, and one that will be missed. Not in the sense of the passing of an old man, but because of the sterling, manly qualities of his young life. To those of us who knew him well, we love to remember the kind self-sacrificing quality of his life in his relation to his grandmother, with whom he lived. Though short, we feel his life was well spent.

The deceased leaves to mourn his loss his father, Chas. Trumbell, of Stockton, Calif.; four sisters, Iva (Mrs. Chas. Courter) in California; Iris and Wilma, at Belmond, Iowa; his grandparents Mrs James Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Trumbell; besides aunts and uncles and innumerable friends.

The funeral services were conducted at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Klemme by the Rev. A. B. Gedye, pastor, assisted by Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, of Belmond; and interment being made in the Cemetery at Goodell, Iowa.

(It was the privilege of the editor to have known and to have been an intimate friend of, Bert Trumbell, for many years. From his youngest school days to the time of his death, he was one of our best friends, and possibly we knew him as few of his associates did. Bert was a true gentleman in every sense of the word. His life was clean and wholesome, his character one of unselfishness and devotion to those dear to him. He was as true to his friends as the sun to the skies, and there was nothing he would not do for them. Of unsuual brilliancy of mind his physical strength unequal to his ambition, the struggle to carve a position in life weakened him so that he could not meet the great test. Bert fought the good fight. He left the world a little beter because he had been here, and his life, while short, was not in vain.)

JOINS KLU KLUX KLAN

The following item appeared in the Hampton Chronicle last week, under a Cedar Rapids date line, and will be of much interest to Belmond people:

Tom Roberts, pastor of the Baptist church at Sheffield and prominent in the American Legion in Iowa, and a former state chaplain of that organization will become a lecturer for the Ku Klux Klan, local representatives of the "invisible empire" said today.

Roberts' decision is said to have been given after a special meeting of the Klan here last week, attended by white robed delegates from Des Moines, Waterloo, Boone, Clinton, Anamosa and Iowa City, and Allen E. Brown of Washington, D. C., imperial representative of the king kleagle of Iowa.

In Mr. Robert's statement he declares he will endeavor to tell his friends in Iowa and elsewhere that the Ku Klux Klan is not a "bunch of night riders and outlaws, but is composed of loyal American citizens, espousing the noble principles of pure Americanism."

Roberts declares, according to the printed statement, that the principles of the klan and of the American Legion are parallel.

BUYS OUT BARBER SHOP

A deal was completed last week Saturday whereby Geo. Goelz purchased the barber business and equipment of Eugene Sullivan located in the Lathrop hall, possession being taken at once. George who has been conducting the barber shop at the Case Hotel, has moved his shop to the Lathrop hall where he is now running the combined business of the two shops.

The annual meeting of the Belmond Co-operative Shipping Association will be held at the Belmond Township hall on Thursday next March 8 at 2:30 p. m. Election of officers for the ensuing year will take place, and other business pertaining to the association will be transacted.

2,000 Acres Have Been Signed Up

One-Third Of Acreage Already Signed Up And March Expected To Increase It.

WANT 5,000 TO 6,000 ACRES

The Iowa Valley Operating Co. is coming along very nicely with the campaign for 1923, and have signed up at this writing some two thousand acres of beets for this year. These contracts are said to be on some of the best land in this vicinity and a bumper crop is anticipated for the season.

Signing of 2,000 acres to date is a rather remarkable achievement inasmuch as contracts have never been very largely secured in the month of February. As it is hoped to secure from 5,000 to 6,000 acres this year, it means that one-third of the acreage has already been secured. The month of March is always a better month, owing to so many changes taking place on farms the first, for securing beet contracts, and the company expects, to greatly increase the acreage in the next 30 days. Beets are a sure crop, where the minimum price is assured before the crop is planted, and a large majority of those who raised beets last year are again contracting. Notably among these is the tenant on the F. H. Frohling land east of Belmond, who has signed again. That he made good money as well as his landlord, is evidenced by the fact that Mr. Frohling received as rent on his land last year $26. per acre.

The contract being offered is the same 50-50 contract as was used last year, a contract which is said to be the most fair ever offered the grower. It assures him the highest possible price for his beets, and guarantees a minimum below which it cannot go.

The company is greatly desirous of securing a larger acreage this year, and confidently expects to get it. The officials state, however, that it is essential that contracts be signed early, thus giving them an opportunity to secure the best labor obtainable instead of taking what they can get later on. It is understood that the company has a number of applicants from married men who wish to raise beets and any landlord who is not able to put in beets himself but wishes to raise them, can probably secure the help by communicating with the company.

Belmond is hoping that the necessary acreage is secured and another successful campaign put thru. The result of what sugar beets mean to business was shown last fall when ready cash was turned loose in the community by the farmers who had raised beets. Old accounts which were ready to be charged off as a loss were paid, bills were paid more promptly, and a noticable pick-up in business was evident. With 2,000 acres now signed up the prospects for a successful campaign this year are bright.

THE RIGHT IDEA

The Independent is in receipt of a nifty little illustrated booklet issued by the Iowa Falls Electric Co., and entited "Back of the Push Button." The booklet is illustrated by pictures of various towns served by the company, and some of the buildings and equipment of the concern. It contains some interesting data and figures regarding various towns, the service, and the company's growth, and is being sent out to acquaint their customers with the property and general scope of the service, the company is furnishing. The Iowa Falls company has the right idea, in issuing this booklet and in their advertising campaign now being carried on in the newspapers. The more a public utility informs the public of its business; the more it shows them how and why the wheels go 'round, the better opinion the public will have of it and the less suspicion and distrust. With a friendly spirit built up, any differences which may arise will be far more easily settled. And a friendly public spirit is worth more to a public-serving corporation then all the time and money it may take to create it. We venture to say that beyond any question, the Iowa Falls Electric Co. will find that advertising pays.

SCHOOL ELECTION

The second Monday in March, the 19th is the date for election of school officials. Two directors are to be chosen, to succeed Wallace Ramsey and A. L. Luick, and a treasurer to succeed C. O. Fitts. The terms are for three years on each office. Candidates should be getting lined up.

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WHAT OF 1923?

Every prospect for 1923 is seemingly bright. All forcasts by the financial wizards, the big business men of he country, are that the pendalum has started on the upward swing, and that business every day in every way will be better and better. It is freely declared that better times are here, and that this year will be the best since the big smash. Prices on farm products are coming back; the farmer has more ready money, and this means better business for us all. For as the farmer prospers we all benefit.

These things being true, what of 1923 for Belmond? Shall we not take advantage of the times, and start the move to place Belmond back where it was a few years ago, a good large dot on the map of Iowa known from one end to the other as a live town, a fine town, and a good place to do business and to live? This is an appeal to every business man of Belmond in general, and to the Chamber of Commerce in particular, to get busy. Gentlemen, can you give any valid reason why it can't be done? The cry has been the past few years that times would not permit of many activities. Granting this, then, the times are changing. Are you going to change with them? Can you give any good reason why Belmond should not look alive this year?

The Chamber of Commerce has not held a meeting for two years. It has not done a single thing that would enliven the community. Last year we muddled along; this year will we do the same? There are many things which can be done; many that should be looked after. Why not do them?

The Independent is not throwing bricks at the officers of the Chamber of Commerce for not doing anything; it is granted that the times would have made activity pretty difficult. But the times are changing, and this paper feels that the officers, or the Chamber, should look alive in 1923, and that the time to start is NOW! There should be a meeting called, the new officers chosen, and an effort at least made to be worthy the name. And it should be done now, not sometime. It is greatly doubted whether two dozen business men could be gathered at a meeting, but if there was any indication to look alive, the next meeting would bring them and find them ready to co-operate. The spirit of the Chamber is dead, or at best deeply sleeping, and it will require hard work to liven it up. But it can be done, and now is the time to do it.

When is that meeting going to be held, gentlemen? And what are you going to do? Nothing but a complete reorganization will be worth while. Are you willing to do it? If you aren't, don't call a meeting and give the crabs of the community another chance to say "I told you so." If you are, then get busy, and for one, the Independent promises you its most hearty support, morally, financially, and by real honest-to-gosh work.

Will you do the same?

SOCIETY

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Community Club—

The Community Welfare club held their annual business meeting and election of officers last Friday afternoon. Various committees reported on the work that had been done and the calendar committee gave a brief outline of the program for the coming year.

The following officers were all unanimously elected: President, Mrs. H. L. Gowdy; First Vice, Mrs. A. E. Martin; Second Vice, Mrs. Glenn Klemme; Secretary, Mrs. H. F. Lulck; Treasurer, Miss Julia Johnson; Press Reporter, Mrs. R. A. Rankins. Just before the close of the meeting a letter from Mrs. Roserans was read and very much enjoyed by every one. Mrs. Gowdy, the new president spoke briefly, but earnestly of her desire to serve the club faithfully and to the best of her ability in her new office and her hone for the cooperation of all the officers and members. The club then adjourned for the social hour.

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Progress—

The Progress club met at the home of Mrs. Herman Schultz last Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. J. Sharon was leader of the lesson which was "The Return of the Remanent."

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Surprise—

Last week Wednesday evening a large number of friends and neighbors of Mr. andMrs. Bob Reed dropped in on them unexpectedly to bid them farewell before they left for their new home in Minnesota. The evening was spent in dancing, refreshments were served, and Mrs. Reed was presented with a set of silver ware.

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Priscilla—

The Priscilla club met at the home of Mrs. W. E. Jenison Wednesday afternoon of last week.

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Light Bearers—

The Little Light Bearers will meet with Muriel Luick Saturday.

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Royal Neighbors—

The Royal Neighbors held a very interesting meeting last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J N. Johnson. The refreshment committee served delicious refreshments at the close of the meeting.

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Aid Division—

The Southwest division of the M. E. Aid Society meets with Mrs. Clyde Jennings Friday.

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Kensington—

The Kensington club will hold its next regular meeting on Wednesday March 7th, at the home of Mrs. G. H. Klemme.

HERE AND THERE

The town council purchased a siren last week for use as a fire alarm and such other purpose as is needed.

The old bell, which is all the alarm our litte city has at present passed its days of usefulness some time ago. Our residents who live on the edge of town are unable to hear it and it is also necessary at present for anyone wishing to sound an alarm to go to the power house to do so, while with the siren it will be arranged so that it will be possible to turn in a fire or other alarm from different places.

It will be fine thing for our town and we are glad the council made the investment.—Reporter.

Mr. Tom Hake drove to Belmond Saturday with a load of furniture which was sold by Wellemeyer.—Times.

According to the terms of the will of the late Henry Crist of Belmond, Henry Erskin, one of the members of the Leader Force, is to receive $5000. We rejoice with Henry in his good fortune and announce that there are others about this shop could stand similar treatment.—Garner Leader.

Wm. Dempsey, of Belmond, was a Klemme business caller Monday.—Times.

Olaf Eliason and Gerhard Thompson went to Des Moines last week. They returned home, as far as Belmond, on Thursday. The gentlemen made the trip by auto and experienced considerable trouble in making the trip on account of the snow and bad roads.—Kanawha Reporter.

Scoop Larson was up from Belmond Sunday evening.—Garner Signal.

Many a father thinks he sings the baby to sleep when he only sings it unconscious.

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GENERAL FUND

Receipts—	
Received from district tax	$33000.12
Received from semi-annual apportionment	994.91
Received from state	1229.15
Received from tuition	6256.00
Received from interest on deposit	61.30
Received from other sources	505.34
	42046.82
Disbursements—	
Warrants outstanding 2-1-22	1038.08
Paid teachers, male	6321.34
Paid teachers, females	20116.00
Paid secretary	125.00
Paid for library books	86.73
Paid for fuel, rent, repairs, insurance, janitors and general supplies	8442.74
Paid for records and apparatus	340.46
Paid for transportation	36.37
Paid for other purposes	979.02
Balance on hand 2-1-23	4561.08
	42046.82

SCHOOL HOUSE FUND

Receipts—	
Amount on hand 2-1-22	5941.00
Received from district tax	5507.36
	11448.36
Disbursements—	
Paid on warrants for school houses and sites	1450.00
Paid on school bonds	2000.00
Paid interest on bonds	3106.10
Paid interest on warrants	255.15
Balance on hand 2-1-23	4637.11
	11448.36
Bonds	67000.00
Outstanding warrants	7262.15

CATO C. GRIESY
SECRETARY

THE GROUCH.

He is a fool who sits and pines
While other men push along,
Who thinks that his lines are the hardest lines,
And croons a pitiful song.
He is a fool who sighs, "Ah me,
I've arrived at the world too late,"
But the worst fool in the world is he
Who nurses hate.
He is a fool, no matter how high,
Who fancies that when he dies
No other may worthily occupies.
No other may worthily occupy
He is a fool who claims to be
Foredoomed to the scorn of Fate,
But the worst fool under the sun is he
Who nurses hate.
There was never a man who nursed a wrong
Intending to scourge his foe,
Unless he dragged future sorrow along
And aided to future woe.
The anger we foster is sure to be
Remorse for us soon or late;
And the worst fool under the sun is he
Who nurses hate. —S. E. Kiser.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Dillon has been very ill with bronchial trouble and the whooping cough but is reported somewhata improved at this writing.

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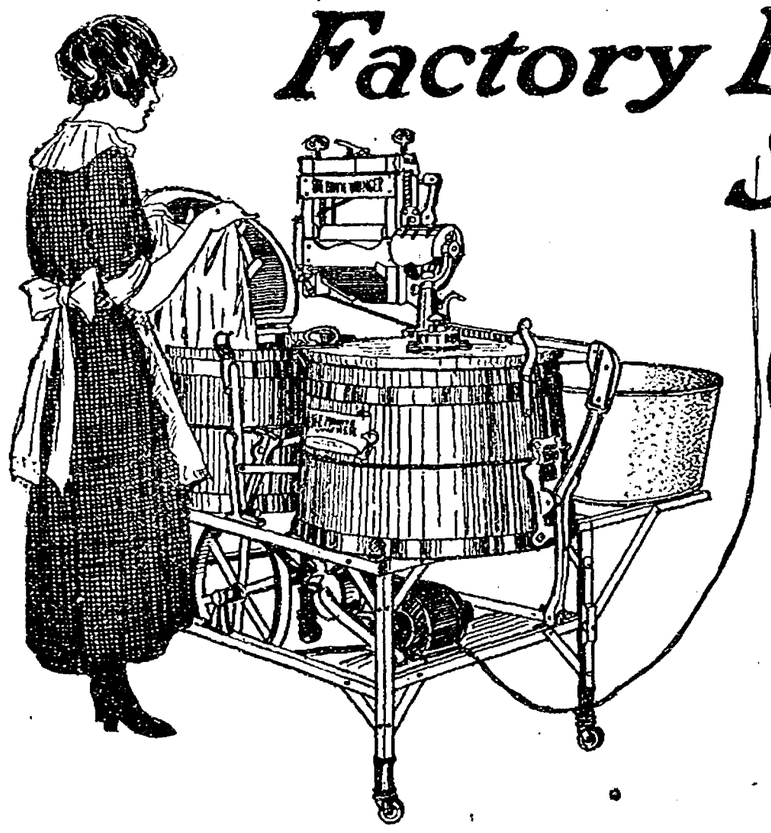

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FARM BUREAU NOTES

Graff Addresses Board of Directors

E. F. Graff, district county agent leader from Ames, addressed the members of the board of directors of the Wright County Farm Bureau at their regular monthly meeting in the county agent's office last Saturday afternoon, February 24th.

Mr. Graff is sent out by the state federation office in an effort to organize the work throughout the state in such a way that there shall be a closer cooperation between the different county farm bureaus on subjects which are of vital importance to the farmers of the entire state. He spent much time in explaining to our directors the importance of attending the regular board of director meetings in order to keep in close touch with the activities of the organization. He urged, also, the necessity of the individual members keeping the directors informed as to what their wishes are regarding their problems at home. His visit to Wright county was for the special purpose of assisting the county agent and directors in setting up the spring membership drive which has been set for Thursday and Friday, March 8th and 9th.

Spring Membership Drive March 8th and 9th.

At their last regular meeting on Saturday afternoon, February 24th, the directors of the Wright County Farm Bureau voted to conduct a spring membership drive for the purpose of getting new members who have moved into the county March 1st. Heretofore the drive for members has been in the fall of the year, thus allowing no opportunity for the newcomers on March 1st to get into our organization.

Arrangements have been made for conducting a county-wide membership campaign and a team consisting of two or three men and the same number of ladies has been appointed in each township to carry on the work and to solicit the farmers who have moved into our county March 1st as well as the old residents who have never become members of the organization.

The farm bureau as a county, state and national organization is dedicated to agriculture and every farmer regardless of membership in the farm bureau or any other farm organization is benefitted either directly or indirectly by this organization. With this fact in mind, the solicitors will call upon the non-members and give them opportunity to join hands with those who have been carrying the burden for the past few years. The farm bureau has passed the experiment stage and is now in reality a working machine, a mouth piece, so to speak, through which the farmers are able to make their wishes known to the other interests of our great county.

County Agent to Inspect Baby Beeves

Baby beeves which are being fed by boys and girls who are members of the Baby Beef club are being inspected this week by the county agent who is calling at these youngster's farms to check up on the feeding operations.

A fine bunch of calves are on feed and the youngsters who are carrying on this work seem to be quite enthusiastic about it. Some of the boys and girls who signed up in the Baby Beef club have surprised themselves by the results they are getting in feeding their calves. Some very good gains are being made by the calves on feed and if they continue with the rapid gains made in the past few weeks there will no doubt be some pretty keen competition when the county-wide club show is held next summer. The Baby Beef club seems to be gaining in popularity amongst the boys and girls of the county and a great many have already signed up for next year.

Social at Waterman's School

Farmers of Wall Lake township met at the Waterman school, district number 9, last Tuesday evening for the monthly meeting of the Wall Lake Township Farm Bureau.

A lively meeting, which was arranged by Mrs. Floyd Bubeck, vice-director of the township farm bureau, and a willing corps of committee members was given at this meeting. A real honest to goodness community social was held and the little schoolhouse was packed so full that a few of the late comers were forced to stand outside the door. The program consisted of two short plays arranged by the local teacher, several recitations a few special musical numbers and a short talk by the county agent.

The people of Wall Lake township have been holding their regular monthly meetings during the winter months and seem to have enjoyed their home talent entertainment. These people seem to have the faculty of drawing upon their local talent for their own entertainment. They surely believe in and practice community cooperation.

Appropriation For Tuberculosis

The proposed change in our state law which provides for the payment of indemnity for cattle which react to the tuberculin test is causing considerable agitation among the livestock breeders of Wright county as well as many others throughout the state.

The law as it stands provides for the payment of indemnity for reactor cattle on the basis of the appraised value while the new law, if it becomes effective, provides for the payment of indemnity on the basis of their valuation as made by the township assesors which is usually about one-fourth their market value. The proposed change in the law would work a great hardship upon the livestock farmers of our county because the basis of valuation would be unjust as between grades and purebreds as well as between common and good cows. Purebred cattle, especially are not assessed anywhere near their real value and if the purebred business is to be encouraged in our county it would seem that this discriminating payment of indemnity should not be adopted.

Under the system which is now in force the state provides that the owner of the re-actor cattle, which are slaughtered under the state-federal plan which received one-third of the difference between the proceeds for the sale of salvage which the owner receives and the appraised breeding value of the animal. A maximum amount of $80.00 is set as the amount which may be paid for any pure-bred animal and $40.00 for grade. The maximum amount which can be paid by the federal government for a pure-bred is $50.00 and $25.00 for a grade. Indemnity can be received by the cattle owner only when their herds are tested under the accredited agreement.

The annual state appropriation of $250,000 for tuberculosis eradication has been increased and an appropriation of $500,000 is being sought this year for this important work. According to a report just received from the state federation there are now 4500 herds on the waiting list and over 13,000 applications for testing on file in the state office. Many of our farmers have waited from one to three years for the T. B. testing under this system and are still waiting. Many of our farmers have not applied for the test thinking that there was little chance when so many were on the waiting list. Considerable sentiment has been created throughout Iowa in favor of the area plan of testing in which system the county rather than the state, would carry on the work. Under this system the testing of all herds would continue until all catte of the county are free from tuberculosis. The area plan is being followed with great success in Michigan, New York, and Minnesota and two counties of Iowa, Winnebago and Shelby, have tried the plan and have made thorough individual action by the county farm bureau. The great number of cattle could be tested in a given time and with less expense than under the accredited herd plan because the tester could go from one farm to the next avoiding the loss of time and travel between the different herds. As far as the cost is concerned, the testing under the area plan would be just about half what it is under the old system.

The importance which is attached to the eradication of tuberculosis from our herds seems to warrant the most careful consideration on the part of our legislature in whatever action they take on this matter. It would seem that our farmers, particularly our livestock breeders, should make an effort to see that this important matter receives due consideration when it comes up for discussion in our state legislature. In fact it might be well for our interested farmers to write their senator and representative expressing their wishes in this connection.

COURT HOUSE NOTES

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But Bige testified the hogs were red and black animals, whereas Senss' hogs were Spotted Polands.

In the Thiebay-Thiebay divorce suit, filed by Art Thiebay of Eagle Grove against his wife, Ella Thiebay, defendant defaults. This case will come to trial at this term.

In the suit of Mrs. Ethel Beach against Frank Beach for divorce, plaintiff failed to establish her case and her petition was denied. She alleged cruel and inhuman treatment, which was supposed to have consisted, in the defendant's frequent swearing at her but the court found this insufficient cause for a divorce.

The case for L. Harbach Sons Co. against the Jackson Furniture Co., in bankrupty, and also the claim of J. B. Putman, were disallowed.

A. R. Woodley was appointed as guardian of the person and property of John Johnson, insane, and bond fixed at $12,000.

In the criminal action against Gayl Pepper and Elmer Haynes, charged with theft of furs, the boys asked for separate trials, which the court granted.

A jury consisting of Jim Dunden, will Corsair, Bert Hiams, Johanna Graves, Esther Derscheid, Ole Scott Ocar Nelson, J. C. Dahlgren, Louis Shaw, W. L. Damerow, Ole Burg and Jennie Stella were chosen Friday to hear the evidence against George Kiester and Harry Weeks who were tried in justice court at Goldfield, charged with petty larceny, and who appealed to the district court from a $100 fine.

Before this case was brot to trial, the defendants attorneys filed a motion asking for a directed verdict in favor of the defendants, and the court sustained the motion. It seems the boys were originally arrested, charged with grand larceny and that at the time of their trial in justice court, the charge was changed to petit larceny, and because of this fact, their arraignment in district court was illegal. There seems to be a doubt as to the actual guilt of the two boys, and further action against them will probably not be taken. The other boys, who were charged with the thefts and fined, are paying their fine in installments.

C. M. Trumbauer is suing T. E. Blodgett to collect on notes totalling $597.81.

J. L. Burt is suing Wm. Pyle to recover $105.92, due on a past due note.

G. M. Rouse is suing Sarah Johnson to foreclose on a real estate mortgage on an Eagle Grove property, on which $612.96 is past due.

The Citizens State bank of Goldfield is suing Alfred Jorgenson and wife to collect $858.20, due on note, and asks attachment against the personal property of the wife, known as "Lizzie" Jorgenson.

Elmer T. Larson has filed a petition in district court asking that the estate of the late Gomelia Severeide be sold and the proceeds divided among the heirs according to their inheritance rights. Louis A. Larson, Eben O. Larson, Ronald Severeide and Myrthe Severeide are co-heirs.

The United States government has filed notice of tax lien against J. T. Johnson of Eagle Grove, in the sum of $225.06, plus a five per cent penalty and one per cent per month interest until paid.

Charles Johnson is suing B. D. Springer to collect on a past due note for $115.85.

The Farmers State bank of Dows asking the court to foreclose a certain real estate mortgage in which Theresa J. Stewart and Burr A. Stewart are defendants. A total of more than $7,000 is due. An injunction restraining defendants from cutting timber off farm is also asked.

It's difficult to believe in this day and age that anyone won't grab the last dime if he can get it, but we are forced to hand it to Cato C. Griesy for his ad this week in the Independent. Cato believes in sharing a good thing with his friends, and is refusing to take advantage of a raise in the price of farm implements. He contracted at lower prices and is offering the saving due to his foresight, to the farmers, offering implements 10 per cent below present prices. It just goes to prove again that Cato is a good business man.

Tobias Goeman and family are moving this week to their home in town, from the farm.

Griesy's Store News

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What About Implement Prices?

THERE is no question that the advance in the cost of both labor and material justify an advance in the price of farm implements by the manufacturers.

Our viewpoint, however, is different. We contracted for our requirements for this season before prices advanced and believe that the farmer should have the benefit of these contracts.

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We will accept orders now for future delivery, guaranteeing against decline and with privilege of taking cash discount on delivery.

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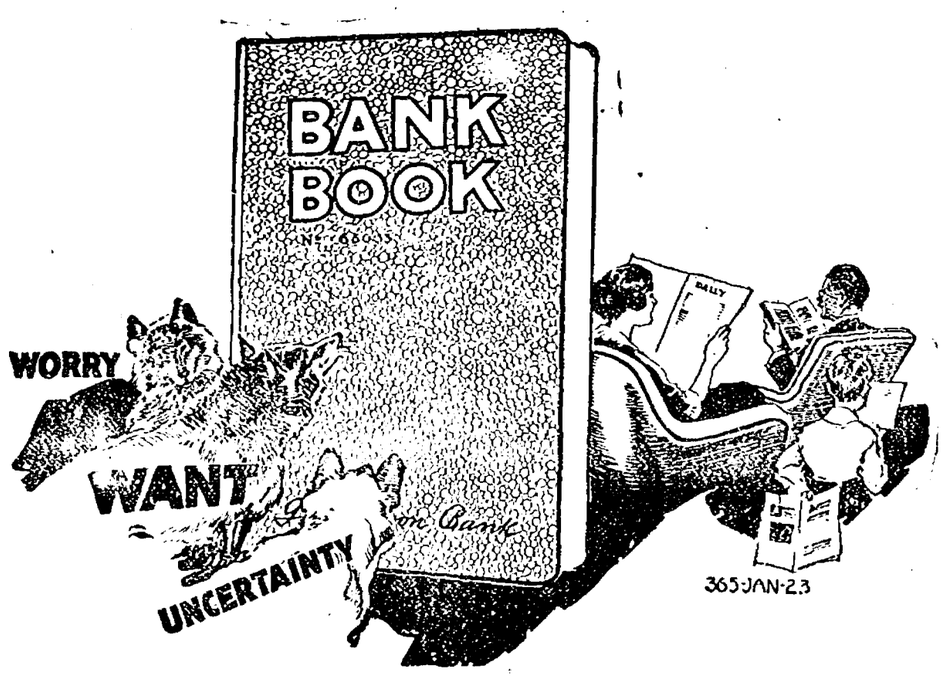

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MESERVEY SECTION

The Y. W. M. C. met at the home of the Secretary Mrs. H. Rief last week Tuesday, for their regular meeting. The lesson was taken from the text book "Building with India."

Miss Fannie Bruns accompanied Peter Frohling to Ackley where she will visit a few days at his home, and with other friends. Mr. Frohling had come to attend the funeral of Mrs. Geo. Blau at Alexander.

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MESERVEY, IOWA

The W. C. T. U. will hold their March meeting at the home of Mrs. L. B. Hulsebus on Wednesday March 7th, from 2 to 4. All members are requested to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Kolb visited at the Fred Enabnit home in Mason City on Wednesday of last week.

Mesdames C. J. Janssen, Wm. Butz and F. J. Sprau attended the meeting of the Women's Farm Bureau at the home of Mrs. Carl Floy last Monday.

Victor Zimmerman accompanied Rev. Schlesselman to Sheffield last Sunday. The former's father returned with them in the evening, and will be in this vicinity for some time doing spring papering, etc.

The Wisner Township Garment club will hold a cake sale at the Hardware store next Saturday p. m.

For Sale—Good bunch of Fall pigs.—U. J. Cooper, Meservey Iowa, 15tfc

For Sale—A limited number of Duroc Gilts, to farrow in April. Price $35 to $50.—C J. Janssen & Son, Meservey Ia. 133c

For Sale—Large type Poland China gilts, some of them will weigh 350 pounds. Bred to farrow in March, April, and May. Immune.—Jacob Nissen, Meservey, Iowa.

The Salt Lake City Brewery is now operating as Cullen's Candy and Cordial Factory.

The per capita loss from fire each year in the United States is $2.51. The per capita loss because of drink before prohibition was about $23.00 annually.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wendell were confined to their home several days last week on account of sickness.

The farm sale held on the Messelheiser place last Friday was well attended and everything sold well.

Dr. Agler was not able to attend to professional duties several days last week owing to sickness.

Miss. Mildred Gealow attended a party at Belmond on Wednesday evening of last week.

A number of young people from here attended "Uncle Tom's Cabin" which was given at Thornton last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Heiko Mennenga of near Palsville visited at the home of the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. R. Boelman last Friday.

A number from here attended the Halfpop-Gruis trial at Mason City Wednesday and Friday of last week.

The Misses Wilhelmine Loats, Grace J. and Gertie Pals attended the basket social held at the school taught by Miss Grace Gartz last Friday eve. The report the program good and the sale of baskets was exceedingly fine.

A large delegation went to Mason City last Monday to hear the "lawyer's plea" in the Halfpop-Gruis case.

Mildred and Frances Wendell were quite sick with a severe cold several days the fore part of this week.

Miss Mildred Janssen was Compelled to stay out of school several days last week, owing to illness.

Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Klooz of Sheffield drove over last Sunday morning and the former occupied the pulpit at the Evangelical church while the Rev. Schlesselman preached at the Sheffield and West Fork appointments.

Chas. Waddingham and family visited at the home of Tim Waddingham near Klemme last Tuesday and attended the latter's sale

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BARKEMA-FAABORG

On Wednesday afternoon February 21st at the Reformed Parsonage occured the marriage of Miss Lily Barkema to Mr. Andrew Faaborg both of this place. Rev. Pannkuk performed the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Eckhoff were the only attendants. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Barkema and held in high esteem for her womanly virtues. The groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Faaborg and is very well thought of for his honest, straight forward character, and he is to be congratulated upon for his choice of a life partner. They will be at home to their many friends about March 1st on the Avery farm about 4 miles west of town, recently vacated by Roy Halfpop and family. We join in wishing this worthy pair a happy and prosperous journey thru life.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

Last Friday February 23 was Marvin Nissen's 10th birthday anniversary. In the evening his cousins helped him celebrate. His parents planned a surprise party for him by inviting the children in to spend the evening. All report a pleasant time. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served, which was much enjoyed. Those present were Arlene and Ardell Nissen, Donald, Bonita, Neva Norman and Eleanor Muller and also Louise Witt.

Word was received here from Mrs. E. O. Beck, last Tuesday, that her husband Rev. E. O. Beck, pastor here about 18 years ago, had passed away on Tuesday February 20. at their home in Cedar Falls. Friends of the family will be grieved to hear of the departure of this beloved pastor, whom to know was to love and revere him. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved widow in the loss of her husband. She wished to be remembered to her old friends.

Mr. Ed Messelheiser of Britt visited at the home of his brother Wm. several days last week remaining until after the sale.

MESERVEY SCHOOL NOTES

Fifth and Sixth Grades

Those receiving perfect deportment stars for each day the past week are Harriet Sprau, Jennie Rickens, Arlene Nissen, Edna Koenen, Iva Bier, Wayne Waddingham, Harland Blewitt, Neva Muller, Esther Van Osten, Emma Boelman, Fredona Lemke, Nellie Frey, Marvin Nissen, Herman Meints, Grace Meints, Laura Bier, Marie Pals, Lydia Pannkuk, Edna Koenen, Alma Dorenkamp Edna Prelipp, Virgil Schluter.

Those not receiving perfect deportment stars are considered Primary class in behavior. Their names are not published this week.

Thursday afternoon an interesting debate took place in our room. The question under discussion was: "Resolved that George Washington was a greater man than Abraham Lincoln." The speakers were Harry Lauen and Virgil Schlute, affirmative with Lydia Pannkuk and Alma Dorenkamp, negative. Mr. Herbster was judge. Everyone was pleased to have him decide in favor of the negative.

Mrs. Muller and daughter Eleanor were much welcomed guests Thursday afternoon.

We were glad to have visitors Friday afternoon. Mrs. Ervin Nissen, Mrs. Chas. Waddingham, Maxine Waddingham, Mrs. J. F. Hartfelder, Mrs. Blewitt and Byron Blewitt were here to watch us work at our health posters.

The first one to drop from our roll of membership this year is Esther Van Osten. She has moved with her parents to a farm several miles northwest of Meservey. Esther has been a good student so we expect she will get along nicely in her new community.

Grammar Room

The winners in the essays written last week are: Ruby Quandt, Marie Lauen, Dorothy Schlesselman, Arlene Janssen and Tena Pals.

The boys writing the five best essays are : Harry Boelman Gilbert Koehler, Emil Dorenkamp, Franklin Fischer and Orvis Schlesselman.

Those having 100 in spelling for this week are : Grace Boelman seventh grade. Orvis Schlesselman, Gilbert Koehler, Emil Dorenkamp and Louie Pals in the eighth grade.

Harry Boelman was absent Thursday and Friday due to illness.

The 7th and 8th grades had a contest in ciphering Friday afternoon. The eighth grade won.

3th and 4th Grades

Everett Enabnit enrolled in the third grade Wednesday.

The children who had perfect spelling lessons during the past week were Henry Rickens, Vona, Norman, and Harold in the third grade and Gwethalynn, Naomi, Thara Phyllis, Lydia, LuVern, Merle, and Marvin in the fourth grade.

Those absent from school during the past week were Gwethalynn and Ivadel on Monday, Clarence Quandt on Tuesday, Wilbert, Raymond Pals and Benjiman Luntken on Wednesday and Wilbert on Thursday and Friday.

Friday afternoon after recess, we had a little party in honor of Vergie Meinders and John Van Osten who leave our school this week. A committee of six of the fourth grade made pop corn balls Thursday evening after school which we all enjoyed eating Friday, very much.

The fourth Grade have completed their Washington Booklets.

High School

The next "movies" wil be on March 2nd. These films, we think, will be the best we've had. One of them is "The Luck of Roaring Camp by Bert Harte.

We have had perfect attendance only one day this week. It is very hard to keep up to the standard when we have such a very low percentage of attendance.

The following teachers spent the week end out of town: Miss Huenemann at her home near Garner, Miss Hawthorne at Renwick, Miss Anderson at Clear Lake and Miss Holroyd at Plymouth.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Sunday School 9:45 followed by regular services at 10:45 a. m.

E. L. C. E. devotional 7:30 p. m.

Sermon 8:00.

Wednesday German Prayer meeting 2:00 p m.

Thursday English class Prayer services 7:30, followed by choir rehearsal at 8:30 p. m.

Friday, Workers Training classes 6:45 and 7:30 p. m.

Saturday Catechetical instruction 2:00 p. m.

Thursday 2:00 p. m. the W. M. S. will meet in basement of the church.

Only 5 weeks remain to complete Conf. reports. Please.

A. W. Schlesselman, pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Zieman of Thornton visited at the home of the latter's brother Wm. Messelheiser, last Friday.

The S. O. S. boys Sunday School class met with Donald Muller on Tuesday evening of last week, for their monthly business and social meeting.

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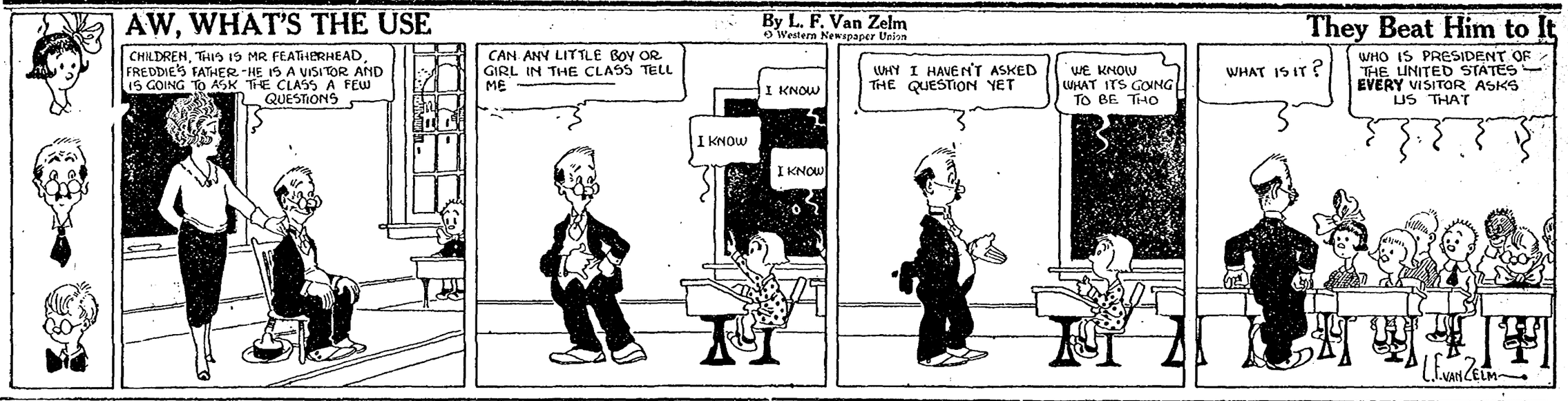

ROWAN NEWS

Mary Franks came up from Dows Monday morning to assist in the Hotel here.

Tod Rowen came from New Hartford, North Dakota last Wednesday to spend several weeks with his mother, Mrs. Georgia Rowan, and other relatives.

George Pritchett has been unable to attend to duties in the Hackley Drug store for several days the past week.

E. L. Ingraham and William Ball of Swaledale spent several days the past week visiting relatives and old friends here.

Herman Pepper came from Waterloo last Thursday to attend to business matters regarding his farm.

W. E. Linaweaver took his wife to Iowa Falls last Thursday to consult Dr. Wray. It was decided to operate for the removal of the appendix. The operation was performed Friday morning. She is improving rapidly at this writing. Her mother, Mrs. Milt Ramsay, accompanied them to the hospital.

The D. W. Whitten family have all been quite ill with the grippe, but are on the mend.

Mrs. O. F. Gates went to Coulter last Tuesday to care for her sister's Mrs. Pete Mathiason, children, while Mr. and Mrs. Mathiason attended his mother's funeral at Thor. Mrs. Gates returned home Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Snow of Goldfield spent several days the first of the week at the G. W. Whitten home.

Quite a number of the farmers of Rowan and vicinity attended the soil demonstration meeting at the State Bank of Rowan The meeting was in charge of Ralph Edwards, the county agent.

S. B. Heath was a Clarion caller last Saturday.

W. R. McCallum was unable to be on duty at Hausen's store last Thursday and Friday. He was entertaining the "flu". Mrs. McCallum was in bed several days also.

Mrs. Nels Hansen received word last Wednesday that her mother was seriously ill at her home in Cedar Rapids. She left on Thursday evening to be at her bedside.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Olson returned Friday morning from Sheffield, Illinois, where they had been called by the serious illness of Mr. Olson's mother. She passed away shortly after their arrival there.

Eph McKinley of Lake Park has been visiting his brother, Lou, the past week.

Mrs. Ina Stumph was a Ft Dodge shopper last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gordon, who have been living on the R. H. Gordon farm southwest of town moved last Friday to the Hattie Brandis farm, recently vacated by Burt Watt and family.

Miss Alma Ramsay who has been working at Belmond, came down from there last Friday evening, to spend a few days with her parents.

Mrs. Edgar Bingham and Mrs. Flett Howell have been victims of the flu. Dr. Schwig was called last Thursday. At this writing they are much improved. Mrs. Wm. Bingham has been helping to care for them.

Mrs. G. W Whitten has been quite ill with the flu.

H. O. Aeltine and wife moved from the farm into the house recently vacated by the J. W. Howell family, last Friday.

A new boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harson last Saturday morning.

Mesdames R. H. Keith, C. W. Fowler and G. Sheldon came home last Friday from Clarion where they have doing duty on the petit jury. They went back again Monday.

Wm. Ferguson was a Rowan business caller last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Whitten were over from Claroin to spend the week end with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gates, Mrs. Ina Stumph and Garnette spent Sunday at the J. E. Miller home in Clarion.

Mr. and Mrs. James Burt returned from their wedding journey, Monday morning.

John Riker, who has been away for some time hauling gravel, returned to Rowan last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cady Temple of Clarion spent Sunday with her mother Mrs. J. E. Rowen.

Word from Iowa State University regarding Carl Steffens states that he is suffering with grippe. He is expected home the latter part of this week.

Mrs. Carl Steffens went to Clarion Monday to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jennings.

Mrs. T. S. Streveler was called to Iowa Falls the first of the week on account of the illness of her father.

Rev. Tomkinson was in Hampton last Thursday. While there he married two of Latimer's young couples when Miss Georgia G. Myers was united to Cliff H. Dohrman and Miss Eva M. Rhodes to Guy C. Simons. These young people are members of Rev. Tomkinson's congregation at Latimer.

Miss Edna Nelson went to Iowa Falls Monday noon to spend a few days at the Julian Nelson home.

D W. Whitten was a Belmond business caller, Monday afternoon.

On Friday, February 23 the Farm Bureau ladies of Iowa Township, gathered at the home of Mrs. Chas. Richards for an all day meeting.

The ladies took baskets and enjoyed a splendid picnic dinner and social hour after which a cheese making demonstration was put on by Mrs. Bertha Whitten. After the work was finished the township chairman, Mrs. Lieuwen held a short business meeting. Plans were made for the coming year's work. There were seventeen present. The next meeting will be an all day meeting at the Joe Simon home on March 6th. Bring basket dinner as usual.

ROWAN SCHOOL NOTES

The school work of the past week has been badly broken into on account of so much sickness. On one day there were 75 pupils absent. The latter part of the week the attendance has been increasing.

The basket ball game scheduled for last Friday night between Alexander and Rowan was postponed on account of sickness in both schools.

Supt. Holliday and his agriculture class had the privilege of attending the soil test at the State Bank last Thursday.

GOODELL NEWS NOTES

Wm. Langlitz was on the sick list last week. Tony Boller was out and looked after his work.

Mrs. Lewis Johnson was sick last week.

Mrs. A. D. White has so improved that she is able to walk about the town.

Last Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Beier went to Garner to attend the wedding of his brother. Mr. Beier and his bride will live on a farm in Liberty Township.

February 21 Summer Trumbell moved to a farm one and half miles north and west of Klemme.

Miss Alva Matson on Wednesday entertained the lady teachers of the high school with Mrs. Nelson anad Mrs. Snearly.

Donald Meyers after a week's sickness, is back in school.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Burk are both sick. Earny Wilkins is looking after his chores.

On Friday night the neighbors and friends of Mrs. Harry Carpenter surprised her. They showered her with many useful and valuable articles for her new home. Her parents had kept the event secret. Light refreshments were served and an enjoyable time was spent at Mrs. Carpenter's mother's home.

Last Wednesday Earl Ruka returned from Iowa City where he had been for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ruka were business callers at Klemme on Saturday.

On February 23, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnson the North Avery Progressive club rendered a colonial program in honor of Washington's birthdaya. Rev. Gaddy of Klemme was on the program and gave a fine address.

Julius Ahrenkiel visited his brother George, East of town on Sunday.

Mrs. Mary McNutt of Garner came down on Monday.

W. L. Sherwood spent Sunday with relatives at Iowa Falls.

Do not miss the comic play by the high school on Friday night.

Miss Ina Ahrenkiel was missed by her Sunday School class last Sunday due to sickness.

Miss Maude Griggs visited with her sisters in the country last week, and took part on the Colonial program given by the North Avery Progressive club.

Mr. Beanblossom of Ames spoke to a number of farmers last Wednesday on cattle feeding. Through some oversight no place was provided for the meeting so Mr. Wesenberg kindly let them have the meeting in his hardware store.

Last Friday night the Ventura basket ball teams defeated the Goodell teams on the home floor. Score: Ventura boys 32, Goodell boys 12, Ventura girls 19, Goodell girls 8.

Saturday morning about four o'clock robbers forced the door of Theda's store and the back window of Sandberg's Hardware. Mr. Theda sleeps in his store and heard them when the door was forced in and called out to them. They were scared away before they got in. At Sandberg's they took about $45. They were evidently strangers in Goodell for they had not counted on any one living in the Theda store.

The ladies of Avery Township will meet at the home of Mrs. Jay Griggs on March 2nd for a sewing demonstration.

U. B. CHURCH NOTES

The Woman's Missionary Society will meet at the home of Miss Ina Ahrenkiel on Thursday March 1st. Miss Griggs will lead the meeting. Officers for the coming year will be elected.

There was a good attendance at Sunday school last Sunday but there is still room.

The Sunday School has added two fine sets of books to the Sunday School library.

The Sunday School meets at 9:45 a. m.

Preaching services 11:00 a. m and 7:30 p. m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at the parsonage, 7:30 p. m.

H. T. Miller pastor

ALEXANDER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Green were visitors at Hampton last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Bohlen and children Clinton and Romona were business callers at Belmond last Thursday.

Chas Papousak was a visitor at the J. C. Arends home last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Peters and two children, Dorothy and Arline visited with relatives at Dows Sunday.

Miss Hanetta Schulte was a shopper at Belmond last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frohling and children Herman and Grace of Belmond were Sunday visitors at the Jelto Beinken home.

J. C. Arends and John Skipper were business callers at Miller and Garner Monday.

Albert Larsen and daughter Mildred were Hampton callers last Saturday.

Miss Hazel Arends, had her tonsils removed at the Steele Hospital in Belmond last Saturday. She is not recovering as well as we would wish.

Misses Marjorie Flynn, Mary Kernen and Oralee Brooks spent the week end at their respective homes in Belmond.

Miss Lottie Beinken of Lakota Iowa returned to her home on Monday after a visit at the home of her brother Jelto Beinken and family.

John Arends and sons Bennie and Jesse were Belmond callers Saturday.

Karl Johaneson left Monday for Rochester, Minnesota, where he went for medical treatment.

Miss Nellie Bell was a caller at Bemond last Thursday.

Mrs. Anna Bonte and daughter Virginia of Meservey visited with reatives and friends in this vicinity several days the past week.

Miss Wilma Foughty spent the week end with relatives at Belmond.

Arthur Winwood was a business caller at Hampton last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Finkle and daughter of Hampton were Sunday visitors at the Nels Larsen home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Arends and Mrs. Lyle Hall were business callers at Belmond Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jelto Beinken entertained for Sunday dinner the following: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schulte, and Johnnie, Miss Hannetta Schulte, Claas Modderman, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Murphy and son Charles and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frohling and children Herman and Grace.

Dick Vken of Kanawha who has been visiting with relatives and friends in this vicinty for the past two months returned to his home last Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Anna Pekerak and daughter Josephine spent the first of the week with her parents at Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Tinkey and family have moved back to Alexander where Mr. Tinkey will take chrarge of the creamery at this place. Their many friends are glad to welcome them back.

Hamfred Larsen of Flaxton, North Dakota was calling on relatives and friends in this vicinity last week.

Arthur Winwood was a Belmond caller last Thursday.

Cornelius Stoffer was at Rochester Minn. the latter part of the week.

The Dorcas Society will meet at the home of Mrs John Arends next Wednesday afternoon March 7th. All ladies invited. Come prepared to sew.

MRS. GEORGE BLAU

The deceased, Mrs. Geo. Blau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Gerdes of Meservey, was born on the 18th of April, 1890, in this vicinity. She was married to Geo Blau on February 26, 1914. This union was blessed with four children. About two years ago Mrs. Blau joined the church which she attended faithfully. About four months ago, shortly after the Lord had blessed the family with a little daughter, she took sick with a very painful sickness from which she was not to recover. She suffered with patience till the Lord saw fit to call her to the great beyond on Friday, February 16, thereby reaching the age of 32 years 9 months and 28 days. She leaves to mourn her untimely death, her sorrowing husband, the four children, her parents, four sisters, besides many other relatives and friends. Funeral service were held on February 20, 1923, in charge of the deceased's pastor, assisted by Rev. Geo. Bonte. Interment was made in the Alexander cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and helpfulness during the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother, and for the beautiful floral offerings.

Geo. Blau and children.

HINTS FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

Cleaning stoves—Once each week coal and wood stoves should be cleaned inside in order to save heat and fuel. The soot should be brushed from the bottom of the lids and all clinging ashes removed; the flues, especially those under and on top of the oven, should also be cleaned regularly. Wick cleaners can be obtained for cleaning the wicks of oil stoves. If this is done daily the flame will not get yellow and smoke up your kettles. If you don't care to black your stove while it is in use in winter, apply some kerosene or a lubricating oil with a soft, thick polishing cloth. This does not give any shine to the stove surface, but it keeps the top clean and free from rust.

Save your clothes by applying these rules, have hangers for all dresses and coats and use them every day. Keep the hooks, snaps and buttons sewed on. Rework worn buttonholes; watch plackets for ripped stitchings; straighten a skirt hem when it begins to sag; use adjustable collar and cuffs which may be freshened frequently; save your dresses from soil by using a thin lining tacked in the waists; they may be removed often and wahed. Mend rips and tears immediately.

Banana Sherbert—Boil 1 pt. each of sugar and water 10 minutes; stir hot into the beaten whites of 2 eggs, then add ½ cup lemon juice and mashed pulp of 6 bananas. Strain, cool and freeze.

Rice Dainty—1 cup cooked rice, ¼ cup cooked fruit, 1 cup powdered sugar, 1 cup cream. Mix rice, fruit, sugar together, then fold in whipped cream and serve, garnish with fruit.

Cut glass keeps its original luster and sparkle it washed in soap suds to which amonia is added. The inside of a vase can be washed easily if some bird shot or a few buttons and soapy water are placed inside. Shake gently and the scum, or strain is removed quickly.

ONE REASON WHY SOME TOWNS NEVER PROGRESS

A dry goods merchant was starting down town when his wife reminded him of his most important duty during the day; "Now, my dear be sure and send to the city for that new radio outfit, so we can have it for Sunday. You know our old victrola is getting so that it is not fit to be heard."

Just a few blocks away the merchant who handles victrolas and furniture was sitting at breakfast with his family. The conversation dritted to around the near approach of school, "And that reminds me, John," said the lady, who sat at the head of the table, "I must be going to the city not later than next week. I must get school clothes and see about a fall suit for myself, and while there perhaps I had better see about new lace curtains for the front windows."

An hour or two later a leading grocer stepped into the bank to buy a draft which he was going to send to a catalogue house for a swell bedroom suit.

"How's business?" asked the banker. "Oh, not so very good," replied the grocer; "things are dull just now."

Before the banker finished writing the draft a dapper young man with a grip stepped up and asked how everything was. The banker seemed glad to see him. He was a representative of a big printing establishment in another state. He and the banker chatted pleasantly for a few minutes, after which the young man inquired casually of his friends behind the window if he wanted anything. "Well, yes," replied the banker. "I believe I do. Print us 5,000 drafts, 5,000 checks and a couple thousand letter heads."

The young man thanked his friend cordially and hustled out.

That night the local business men had a meeting at the town hall to discuss the growth of the mail order evil. All the gentlemen mentioned in the narrative delivered short talks. They agreed that the farmers were guilty of treason to their home merchants when they persisted in buying their goods from mail order houses, and the meeting closed by adopting strong resolutions against trading away from home.

The newpaper starts in
When you are born,
Relates about your excellence
And tells about your sweetness.
It follows you to school,
And prints the honor roll
If your name is found there
It tells of your graduation
And speaks of the excellence
Of your magnificent essay;
It tells of your progress
During your college career
And then dilates much about
The choice of your location.
Then it gives a nice notice
About your marriage
And praises up the blushing bride
Till her kinsfolk don't know her,
Then in due course of events,
It tells about the bouncing baby
That happens in your family—
Thereby beginning its like work
All over and over again.
The newspaper does all this
And it does also much more
It tells of the progress
Made by city and county
And boosts all enterprises;
Gives free advertising
Worth thousands of dollars
To its own home town.
There are scads of things
That all good newspapers do
For which they cannot be paid
That is why every citizen
Should do his darndest
To support the newspaper
In every possible way
And all the time.
Yassum.

I thank you.—Palatka (Fla.) News

Wanted—An editor who can read, write and argue politics, and at the same time be religious, funny, scientific and historical at will, write to please everybody, know everything without asking or being told, always having something good to say of everybody else, live on wind and make more money than enemies. For such a man a good opening will be made (in the graveyard). He is too good to live.—Manitowoc Herald News.

Willing to do Her Share

A large and dark lady was being married to an equally dark but several sizes smaller groom.

"Clarissa," asked the preacher, following the usual formula, "do you take this man to be your wedded husband, for better or worse—"

"Jes' as he is pahson, jes' as he is," interrupted Clarissa. "Ef he get any better de good Lawd's gwine take him, an' ef he gets any wuss Ah reckon Ah kin tend to him mahself."

Deferred Ambition

"They say the ex-Kaiser still bosses the house after being married."

"Must be something to this war lord stuff after all."

Just Begun to Fight

Sam unfortunately had picked out an unusually combative helpmeet. After three days of married life he returned to his job looking somewhat wilted and woebegone. His employer, knowing the circumstances, sought to joke with him.

"Sam," he said seriously. "You look as if you'd been in a battle."

"Yo' jes' bet Ah has, boss," replied Sam ruefully. "But dat ain' de wuss of it. Ah 'pears to have gone and mar'ied mahself to de whole World Wah!"

She Had Plans

At a certain girls' school they do not allow the pupils to drive out with men unless there is a near relationship between them, or unless there is an engagement in prospect.

A girl asked permission to take a drive with a young man.

"Is he your father, brother or cousin?"

"No, ma'am."

"Are you engaged to him?"

"No, ma'am, but I expect to be before we get back."

A grocer in a New England town went to a deputy sheriff whose word he knew he could trust for information as to a certain Lew Diggs who had applied for credit at his store.

"Good mornin' sheriff."

"Mornin'."

"You know Lew Diggs?"

"Yup."

"What kind of a feller is he?"

"Purty fair."

"Is he honest?"

Oh, sure, I should say so. Been arrested twice for stealing and acquitted both times."

Progress

"What," inquired the literary editor, "has become of the poet who used to write a sonnet to milady's eyebrows?"

"Him?" said the dramatic critic. "He's turning out snappy jazz about her shoulders now."

Marriage is a thing that brings a lot of change into a man's life—but it takes a lot more out of his pocket.

Public Sale!

- Of -

LIVESTOCK

- On -

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

We will have a joint stock sale at Lewis Hauge's farm 2 miles northwest of Belmond, commencing promptly at 1:30 p. m.

THE stock is listed as follows. A. O. and Ed. Hauge are disposing of their entire herd of Short-Horn cattle consisting of 16 cows, three are fresh now and balance to freshen later; 6 steers coming one year old and 7 heifers the same age. We have gone into the dairy business having purchased a herd of Holstein cows and this is the reason for selling off all our red ones. No reserve or no culling.

LEWIS HAUGE is listing 50 pure bred Duroc Jersey sows due to farrow in May. These gilts are sired by King Wonder Again 2nd, by King Wonder I Am and are bred to Pathmaster 2nd for May litters. All sows will be guaranteed safe in pig. This is a splendid lot of brood sows, not overly fat just in good thrifty brood sow condition and you should not fail to attend and buy one or more of these good gilts.

There will be about 20 feeding shoats weighing about 125 pounds.

I AM also listing 9 pure bred Short-Horn bulls, ages from 6 to 18 months. There are 3 white ones, 4 roan ones and 2 red ones. Pedigrees or certificate of registry will go with each one. These bulls are not fat so it will be a splendid opportunity to buy a bull right off the bargain counter.

I AM also listing several pure bred yearling heifers. These calves are all sired by my white herd bull, Cumberland 2nd that won first and champion at our Community Short Course this winter. There will be no reserve on this live stock, every calf and every sow will be sod to the highest bidder.

TERMS—Ten months' time will be given on approved security bearing 8 per cent interest. All property must be settled for on day of sale.

HAUGE BROTHERS

OWNERS

Henry Donhowe, Auctioneer

State Bank of Belmond, Clerk

LEGISLATURE IS GONE ON A RECESS

(By G. L. Caswell.)

Des Moines, March 1, 1923.—Adjourned for the usual first of March recess of ten days the Fortieth General Assembly probably has a record of less bills for acts introduced than the average session up to this time as well as a record for less measures passed or acted upon.

Counting out the Code Commission bills which were introduced at the beginning of the session and numbered from one to 262, the senators have introduced about 340 new measures, while the representatives have outrun them in that respect about fifty, making just about 700 bills altogether introduced in both bodies during the first half of the session. Many of these bills are duplicates in each house, so that probably not more than 450 entirely new measures aside from Code Commission bills have been offered at this session. This is a very conservative record and indicates that members have listened to the oft-repeated assertion that "there are too many laws already."

Of the measures introduced thus far, a great many have been put to sleep so far as this session is concerned by the committees which considered them or by vote of either House or Senate. Very few important measures, indeed, have been favorably acted upon, while some important matters have gone down in defeat. There seems to be a disposition in the Senate to kill some measures that the House has considered favorably, and the reverse will be true on some good Senate measures. The majority in each house is of a different trend of mind than the other.

While it has seemed that Code revision bills have been neglected and relegated to the rear at this session, it is likely that more of them have been passed and become part of the laws of the state than any other legislation so far.

Appropriation Bills Come Next

When the members return from their vacation after March 6th, appropriation bills will be the important consideration of both houses. Up to March 1st the rule has been that no appropriation bills should be acted upon, excepting emergency measures. But one emergency has been great enough as yet to get one through, the House having passed one for rebuilding the armory at Ames that was burned.

With several millions of dollars involved in the special appropriation measures already in the hands of committees there will be considerable more involved in the general appropriation bills that will be considered under the budget plan of providing for state needs. It is expected the idea of placing every department of state government under the budget plan will carry, and that hereafter no department can have or get a dollar more than the amount provided for its support during the biennial period between sessions. To get at the budget necessary, and pare the amounts down to the last needed dollar is the disposition of both House and Senate.

The Ways and Means Committees have much to say about what these budgets shall be and how the funds shall be provided for them. The members are open-minded and close mouthed on the subject however, which results in considerable anxiety among those concerned. The idea of a gasoline tax, some change in the automobile license schedules, an income tax, an amusement tax, a cigar and tobacco tax, increased corporation taxes, and all that still maintains and if members can agree there will before adjournment in April be passed on to the people of this state a lot of special taxes which will possibly relieve the general tax levies to some extent. With the sodiers' bonus tax and all, nobody looks for much if any decrease in the present millage levies for state purposes, but members hope they will not have to be increased.

A Mass of Highway Bills

Members of both houses are unable to keep track of the various highway bills and propositions that keep coming up day by day. So many of these bills have appeared that they would make a large book on highway construction and control. The ideas thus advanced for changing, altering, adding to or tearing down the system of highways in Iowa would become confusing. Nobody would believe so much of such legislation possible as is proposed.

To meet this emergency Chairman Holdoegel of the Senate Highways committee and Chairman Edson of the House Highways committee have each named a sub-committee of seven members to consider all the highway matters now before these committees, to co-ordinate the bills and eliminate the inconsistencies that would result in their passage, and if possible to recommend such legislation as will fit in with the ideas of those introducing the bills. It has been charged that these sub-committees have been "packed" with men of certain interests, but that would avail nothing, and even if true the whole membership of both houses may adopt or reject the highway committees' reports.

The sub-committee on highway bills named by Chairman Holdoegel for the Senate is composed of: Wichman of Hancock, Stoddard of Woodbury, Haskell of Linn, Shaff of Clinton, Scott of Marshall, Johnston of Lucas and Nelson of Cass.

The sub-committee of the House named by Chairman Edson of Buena Vista county is composed of: Henderson of Hamilton county, Storey of Warren, Saunders of Palo Alto, Moen of Lyon, Knudson of Cerro Gorde, Himebauch of Emmett and Brady of O'Brien.

House Highway Questionaire

These men have a real job ahead of them and from their efforts may come great good or harm to the general highway program of this General Assembly. Chairman Edson's questionaire to the members of the House Highways committee was the most illuminating thing brought out the past week. The committee voted 19 to 12 in favor of the appointment of a sub-committee as above. On the question of turning over to the state highway commission complete control of the primary road system the vote was 15 to 14 in favor of such proceeding. Of the whole committee 17 favored placing full control of the secondary roads in the hands of the county supervisors. By a vote of 17 to 11 the committee favored leaving the present schedule of automobile license fees as it now is. Eleven members favored a two-cent per gallon tax on gasoline and 12 were against that much tax. Seventeen favored dividing the gasoline tax evenly between the primry and secondary roads, to 7 against, and by a vote of 20 to 4 the committee favored giving a part of the gasoline tax to cities and towns. The committee also favored abolishing signs and bill boards on the highways and also abolishing the 25 per cent paving assessment now allowed against adjoining farms, while 21 to 3 were in favor of reducing such assessment.

In the Senate on Tuesday a real test battle on highway matters was disclosed when the Brookhart bill to eliminate highway engineers entirely or reduce their salaries to not more than that paid to county auditors was up. The bill was lost 19 to 28.

County Superintendents Saved

By a vote of 22 to 26 the Berry bill to make election of county superintendents by direct vote of the people as in years past, was defeated in the Senate Tuesday after the stormiest battle of the session. Senator Smith of Madison county offered his bill as a substitute and thus gave the bill more strength in the Senate than it would otherwise have had. The substitute called for election of county superintendents at the annual school elections held in March, when all other school officers are elected. He made a splendid presentation and defense of his proposition and got his substitute adopted in place of the original bill by a vote of 32 to 16 and then lost it on a vote on the main question. The present system will therefore remain indefinitely, as no further action along that line can come at this session.

At least one political boom was punctured during this school bill fight it is claimed by many Senators. The powerful state teachers' association and various other interests are aroused by the attacks made during the debate.

Senator Newberry has sponsored a very important bill to stop the sale of "imitation milk" in this state. It is the same as a bill in the U. S. Congress prohibiting the shipment of "filled milk" in interstate commerce. Filled milk is said to be milk from which the butter fat has been extracted and then a filling put in to make it look and have the substance of real milk, but which has no value. It is said to be sold by dealers cheaper than regular canned milk. If the bill passes, the dairy and food department will have a real and dangerous abuse to get after.

In the House a bitter fight took place Wednesday over a bill of questionable importance, to say the least. It was the bill of Representative Criswell of Boone requiring that the state educational board shall advertise for bids and let by contract all buildings erected by the state, or other contracts amounting to more than $2500. The bill was amended and discussed for hours and finally was so emasculated that its author would not recognize it and he voted to kill it. As finally passed the bill leaves the matter about where it was before—in the discretion of the state board of education.

When the General Assembly reconvenes on the 6th of March, there will still be three days in which to offer new bills, and it is expected there will be a flood of them. Then the real important work of the session will come, and the Fortieth G. A. will show whether it was worth while or not. The House has acted on a good many Code bills and its calendar is full of them yet. The Senate has not done so much in this line since February first. Whether the attempt at Code revision has thus been serious enough to meet the governor's approval is not known. Members are not speculating a great deal any more about a special session. A lot of them are ready to quit right where they are and let some other session revise the Code.

Soldiers' Bonus Will Stick

While the state supreme court has at this time given no decision regarding the validity of the soldiers' bonus law which was so strongly endorsed at the recent election state officials say that there is no doubt but that the law will be held constitutional and the validity of the bonds to be sold will be established. The decision may be out by the time this is printed. As to the rumor that an appeal will be taken to the U. S. supreme court, the same officials disclose that is impossible for the reason that Des Moines bankers interested in the sale of the bonds have induced the suit against the bond issue and have paid all expenses of court action up to this time. These bankers will not pay such expense any further, and as Ex-Senator Grout of Waterloo and others who brought the suit are not unfriendsly to the bond issue, but would like to see the veterans of the world war get their bonus speedily they are not going to put up money to carry the case to the U. S. supreme court, and nobody else will. Within the shortest possible time the bonds can be advertised for sale and disposed of legally, therefore, the twenty-two millions to be paid to the soldiers will be secured and paid out. It is figured this can be accomplished during the month of April.

If you have anything you want to sell, or if you want to buy something, need help or have something to trade, try an Independent want ad.

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The BLIND MAN'S EYES

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Gabriel Warden, Seattle capitalist, tells his butler he is expecting a caller, to be admitted without question. He informs his wife of danger that threatens him if he pursues a course he considers the only honorable one. Warden leaves the house in his car and meets a man whom he takes into the machine. When the car returns home, Warden is found dead, murdered, and alone. The caller, a young man, has been at Warden's house, but leaves unobserved

CHAPTER II.—Bob Connery, conductor, receives orders to hold train for a party. Five men and a girl board the train. The father of the girl, Mr. Dorne, is the person for whom the train was held. Philip D. Eaton, a young man, also boarded the train. Dorne tells his daughter and his secretary, Don Avery, to find out what they can concerning him.

CHAPTER III.—The two make Eaton's acquaintance. The train is stopped by snowdrifts.

CHAPTER IV.—Eaton receives a telegram addressed to Lawrence Hilliard, which he claims. It warns him he is being followed.

CHAPTER V.—Passing through the car, Connery notices Dorne's hand hanging outside the berth. He ascertains Dorne's bell has recently rung. Perturbed, he investigates and finds Dorne with his skull crushed. He calls a surgeon, Dr. Sinclair, on the train.

CHAPTER VI.—Sinclair recognizes the injured man as Basil Santoine, who, although blind, is a peculiar power in the financial world as adviser to "big interests." His recovery is a matter of doubt.

CHAPTER VII.—Circumstances point to Eaton as Santoine's assailant.

CHAPTER VIII.—Eaton is practically placed under arrest. He refuses to make explanations as to his previous movements before boarding the train, but admits he was the man who called on Warden the night the financier was murdered.

CHAPTER IX.—Eaton pleads with Harriet Santoine to withhold judgment, telling her he is in serious danger, though innocent of the crime against her father. He feels the girl believes him.

CHAPTER X.—Santoine recovers sufficiently to question Eaton, who refuses to reveal his identity. The financier requires Eaton to accompany him to the Santoine home, where he is in the position of a semi-prisoner.

CHAPTER XI.—Eaton meets a resident of the house, Wallace Blatchford, and a young girl, Mildred Davis, with whom apparently he is acquainted, though they conceal the fact. Eaton's mission is to secure certain documents which are vital to his interests, and his being admitted to the house is a remarkable stroke of luck. The girl agrees to aid him. He becomes deeply interested in Harriet Santoine, and she in him.

CHAPTER XII.—Harriet tells Eaton she and Donald Avery act as "eyes" to Santoine, reading to him the documents on which he bases his judgments. While walking with her, two men in an automobile deliberately attempt to run Eaton down. He escapes with slight injuries. The girl recognizes one of the men as having been on the train on which they came from Seattle.

"Yes; just at that time I was thrown from my horse, and could not do as much as I had been doing, so Mr. Avery was sent to Father."

"Then Mr. Avery was reading to him at the time you spoke of—the time of the Latron murder?"

"No; Mr. Avery came just afterward. I was reading to him at that time."

"The papers must have been a good deal for a girl of eighteen."

"At that time, you mean? They were; but Father dared trust no one else."

"Mr. Avery handles those matters now for your father?"

"The continuation of what was going on then? Yes; he took them up at the time I was hurt and so has kept on looking after them; for there has been plenty for me to do without that; and those things have all been more or less settled now. They have worked themselves out as things do, though they seemed almost unsolvable at the time. One thing that helped in their solution was that Father was able, that time, to urge what was just, as well as what was advisable."

"You mean that in the final settlement of them no one suffered?"

"No one, I think—except, of course, poor Mr. Latron; and that was a private matter not connected in any direct way with the question at issue. Why do you ask all this, Mr. Eaton?"

"I was merely interested in you—in what your work has been with your Father, and what it is," he answered quietly.

They had been following the edge of the road, she along a path worn in the turf, he on the edge of the road itself and nearer to the tracks of the motors. Suddenly she cried out and clutched at him. As they had stopped, she had heard the sound of a motor approaching them rapidly from behind. Except that this car seemed speeding faster than the others, she had paid no attention and had not turned. Instantaneously, as she had cried and pulled upon him, she had realized that this car was not passing; it was directly behind and almost upon him. She felt him spring to the side as quickly as he could; but her cry and pull upon him were almost too late; as he leaped, the car struck. The blow was glancing, not direct, and he was off his feet and in motion when the wheel struck; but the car hurled him aside and rolled him over and over.

As she rushed to Eaton, the two men in the rear seat of the car turned their heads and looked back, but without checking its speed or swerving, the car dashed on and disappeared down the roadway.

She bent over Eaton and took hold of him. He struggled to his feet and, dazed, tottered so that she supported him. As she realized that he was not greatly hurt, she stared with horror at the turn in the road where the car had disappeared.

"Why, he tried to run you down! He meant to! He tried to hurt you!" she cried.

"No," Eaton denied. "Oh, no, I don't think so. It must have been—an accident. He was—frightened when he saw what he had done."

"It wasn't at all like an accident!" she persisted. "It couldn't have been an accident there and coming up from behind the way he did! No; he meant to do it! Did you see who was in the car—who was driving?"

He turned to her quickly. "Who?" he demanded.

"One of the people who was on the train! The morning Father was hurt. Don't you remember—a little man, nervous, but very strong; a man almost like an ape?"

He shuddered and then controlled himself. "Yes, I remember a fellow the conductor tried to seat me opposite."

"This was the same man!"

Eaton shook his head. "That could hardly be; I think you must be mistaken."

"I am not mistaken; it was that man!"

"Still, I think you must be," he again denied.

She stared, studying him. "Perhaps I was," she agreed; but she knew she had not been. "I am glad, whoever it was, he didn't injure you. You are all right, aren't you?"

"Quite," he assured. "Please don't trouble about it, Miss Santoine."

They walked back rather silently, she appreciating how passionately she had expressed herself for him, and he quiet because of this and other thoughts too.

They found Donald Avery in front of the house looking for them as they came up. Eaton succeeded in walking without limping; but he could not conceal the marks on his clothes.

"Harriet, I've just come from your father; he wants you to go to him at once," Avery directed. "Good morning Eaton. What's happened?"

"Carelessness," Eaton deprecated. "Got rather in the way of a motor and was knocked over for it."

Harriet did not correct this to Avery. She went up to her father; she was still trembling, still sick with horror at what she had seen—an attempt to kill one walking at her side. She stopped outside her father's door to compose herself; then she went in.

The blind man was propped up on his bed with pillows into almost a sitting position; the nurse was with him.

"What did you want, Father?" Harriet asked.

He had recognized her step and had been about to speak to her; but at the sound of her voice he stopped the words on his lips and changed them into a direction for the nurse to leave the room.

He waited until the nurse had left and closed the door behind her. Harriet saw that, in his familiarity with her tones and every inflection of her voice, he had sensed already that something unusual had occurred; she repeated, however, her question as to what he wanted.

"That does not matter now, Harriet. Where have you been?"

"I have been walking with Mr. Eaton."

"What happened?"

She hesitated. "Mr. Eaton was almost run down by a motorcar."

"Ah! An accident?"

She hesitated again. "Mr. Eaton said it was an accident," she answered.

"But you?"

"It did not look like an accident, Father. It—it showed intention."

"You mean it was an attack?"

"Yes; it was an attack. The man in the car meant to run Mr. Eaton down; he meant to kill him or to hurt him terribly. Mr. Eaton wasn't hurt. I called to him and pulled him—he jumped away in time."

"To kill him, Harriet? How do you know?"

She caught herself. "I—I don't know, Father. He certainly meant to injure Mr. Eaton. When I said kill him, I was telling only what I thought."

"That is better. I think so too."

"That he meant to kill Mr. Eaton?"

"Yes."

She watched her father's face; often when relating things to him, she was aware from his expression that she was telling him only something he already had figured out and expected or even knew; she felt that now.

"Father, did you expect Mr. Eaton to be attacked?"

"Expect? Not that exactly; it was possible; I suspected something like this might occur."

"And you did not warn him?"

The blind man's hands sought each other on the coverlet and clasped together. "It was not necessary to warn him, Harriet; Mr. Eaton already knew. Who was in the car?"

"Three men."

"Had you seen any of them before?"

"Yes, one—the man who drove."

"Where?"

"On the train."

The color on Santoine's face grew brighter. "Describe him, dear."

He waited while she called together her recollections of the man.

"I can't describe him very fully, Father," she said. "He was one of the people who had berths in the forward sleeping car. I can recall seeing him only when I passed through the car—I recall him only twice in that car and once in the diner."

"That is interesting," said Santoine.

"What, Father?"

"That in five days upon the train you saw the man only three times."

"You mean he must have kept out of sight as much as possible?"

"Have you forgotten that I asked you to describe him, Harriet?"

She checked herself. "Height about five feet five," she said, "broad-shouldered, very heavily set; I remember he impressed me as being unusually muscular. His hair was black; I can't recall the color of his eyes; his cheeks were blue with a heavy beard closely shaved. I remember his face was prognathous, and his clothes were spotted with dropped food. I—it seems hard for me to recall him, and I can't describe him very well."

"But you are sure it was the same man in the motor?"

"Yes. He seemed an animal sort of person, small, strong, and not particularly intelligent. It seems hard for me to remember more about him than that."

"That is interesting."

"What?"

"That it is hard for you to remember him very well."

"Why, Father?"

Her father did not answer. "The other men in the motor?" he asked.

"I can't describe them. I—I was excited about Mr. Eaton."

"Thank you, dear. Bring Eaton to me."

"He has gone to his room to fix himself up."

"I'll send for him, then." Santoine pressed one of the buttons beside his bed to call a servant; but before the bell could be answered, Harriet got up.

"I'll go myself," she said.

She went out into the hall and closed the door behind her; she waited until she heard the approaching steps of the man summoned by Santoine's bell; then, going to meet him, she sent him to call Eaton in his rooms, and she still waited until the man came back and told her Eaton had already left his rooms and gone downstairs. She dismissed the man and went to the head of the stairs, but her steps slowed there and stopped. She knew that the blind man's thought in regard to Eaton had taken some immense stride; but she did not know what that stride had been, or what was coming now when her father saw Eaton.

She went on slowly down the stairs, and when halfway down, she saw Eaton in the hall below her. He was standing beside the table which held the bronze antique vase; he seemed to have taken something from the vase and to be examining it. She halted again to watch him; then she went on, and he turned at the sound of her footsteps. She could see, as she approached him, what he had taken from the vase, but she attached no importance to it; it was only a black button from a woman's glove—one of her own, perhaps, which she had dropped without noticing. He tossed it indifferently toward the open fireplace as he came toward her.

"Father wants to see you, Mr. Eaton," she said.

He looked at her intently for an instant and seemed to detect some strangeness in her manner and to draw himself together; then he followed her up the stairs.

CHAPTER XIII

It Grows Plainer.

Basil Santoine's bedroom was so nearly sound-proof that anything going on in the room could not be heard in the hall outside it, even close to the double doors. Eaton, as they approached these doors, listened vainly, trying to determine whether anyone was in the room with Santoine; then he quickened his step to bring him beside Harriet.

"One moment, please, Miss Santoine," he urged.

She stopped. "What is it you want?"

"Your father has received some answer to the inquiries he has been having made about me?"

"I don't know, Mr. Eaton."

"Is he alone?"

"Yes."

Eaton thought a minute. "That is all I wanted to know, then," he said.

Harriet opened the outer door and knocked on the inner one. Eaton heard Santoine's voice at once calling them to come in, and as Harriet opened the second door, he followed her into the room.

"Am I to remain, Father?" she asked.

"Yes," Santoine commanded.

Eaton waited while she went to a chair at the foot of the bed and seated herself—her clasped hands resting on the footboard and her chin upon her hands—in a position to watch both Eaton and her father while they talked; then Eaton sat down.

"Good morning, Eaton," the blind man greeted him.

"Good morning, Mr. Santoine," Eaton answered.

Santoine was lying quietly upon his back, his head raised on the pillows, his arms above the bed-covers, his finger-tips touching with the fingers spread.

"You recall, of course, Eaton, our conversation on the train," Santoine said evenly.

"Yes."

"I want to call your attention in a certain order to some of the details of what happened on the train. You had rather a close call this morning, did you not?"

"Rather, I was careless."

"You were careless?" Santoine smiled derisively. "Perhaps you were—in one sense. In another, however, you have been very careful, Eaton. You have been careful to act as though the attempt to run you down could not have been a deliberate attack; you were careful to call it an accident; you were careful not to recognize any of the three men in the motor."

"I had no chance to recognize any of them, Mr. Santoine," Eaton replied easily. "I did not see the car coming; I was thrown from my feet; when I got up, it was too far away for me to recognize anyone."

"Perhaps so; but were you surprised when my daughter recognized one of them as having been on the train with us?"

Eaton hesitated, but answered almost immediately:

"Your question doesn't exactly fit the case. I thought Miss Santoine had made a mistake."

"But you were not surprised; no. What would have been a surprise to you, Eaton, would have been—if you had had a chance to observe the men—to have found that none of them—none of them had been on the train!"

Eaton started and felt that he had colored. How much did Santoine know? Had the blind man received, as Eaton feared, some answer to his inquiries, which had revealed, or nearly revealed, Eaton's identity? Or was it merely that the attack made on Eaton that morning had given Santoine new light on the events that had happened on the train and particularly—Eaton guessed—on the cipher telegram which Santoine claimed to have translated.

"You assume that, Mr. Santoine," he asserted, "because—" He checked himself and altered his sentence. "Will you tell me why you assume that?"

"That that would have surprised you? Yes; that is what I called you in here to tell you."

As Santoine waited a moment before going on, Eaton watched him anxiously. The blind man turned himself on his pillows so as to face Eaton more directly.

"Just ten days ago," he said evenly and dispassionately, "I was found unconscious in my berth—Section Three of the rearmost sleeper—on the transcontinental train, which I had taken with my daughter and Avery at Seattle. I had been attacked—assailed during my sleep some time in that first night that I spent on the train—and my condition was serious enough so that for three days afterward I was not allowed to receive any of the particulars of what had happened to me. When I did finally learn them, I naturally attempted to make certain deductions as to who it was that had attempted to murder me, and why; and ever since, I have continued to occupy myself with those questions. I am going to tell you a few of my deductions. If you fancy I am at fault in my conclusions, wait until you discover your error."

Santoine waited an instant; Eaton thought it was to allow him to speak if he wanted to, but Eaton merely waited.

"The first thing I learned," the blind man went on, "was the similarity of the attack on me to the more successful attack on Warden, twelve days previous, which had caused his death. The method of the two attacks was the same; the conditions surrounding them were very similar. The desperate nature of the two attacks, and their almost identical method, made it practically certain that they originated at the same source and were carried out—probably—by the same hand and for the same purpose.

"Mrs. Warden's statement to me of her interview with her husband a half-hour before his murder, made it certain that the object of the attack on him was to 'remove' him. It seemed almost inevitable, therefore, that the attack on me must have been for the same purpose.

"I found that a young man—yourself—had acted so suspiciously both before and after the attack on me that both Avery and the conductor in charge of the train had become convinced that he was my assailant, and had segregated him from the rest of the passengers. Not only this, but—and this seemed quite conclusive to them—you admitted that you were the one who had called upon Warden the evening of his murder. It seemed likely, too, that you were the only person on the train aside from my daughter and Avery who knew who I was; for I had had reason to believe from the time when I first heard you speak when you boarded the train, that you were someone with whom I had previously, very briefly come in contact; and I had asked my daughter to find out who you were, and she had tried to do so, but without success."

Eaton wet his lips.

"Also," the blind man continued, "there was a telegram which definitely showed that there was some connection, unknown to me, between you and me, as well as a second—or rather a previous—suspicious telegram in cipher, which we were able to translate."

Eaton leaned forward, impelled to speak; but as Santoine clearly detected this impulse and waited to hear

"You Understand Already," Santoine Asserted.

what he was going to say, Eaton reconsidered and kept silent.

"You were going to say something about that telegram in cipher?" Santoine asked.

"No," Eaton denied.

"I think you were; and I think that a few minutes ago when I said you were not surprised by the attempt made today to run you down, you were also going to speak of it; for that attempt makes clear the meaning of the telegram. Its meaning was not clear to me before, you understand. It said only that you were known and followed. It did not say why you were followed. I could not be certain of that; there were several possible reasons why you might be followed—even that the 'one' who 'was following' might be someone secretly interested in preventing you from an attack on me. Now, however, I know that the reason you feared the man who was following was because you expected him to attack you. Knowing that, Eaton—knowing that, I want to call your attention to the peculiarity of our mutual positions on the train. You had asked for and were occupying Section Three in the third sleeper, in order—I assume and, I believe, correctly—to avoid being put in the same car with me. In the night, the second sleeper—the car next in front of yours—was cut off from the train and left behind. That made me occupy in relation to the forward part of the train exactly the same position as you had occupied before the car ahead of you had been cut out. I was in Section Three in the third sleeper from the front."

Eaton stared at Santoine, fascinated; what had been only vague, half felt, half formed with himself, was becoming definite, tangible, under the blind man's reasoning. His hands closed instinctively, in his emotion. "What do you mean?"

"You understand already," Santoine asserted. "The attack made on me was meant for you. Someone stealing through the cars from the front to the rear of the train and carrying in his mind the location of Section Three in the third car, struck through the curtains by mistake at me instead of you. Who was that, Eaton?"

"I don't know," Eaton answered.

"You mean you prefer to shield him?"

"Shield him?"

"That is what you are doing, is it not? For, even if you don't know the man directly, you know in whose cause and under whose direction he murdered Warden—and why and for whom he is attempting to murder you."

Eaton remained silent.

In his intensity, Santoine had lifted himself from his pillows. "Who is that man?" he challenged. "And what is that connection between you and me which, when the attack found and disabled me instead of you, told him that—in spite of his mistake—his result had been accomplished? told him that, if I was dying, a repetition of the attack against you was unnecessary?"

Eaton knew that he had grown very pale; Harriet must be aware of the effect Santoine's words had on him, but he did not dare look at her now to see how much she was comprehending.

"I don't understand." He fought to compose himself.

"It is perfectly plain," Santoine said patiently. "It was believed at first that I had been fatally hurt; it was even reported at one time—I understand—that I was dead; only intimate friends have been informed of my actual condition. Yesterday, for the first time, the newspapers announced the certainty of my recovery; and today an attack is made on you. They did not hesitate to attack you in sight of my daughter."

"But—"

"You are merely challenging my deductions! Will you reply to my questions?—tell me the connection between us?—who you are?"

"No."

"Come here!"

"What?" said Eaton.

"Come here—close to me, beside the bed."

Eaton hesitated, and then obeyed.

"Bend over!"

Eaton stooped, and the blind man's hands seized him. Instantly Eaton withdrew.

"Wait!" Santoine warned. "If you do not stay, I shall call help." One hand went to the bell beside his bed.

Harriet had risen; she met Eaton's gaze warningly and nodded to him to comply. He bent again over the bed. He felt the blind man's sensitive fingers searching his features, his head, his throat. Eaton gazed at Santoine's face while the fingers were examining him; he could see that Santoine was merely finding confirmation of an impression already gained from what he had been told him about Eaton. Santoine showed nothing more than this confirmation; certainly he did not recognize Eaton. More than this, Eaton could not tell.

"Now your hands," Santoine ordered.

Eaton extended one hand and then the other; the blind man felt over them from wrists to the tips of the fingers; then he let himself sink back against the pillows, absorbed in thought.

"You may go," Santoine said at last.

"Go?" Eaton asked.

"You may leave the room. Blatchford will meet you downstairs."

Santoine reached for the house telephone beside his bed—receiver and transmitter on one light bar—and gave directions to have Blatchford await Eaton in the hall below.

Eaton was distinctly frightened by the revelation he just had had of Santoine's clear, implacable reasoning regarding him; for none of the blind man's deductions about him had been wrong—all had been the exact, though incomplete truth. It was clear to him that Santoine was close—much closer even than Santoine himself yet appreciated—to knowing Eaton's identity; it was even probable that one single additional fact—the discovery, for instance, that Miss Davis was the source of the second telegram received by Eaton on the train—would reveal everything to Santoine. And Eaton was not certain that Santoine, even without any new information, would not reach the truth unaided at any moment. So Eaton knew that he himself must act before this happened. But so long as the safe in Santoine's study was kept locked or was left open only while someone was in the room with it, he could not act until he had received help from outside; and he had not yet received that help; he could not hurry it or even tell how soon it was likely to come.

As his mind reviewed, almost instantaneously, these considerations, he glanced again at Harriet; her eyes, this time, met his, but she looked away immediately. As he went toward the door, she made no move to accompany him. He went out without speaking and closed the inner and the outer doors behind him; then he went down to Blatchford.

For several minutes after Eaton had left the room, Santoine thought in silence.

"Where are you, Harriet?" he asked at last.

She knew it was not necessary to answer him, but merely to move so that he could tell her position; she moved slightly, and his sightless eyes shifted at once to where she stood.

"How did he act?" Santoine asked.

She reviewed swiftly the conversation, supplementing his blind apperceptions of Eaton's manner with what she herself had seen.

"What have been your impressions of Eaton's previous social condition, Daughter?" he asked. "You have talked with him, been with him—both on the train and here: have you been able to determine what sort of people he has been accustomed to mix with? Have his friends been business men? Professional men? Society people?"

The deep and unconcealed note of trouble in her father's voice startled her, in her familiarity with every tone and every expression. She answered his question: "I don't know, Father."

"I want you to find out."

"In what way?"

"You must find a way. I shall tell Avery to help." He thought for several moments, while she stood waiting. "We must have that motor and the men in it traced, of course. Harriet, there are certain matters—correspondence—which Avery has been looking after for me; do you know what correspondence I mean?"

"Yes, Father."

"I would rather not have Avery bothered with it just now; I want him to give his whole attention to this present inquiry. You yourself will assume charge of the correspondence of which I speak, Daughter."

"Yes, Father. Do you want anything else now?"

"Not of you; send Avery to me."

CHAPTER XIV

Donald Avery Is Moody.

Harriet went down the stairs into the study; she passed through the study into the main part of the house and found Donald and sent him to her father; then she returned to the study. She closed and fastened the doors, and after glancing about the room, she removed the books in front of a wall-safe to the right of the door, slid back the movable panel, opened the safe and took out a bundle of correspondence. She closed safe and panel and put back the books; and carrying the correspondence to her father's desk, she began to look over it.

Continued next week.

Belmond Local News

George Mortimer has been on the sick list the past week.

Our Evergood Chick Feed is now on the market. No better chick feed made.—T. S. Wallace & Co. 152c

You will find new spring hats with style and distinction at The Hat Shoppe.

H. N. Nettles and family are moving this week to Fort Dodge, where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Snyder received word Saturday of the birth of a granddaughter, Donma Lorrame to their son, C. D., and wife, at Huron, South Dakota.

Mrs. Finch left Saturday for Rochester to see her daughter, Mrs. Rosecrans. She will remain until Mrs. Rosecrans is able to return home.

A deputy collector will be in Belmond on next week Tuesday, March 6, at the city hall to assist tax-payers in filing their income tax returns for the year 1922.

Johnson, Wright & Sampson held quite a successful corn planter demonstration at their store last Saturday afternoon, demonstrating to a number of farmers the merits of the Deere planter.

The Independent is not quite up to standard this week owing to the force being more or less disorganized from the prevailing illness. The editor is just getting back to normal and the foreman has had sickness in his family. We hope to do better next week.

Mrs. R. W. Beach of Wahpeton, North Dakota, Mrs. S. A. Wolcott of Fort Dodge; and Mrs. Jason Pratt of Algona were called here last week by the serious illness of their mother, Mrs. Peter Stacy, who has been suffering from Pneumonia.

Dr. A. W. Russell has rented the property occupied by the Rev. Leinbach family, and moves in the first of March. Rev Leinbach and family are moving to the old house on the farm, which they will occupy until their new home there is completed.

Does advertising do any good? Ask F. J. Tuffree, the cleaner and tailor of the New Belmond Tailor Shop. Last week he advertised a special bargain in suits, in the Independent and among other answers were two callers from ten miles east of Belmond who had read his ad, and came in to talk turkey. F. J. reaches out quite a ways for business.

The George Polmateer sale held last Saturday was one of the best ever held in this vicinity, and prices received were excellent. Geo. spent quite a bit of money advertising his sale, and even tho it was postponed from the original date owing to the blizzard, he had an immense crowd, so large in fact that he ran out of free lunches and had to order two hundred more. His goods all sold high, particularly good prices being received for the stock. Not a team sold for less than $300, and the top price on any one horse was $178. His cattle all sold well, and the machinery brought good prices. Buyers were present from 30 miles away. Mr. Polmateer expects to leave in a couple of months for Canada where he has some land interests to look after.

REMEMBER!

The Combination sale March 9 and 10, and get your articles listed in order to give us a chance to prepare room. Many articles have already been listed, among which are some full blooded Spotted Poland China brood sows due to farrow in March and May, a large quantity of household goods, and a variety of other articles. All machinery, household goods, samples of hay, grain, potatoes, etc., will be sold on Friday, March 9. Live stock only will be sold Saturday March 10. Poultry will be sold either day. All live stock will be numbered as listed and sold as numbered. If you want to be among the first, list now with either the Savings Bank or T. D. Rankins.

E. Purcell spent the week end here with his family.

Mrs. Adolph Thompson was a caller at Fort Dodge the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nihoof and family are moving to a farm near Woolstock this week.

Dell Lobdell returned last Saturday from his visit to friends and relatives in the New England states. He reports a large amount of snow in the East.

Miss Alice Ersland started working at Miss Tyrrell's millinery shop last Monday.

We have some elegant northern wheat at the price good for seed.—T. S. Wallace & Co. 152c

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Webb attended the funeral of Bert Trumbell at Klemme, last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Thompson are now nicely settled in their new home.

When you are in the market for a used car, see us first and save money.—Belmond Auto Co.

All the latest and most up-to-date millinery is now on display at The Hat Shoppe.

The weather the first of the week gave a lot of folks the spring fever and started thoughts to flowing toward gardens and seeds. Started yours yet?

Joe Sikkema of Hampton was in town the first of the week, transacting business and greeting old friends. He is connected with the Community Service Station Co.

H. M. Wilkinson has been visiting relatives and friends at Iowa Falls and Alden the past week or so.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hobbie of Hampton were callers at the Independent office Wednesday evening.

Miss Ryan of Cedar Rapids is the new trimmer at Miss Ida Tyrrell's millinery store.

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Joe S. White was a business caller at Forest City last week Friday.

Louie Tokman left the first of the week for Des Moines where he spent a few days attending the auto show now on at that place.

W. W. Goetz has rented his house on Main street to Mr. and Mrs. Fuller Bailey who will move in March 1st.

Miss Irene Hunter is back at her place in The Hat Shoppe. She spent the past month at the wholesale house in St. Paul studying the new styles in spring millinery.

John Dempsey, General mason work, plastering a speciality. Telephone 352. Belmond, Iowa.

Robert Reed and family are loading their car this week preparatory to moving to Minnesota, where they will make their future home.

Ye Editor is indebted to his sister Mrs. Wm. Leonard of Swaledale, who acted as "boss" of Ye Printe Shoppe last week while the writer was entertaining the grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M Morse and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Benson went to Fort Dodge last week to see the opera, "Lightnin."

Miss Hazel Chambers of Chicago, came last Tuesday for a few days visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Moore.

Mrs.C. J. Boughton has entirely recovered from her recent illness. Her many friends will be pleased to know she is again enjoying good health.

The box social held in the Pleasant Center school last Friday evening was well attended. An enjoyable program was given after which the boxes were sold. The proceeds were about $35.

Mrs. Rosecrans did not go to her daughters' at Garner as was reported. Her doctors said that she was unable to leave Rochester, so she is remaining there a week or so longer for treatment. She is coming along very nicely.

Now is the time to buy Garden Seed, while the stock is complete. We have Northrup, King and Ferry in packets, and the Leonard Garden seeds in bulk. They are all good as the best.—Johnson & Wright. 152c

Andrew Jorgensen was in town Monday greeting old friends and transacting business. He is now working near Davenport, while Mrs. Jorgensen is spending a few months visiting relatives in the old country.

Elmer Boughton moved his second hand store the first of the week to part of the Townsan Hardware building, where he will be located in the future. He has been in the old Tailor Tomson building formerly occupied by Wallace Jewelry.

The fire company was called out twice the past week, but neither affair was of any consequence. Last Friday evening a false alarm called them to the M. C. Barry home where the rays of the sun shining on a window caused a neighbor to believe there was a fire. Sunday morning a small blaze called the company to the Barney Buschman home.

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Townsan Hardware have been conducting a special sale on One Minute washers the past week, a demonstrator from headquarters being present. They report fine success from the sale. During the sale days they gave special Radio concerts to their customers, which is certainly using up-to-date methods of business.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING BELMOND INDEPENDENT DISTRICT

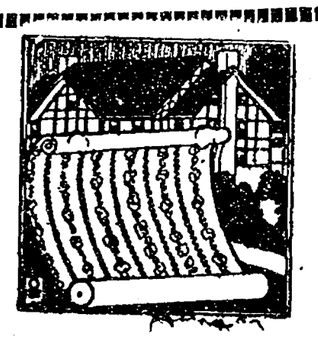
Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Independen District of Belmond, in the county of Wright, state of Iowa, that the annual meeting of said district will be held at Belmond City hall on the 2nd Monday in March 1923 at 1:00 o'clock p. m. and closing at 6:00 o'clock p. m.

A director will be named for a term of three years to succeed A. L. Luick, one for three years, to succeed Wallace R. Ramsay and a Treasurer for three years to succeed C. O. Fitts.

The meeting will be open for the transaction of such business as may legally come before it.

Cato. C. Grieny.
Secretary.

February 23, 1923.



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For Sale—Brood sows for sale. Due to farrow in April. Cholera immune. Will sell by weight. Inquire.—M. Halfwassen. Meservey Ia 14tfc

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For Sale—A residence property in north part of town.—J. R. Thayer, Belmond. 154c

For Rent—5 room house, modern, 5 blocks north from Schultz Jewelry store. Phone 2202.—Frank Christie. 151*

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Mrs. E. V. Skinner and son of Carry, Penn., arrived yesterday, called here by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Peter Stacy.

E. F. Bailey made a business trip to the southern part of the state last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Deitz and Chas. Deitz, from Mason City, were calling on Belmond friends, Sunday.

John Lieuwen was a county seat visitor yesterday.

Geo. Elder has purchased the Homer Reese farm of 120 acres, the reported price being $20,000.

Rier Rierson has purchased the J J. Sloan farm, trading in some land in Minnesota, on the deal.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jennings drove to Garner last Saturday night.

Mrs. Ellen Schultz received word the first of the week that her son Perry Malvin was seriously ill with sleeping sickness at the hospital at Rochester.

A philosopher is as "grouchy" as anybody else, but not in public.

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Ham Is Everybody's Dish

Ham served with eggs in the morning; cold ham for lunch--- or boiled ham for dinner. Few other meats can answer so many purposes. You'll relish our tender, sugar cured Hams that have made an enviable reputation for us. Keep Ham in the Home at all times.

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City Meat Market

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Kinseth's Store News

Every day in every way things are getting better and better. We don't have to say that just to kid ourselves into believing it, we know it to be a fact because our business is getting still better. Sure, there's a reason—look at the bargains we've been offering and the service we give you. Something extra good is always on hand at the store on the corner. This week Friday and Saturday we're going to have some fresh strawberries for you. Um—m. boy! Get yours early, because we're pretty well sold out on them already.

The pancake season is nearing an end, but there is still a little while left and you want to see our dark syrup at 48c before it is too late.

Boxes of crackers now 48 cents.

Oranges at 27c a dozen sure sold last week, and we're continuing the offer this week. And grapefruits 3 for 27c too. Finest thing for the folks sick with a cold or the grippe.

Every Friday and Saturday we have a special for you on a number of items. Can't list 'em all for want of room, but you just drop in to the store on the corner, or phone 19, and start saving money. Be a wise one.

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BELMOND WINS IN TOURNAMENT AT BRITT

Belmond Wins In Declamatory

Alfred Wilkinson Takes First Place In Oratorical Class At Kanawha.

GOES TO DISTRICT CONTEST

Last week was an important week in the history of Belmond high school. The declamatory contestants went to Kanawha for the preliminary contest in the state series. Alfred Wilkinson won first in the Oratorical class and will now go to the sub-district contest March 16.

The basket ball boys went to Britt to the tournament Friday noon. They played their first game with Livermore Friday evening winning with a score of 18 to 10. After Livermore had defeated Corwith, Belmond played Forest City in the semi-finals Saturday morning defeating them 31 to 11. Forest City had previously defeated Britt 14 to 12. It was supposed Britt was one of the strong teams in the tournament. Coach Pals put in his second team the last part of the game with Forest City.

The finals were played Saturday evening between Lake Mills and Belmond. Lake Mills had defeated Algona in the semi-finals in a closely fought contest by the score of 25 to 24.

Belmond and Lake Mills were evenly matched in the first half but Belmond was able to hold out longer than their opponents and so defeated Lake Mills 23 to 17.

The high school had a pep meeting Friday noon in honor of the basket ball boys and the declamatory contestants. Cecil Riley spoke of the work of the basket ball boys and the prospects for the team. Irving Madsen, the captain, answered for the team. Katherine Thiltgen spoke about the declamatory work and the response was given by Alfred Wilkinson. The high school songs and yells were given.

This week Friday and Saturday our boys attend the basket ball tournament at Fort Dodge. This tournament will decide the championship of Northwest Iowa. The winners of the Fort Dodge tournament go to the state tournament which is to be held at Boone.

Miss Rohrbach of the fifth grade is ill and out of school again this week. Mrs. Morse is substituting in that grade.

The storm Saturday compelled the Belmond people who were at Britt to leave their cars and return by way of Mason City Sunday.

The high school is indebted to C. C. McGuire for the loan of clothing for use in the operetta and to the Belmond Furniture Co. and the Wright County Furniture Co. for the loan of furniture.

The operetta Wednesday night was very well attended and the audience seemed very appreciative.

The members of the second grade had a frolic in the gymnasum Friday afternoon in honor of Stanley Ahlstrom who leaves this week for Sweden.

The following had perfect attendance during the fourth period: Wallace Cramer, John Dempsey, Lauretta Erlsand, Herbert Fetrow, Marian Morris, Doris Parsons, Doris Russell, Willie Smith.

Mrs. Elder visited Friday of last week in Miss Murphy's room. Jessie Elder entered school after a long illness.

Mrs. John Greenlander and Miss Beatrice Barry visited Miss Newgard's room Friday.

Several of the little "tots" are coming back after a seige of sickness.

Leona Wilkins and Leona Halfpop entered the fourth grade Monday.

Holm Swenson entered the third grade.

Frances Wilkins entered the seventh grade Monday.

Many of the children who have been sick are returning to school.

The following 6th graders wrote perfect in spelling the past six weeks: Frances Baker, Grant Chapman, Irene Dorr, Henry Johnson, Esther Jones, Helen Luick, Meta Ludtke, Paul Milligan, Lois Pech, Alberta Starnes, Esther Steenblock, Mildred Jacobson.

LEO GILLIGAN BUYS STORE

Leo Gilligan of Kanawha, well known to many Belmond people, recenty purchased the City Sweet Shop of Kanawha from Thomas Cosgriff. The two had been in partnership in the Sweet Shop, and Gilligan bought out his partner's interest. Mrs. Gilligan is to assist her husband in the business.

Miss Agnes Dillon, who is teaching second grade in the Corwith schools, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillon. Miss Mildred Parsons accompanied her.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

In 1912 Wm. Pyle gave J. L. Burt his note for $45, no part of which has been paid. Plaintiff now alleges the sum due to be $105.82.

C. M. Trumbauer claims the sum of $597.81 from T. E. Blodgett on his three past due promissory notes.

Citizen's State Bank of Goldfield vs. Alfred Jorgensen and wife is a suit to collect the sum of $955.80 on a past due note.

On Monday Ruby Toon of Troy township was granted a divorce decree from Willys Toon on grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment.

Tillinghast & Co. of Clarion seek to collect $226.66 on a past due note made by James Lester.

For his alleged failure to pay a note in the sum of $328.53, given to McGrath and Archerd and later assigned to the First National bank at Eagle Grove. E. M. Smith is defendant in an action brought by said bank on the same.

The following couples were granted marriage licenses during the past week: John M. Howland, Clarion, Gertie Holland, Clarion; Albert Schipull, Goldfied, Dora Bronleewe, Clarion; Burton Lee Ross, Clarion, Emily Loretta Lyons, Clarion; Johannes Smiat, Belmond, Mattie Pals, Belmond.

After being out about thirty minutes Tuesday the jury returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of the state vs. Elmer Haynes of Dows. He was accused of stealing some furs, but was able to prove an alibi. His partner, Gayl Pepper, will have his trial today the jury having been secured yesterday. It is probable he too will be freed.

The board of supervisors meet in regular session on Monday, March 5th.—Monitor.

JENISON SALE GOES GOOD

The sale of full blood Poland China bred sows held by O. D. Jenison last Tuesday was a good success, some nice prices being received. Had the sale amounted to $1.50 more, the average price per animal would have been $32. The sales and prices were as follows:

L. Hauge	$28.00
Geo. Norris	35.00
T. B. Quinlin	30.00
Geo. Norris	35.00
Aug. Rabe	36.50
Aug Rabe	31.50
Geo. Norris	35.50
C. B. Allison	32.00
C. B. Allison	30.50
T. B. Quinlin	36.50
Menno Frohling	34.00
C. B. Allison	30.00
Aug Rabe	30.00
T. B. Quinlin	35.50
T. B. Quinlin	30.50
M. J. Kernan	29.50
M. J. Kernan	29.50
Geo. Norris	37.50
T. B. Quinlin	32.50
Geo. Norris	27.00
Mc. J. Thompson	29.50
C. Sorenson	31.50
C. Sorenson	30.00
C. Sorenson	26.00
C. Sorenson	26.00
C. Sorenson	37.00
C. Sorenson	33.00
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HANCOCK COUNTY WANTS RED CROSS NURSE AGAIN

Hancock county is endeavoring to secure again a county nurse. Miss Elizabeth Reynolds, Supt. of Red Cross nurses in Northern Iowa, has been in Garner on the question, and met with representatives of the town, Red Cross various societies and doctors, to discuss the project. The proposition as advanced by the Red Cross called for the school board to pay 50 cents per pupil per year, the Red Cross to look after the balance of the expense of maintaining a nurse. This would apply to various schools thruout the county, and the estimated expense is $3,500 a year. No definite action has been taken by the school boards on the subject as yet, and it is reported they may be somewhat lukewarm on it owing to the already heavy expense of the schools. A county nurse is a fine thing, and Hancock county will not regret it if one is secured.

WHY PRINTERS STAY SOBER

A sale bill showing the deadly combinations possible when a printer and moonshine whiskey get together. The following list is given:

Twenty five good cows, broke to work; 10 head of shoveling boars, with scoops by side; 8 piano mares; 120 red canvass belting better than new; DeLaval cows with ice cream attachment; McCormick binder, due to farrow in April; 14 head of chickens with grass seed attachment in good working order; 2 J. I. C. riding heifers, good as new; 15 billy goats, with spraying nozzel and other attachments, 70 bushel capacity; many other article too numerous to mention, which I expect to get after night between now and date of sale.—Exchange.

The Priscilla club will entertain their husbands to a banquet next Wednesday evening, March 14. The affair will be held at the home of Mrs. Willard Morse.

BATES LOSES CASE IN DISTRICT COURT

After Appealing From Justice's Court Here Has To Take 30 Days Anyway.

Guy Bates was up before district court last Friday, on his appeal from Justice Skovlin's court last December when he was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly, had his trial was again found guilty, and sentenced to 30 days in the county jail Tuesday. He is now enjoying the approach of spring from his room in Hotel Lang, at Clarion.

The case occupied quite a bit of attention locally, and was attended by quite a few local people. Bates had subpeoned some 15 or 20 witness to swear that he was sober the day he was arrested, and in his testimony told all about where he was that day. After prosecuting Attorney Jensen started in on him however, it developed that he was in two place at once, and he immediately found himself in a predictament. "Eagle Eye" Barry, the well known sleuth, was the main convicting testimony, while Ben Blake added some convincing items, and after being out until 2 in the morning, hung by a couple of stubborn members, the jury returned a verdict of guilty, and Tuesday the judge gave him the 30 days handed him last December by Justice Skovlin. Bates is now resting comfortably.

This case seems to have finished the booze gang, and the community is becoming what the great majority of citizens want it to be. Atty. Jensen is to be congratulated on the successful outcome.

ASK 25 CENTS FOR 24 HOUR SERVICE

The Goldfield Chronicle says that a move is on foot there to establish 24-hour telephone service in Goldfield, and that if this is done, a charge of 25 cents would be added to each phone. If the Goldfield folks are wise they will grab the chance before it can get away, and pay the two-bits cheerfully. Belmond has had continuous service for a good many years, and at no extra charge. This has been because the company was large enough to handle it without an extra charge. If folks here were out of telephone service all night they would holler their heads off, and we venture the Goldfield folks would too after they had had night service a month.

GOVERNMENT IS INVESTIGATING DEATH OF FISH

Last week the U. S. government had C. Blystad, a biologist of the U. S. fisheries, investigating the death of fish in the Iowa river. Mr. Blystad worked from Iowa Falls north to Belmond, and is making analysis of the fish found dead, and also the water of the river.

Mr. Blystad took the evidence of people living along the river. It is said that at Alden the fish were frozen in the ice in such quantities that much of the ice harvested for storage was rendered unfit for use, and caused considerable trouble to the ice men there. He reports that in his experience he has never yet seen conditions so serious as he found in the Iowa river between Belmond and Iowa Falls.

The state fish and game warden has finally concluded that shallow water in the Des Moines river and other Iowa streams has been responsible for the large number of fish that have died during the past few months. It was first thot that commercial industries had been using chemicals that poisoned the water, but this was a mistake. The fish, it seems collect in shallow water and when the ice freezes over them they soon suffocate, for want of air.—News.

"PEP" MEETING TO BE HELD AT AUDITORIUM

Big Time Tonight To Start The Belmond Team Toward The State Championship.

A Big Pep Meeting Will Be held at the school Auditorium tonight, Thursday, at 7:30, in which the team, students, fans and public generally will participate. Be there and help to arouse the spirit that will take Belmond thru to the championship of the state.

Plans are now on foot for a big bunch of Belmond basket ball bugs to go to Ft. Dodge on the Motor Friday night and return on the midnight train. The fare will be $1.42 one way and between 150 and 200 from here are expected to make the trip and cheer the boys on to victory. Will you be among them?

MRS. C. A. CHURCH DIES

Friends in Belmond received the sad news last week of the death of Mrs. C A. Church of Belmond, at San Diego, California, where she and Mr. Church were spending the winter months as had been their custom for some years past. Death was caused by heart trouble. When Mr. and Mrs. Church left for California in the fall, she was apparantly in good health, and as she had not been ill when at home the news of her sudden passing came as a great shock to the community. The Independent is not informed as to what disposal is to be made of the remains, whether interment is to be in California or here. One daughter the only child, preceeded her in death several years ago.

PAY UNDER PROTEST

An advertisement in the Garner papers last week signed by the "Taxpayers Committee" advises those who pay their taxes this spring on the paving to require the treasurer to endorse the receipt as "paid under protest. It is an echo of the protest over the paving tax which was made there last fall. The advertisement reads as follows:

On account of the fact that the litigation in court regarding the legality of paving tax has not been concluded, and may not be settled for some time yet, we are advised by our attorneys that taxpayers should in paying their taxes to the County Treasurer, require the Treasurer to endorse across the face of the tax receipt "Paid under protest." This will protect the taxpayers so that he can secure a refund of the disputed portion in case the suit is successful.

Signed: Taxpayers Committee.

CLARION GETTING READY TO START PAVING

The town of Clarion is about ready to start the wheels moving toward paving the town this summer. After many weeks of "watchful waiting" and planning, it is believed that the proposition is now about lined up and the city council is prepared to take action. The plans as finally adopted call for the paving of some 60 blocks thru the main part of town. A mile of the town on the east and west was turned back to the county last year, and it is expected that the county will gravel this. With the paving completed, and the other road graveled, Clarion will finaly be in shape so the motorist will not fear to venture their streets. It is a wise and progressive move on the part of the county seat.

John Dempsey, General mason work, plastering a speciality. Telephone 352. Belmond, Iowa.

MRS PETER STACY DIES

The community was surprised and shocked Wednesday morning, when it became known that Mrs. Peter Stacy had passed away that night Mrs. Stacy had been seriously ill for about a week with pneumonia, but had begun to gain and it was thought she would come thru the ordeal all right. Tuesday morning she took a turn for the worse, but nothing alarming, and that evening she was apparantly holding her own. Tuesday night, about a quarter after 12, while her daughter was taking her temperature, she suddenly ceased breathing and quietly passed away without knowing that the end was at hand.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, the services being at the M. E church. They will be in charge of the church and the Order of Eastern Star, both of which the deceased was a member. Interment will be in Franklin Grove cemetery.

Sara Samantha Pratt was born December 18, 1856, at Wheatland, Illinois and died at her home in Belmond, Iowa on March 7, 1923, death being caused by pneumonia. In 1871 she was united in marriage to Peter Stacy, and to this union eight children were born, three of whom preceeded her in death, LeRoy, Vernie, and Fern. On February 9, 1875 she with her husband moved to Belmond, where the home had been ever since, thus making her one of the pioneer residents of this community. Mrs. Stacy had always been a home body, quiet and unassuming, and during her life here had made a host of friends whose sympathy goes out to the bereaved family in her passing. She is survived by her husband, and five children: Mrs. R. W. Beach of Wahpeton, North Dakota; Mrs. S. A. Wolcott of Fort Dodge, Iowa; Mrs. E. V. Skinner of Corry Pennsylvania; Mrs. J. Pratt of Algona, Iowa; and Lee W Stacy of Belmond, besides other relatives and her many friends.

OPERETTA PLEASES

The operetta "The Cherry Blossom," given at the high school auditorium last week Wednesday by the school children, was highly pleasing to those who attended, and many fine compliments were heard regarding it and the way the various characters took their parts. The operetta was attended by a crowded house, the receipts for the evening being about $185.00.

SMIDT-PALS

Miss Mattie Pals and Mr. John Smidt were united in marriage at the Parsonage of the Immanuel Reformed church, east of Belmond, on Thursday evening, March 1st., the Rev A. H. Waalkes performing the ceremony, which occured at 7:30 o'clock.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Smidt, of Pleasant township, and is a progressive, capable young man of that community.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Pals, of Palsville, and is one of Pleasant townships most charming young ladies

The parents of the groom have built a home in north Belmond where they will make their future home, and the happy young newlyweds will occupy the Smidt land which they will farm. The Independent joins in extending congratulations and best wishes.

"FOR WAYS THAT ARE DARK—"

The heathen chinee may be peculiar, as the poem goes, but certainly not more so than three bootleggers in Chicago recently. Three detectives saw a black hearse drawn up in front of a house in Chicago, and noticed, by chance, that a gunny sack was protruding from the door. They stopped to offer their "sympathy," and came away with several hundred quarts of "embalming fluid," which was valued at $10,000. The hearse was piled full to overflowing with booze in bottles packed with gunny sacks, the end of one sticking out giving the game away.

SELLS POOL HALL

A deal was completed the first of this week whereby Jas. Kenefick sells his pool and billiard parlor to Wm. Gandrups, of Clarion, the new proprietor taking possession Tuesday morning. Mr. Kenefick expects to engage in the real estate business.

GLEE CLUB COMING

The Girls' Glee club of Morningside College will be in Bemond on Wednesday, March 28, when they will give a concert under the auspices of the Aid Society of the M. E. church. A very fine entertainment is anticipated.

Will Norby of Kanawha was a business caller in town on Friday of last week

It is reported that Matt Barry has applied for the position held by the late W. J. Burns.

Now Go To Fort Dodge Semi-Finals

Clean Up On Livermore, Forest City and Lake Mills Without Very Much Trouble.

GO TO FT. DODGE FRIDAY

Belmond's basket ball team brought home the bacon from the tournament at Britt last week winning every game.

The tournament lasted three days, ten teams being entered: Britt, Corwith, Livermore, Algona, Lake Mills, Forest City, Belmond, Garner, LuVerne and Rowan.

Thursday, the first day, the Belmond team drew a bye. Then on, Friday night they played the Livermore team, winner of the Livermore and Corwith game. Livermore won from Corwith 17 to 12. Belmond did not get into their stride in this, their first, game, and only won from Livermore by a 17 to 10 score. The same evening Britt and Forest City played, Forest City winning 12 to 10. This was a hard fought battle. Britt leading at the end of the first half by 10 to 1. Forest City came back strong, however, and scored 11 points in the second half.

Saturday morning the Belmond and Forest City teams played, and this game was a comedy, Belmond walking all over them by a score of 32 to 11. The boys hit their stride here, and dazzled the Forest City team with their speed and team work. Scoring point upon point, at the end of the third quarter Coach Pals took his first team off the floor with the score 32 to 4 for Belmond, and put in the second string players. Against them Forest City was only able to score seven points, which shows that the second team was doing some mighty fine work too. One comical episode occured when the referee, a Drake man, saw Kenneth Nourse on the second team. He could hardly believe his eyes, and patting Kenneth on the head he said, "young man, what do you want?" Kenneth looked up at him solemnly, and replied, "Gimme a drink!"

Lake Mills and Algona fought it out Saturday morning, Lake Mills winning 26 to 25 in a bitterly contested game. This game was one of the best of the tournament and was fast and furious.

Saturday evening Belmond and Lake Mills battled for the final honors, and it was "some" game. Starting in furiously, Lake Mills scored two baskets right off the bat, and adding a foul to it had 5 to 0 when the quarter ended. In the second quarter Belmond hopped to it, and fighting like wildcats made the score 10 to 10 at the end of the half. From this on the game see-sawed back and forth, the score being even at 15 to 15 at the tightest point, when the Belmond boys turned loose all they had, and steadily pulled away from the Lake Mills team until the the game ended with Belmond on the long end of the 23 to 17 result.

Winning this game made 15 straight games that the Belmond team has won. If they do not win another this year, they have created an enviable record, and one of which every Belmond citizen is proud. Over 300 teams in the state have played to decide the state champion, and the list is now narrowed down to about 30. Four sectional meets will be held this week, and the four winners will play at Boone for the championship. Belmond goes to Fort Dodge Friday, to play. Should they win there, it will be "all aboard for Boone" with a big bunch of Belmond basket ball bugs. And Belmond is pulling for the boys to grab the honors again. While they will be up against the largest schools in the state, with hundreds of boys to choose a team from, the local team is no slouch and regardless of whom they meet, will give them a real battle.

The teams which will complete at the Fort Dodge tournament are Belmond, Spirit Lake, Fort Dodge, Alton, Laurens, Sioux City, Boone, and Vail. This is mighty fast company, and the games will call for everything the teams can show.

Two Belmond boys, Raymond Stapley and Irvin Madsen, were placed on the All-Tournament team at Britt by 13 disinterested judges.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to our kind friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and thoughtfulness during the illnes and death of our beloved husband and father.

Mrs. Alice Keiser
Miss Gladys Keiser
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Simser
Aloys Simser
Miss Frances Perry.

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TURN ON THE LIGHT

In some counties of the state, and in many towns and school districts, there is a disposition on the part of officials to evade the publicity that is required by the state laws regarding the expenditure of public moneys.

It is stated the school boards of the state spend $56,000,000 and more every year of money that is raised by taxation. The people of these districts have a right to know for what and where this money goes. They have a right to know the proceedings of school boards. Obviously, people cannot all attend school board meetings, nor can they take the time to personally examine the books of the officers who disburse the money. There is only one way in which people can have the informatinon they are entitled to this important matter of spending half the tax money of the state, and that is by reading it in their local newspapers, at their leisure, and thus have the facts filed away should they ever need them.

Likewise, some city and town councils are prone to go ahead transacting public business without letting the public know what they are doing unless the public happens to attend council sessions. The law contemplates that people may know of the councils' actions by reading a summary of the proceedings in their local newspapers, and have a statement of the money spent by vote of the council at each regular or special session. Why should the people not have such information? It is their money the officials are spending, and officials are servants of not masters of the people.

Boards of supervisors almost uniformly give complete publicity to their transaction and account for all bills allowed by printing the schedules of claims in the newspapers as provided by law. Why should they not? They are elected to serve the people and the people have a right to know.

Newspapers are the recognized and only available medium for complete publicity of affairs in any community. Readers look to them for all official and general news. The state laws have wisely provided that boards of supervisors, city and town councils and school boards shall publish in newspapers intelligent minutes of their meetings. For such boards to do less than the law requires is not to their credit, nor is it good service to their constituents

Posting of board and official proceedings or financial statements on a barn door or in stairways of public buildings is wasted energy and money both. It is at least suspicious when officials either try to evade newspaper publicity or hide their reports in long typewritten or handwritten sheets which many people cannot read, and all find inconvenient to study. The state laws provide for newspaper publicity and name a rate of pay for such space so low that there is no profit in the printing whatever, but there is a semi-news value in it that makes up partially for the lack of pay. Printing such reports without any pay would be too much of a burden to the publishers or they would perhaps do that in many places. But at the low rate allowed, taxpayers are able for a few cents each to get all the facts of public boards when they can read in comfort and digest well the evidence as printed in the newspapers.

Sometimes legislators with misguided notions of the importance of the matter try to curtail publicity of public affairs, rather than to promote more of such publicity They would be serving their constituents far better to help turn on the light, require full and fair acounting of money spent by public boards, and demand and enforce laws that will secure such publicity at regular intervals, and when people want it.

The newpapers of Iowa are standing by the interests of the people at every turn. They are the least paid and most used servants of the public—often maligned and belittled for their efforts in such service, it is true—but nevertheless true and dependable recorders of the present day history of every community. If our officials and our people realize that it is the record, the history of today, that each issue of the local newspaper presents, they will not premit of any curtailment of official publicity in any transaction where the public taxes are involved.

All officials are not dishonest or intending dishonesty where they fail to give publicity to their transactions. But that is not saying that many could not much easier and more safely become dishonest if all publicity of their acts could be kept in the dark room or vaults, to be made difficult of access.

In other words, it is much cheaper and better for the people to pay a little for real newspaper publicity that reaches everybody than to pay a lot for prosecution of defaulting officials and for the loss of public funds after somebody has gone wrong.

If you had your choice of spending 30 days on the inside looking out—sick, say, f'instance—in December, when the snow was thick and the weather cold, or in the spring when the grass is growin' and the birds asingin' and the air feels like a million dollars, which would you prefer?

Clarion is finally going to pave. After this the motorist can go to the county seat and not stop to think it over beforehand.

They don't like Brookhart's shoes down there at Washington, D. C. Probably the said shoes have been stepping on somebody's corns.

Wonder what some of the neighbors think of Belmond's basket ball team by this time?

Hampton was trimmed by Clear Lake; Britt beat Clear Lake; Forest City won over Britt; Belmond walloped Forest City. 2 plus 2 equals 4.

HERE AND THERE

Attorney General Gibson points out that any motorist driving a car with Iowa's 1922 license plates is open to a fine of $100. Mr. Gibson cites in support of his statement, section 3, chapter 25 of the acts of the Thirty-eighth general assembly.

Mr. John Lieuwen and little grand son of Belmond visited here from Saturday until Monday at the home of Mr. Lieuwen's daughter, Mrs. M. L. Baker, and family.—Reporter.

F. H. Peterson was among the county seat callers from Dows Monday. In the post office contest in that town Mr. Peterson stood second high in the examination. Postmaster Lee was at the head of the list. There is no objection to his services as nasby, but the republican candidates do object to the re-appointment of a democrat. A decision from Congressman Sweet is expected within a few days.—Monitor.

Ross Eggers accompanied by Miss Benson, of Belmond, were Mason City callers Sunday—Reporter.

Glenn Martin and Grover Yoder deposited $7.50 each in the town coffers last Friday. It was a cold day and they were hauling corn to town. Each had two teams and two wagons full of corn and each wanted to be ahead of the other at the elevator. The race was pulled off right on main street and the old Romans who drove four horse and a two-wheeled cart had nothing on these bys. Mayor Tanck, however, was the final judge of the race and by his decision both boys lost—$7.50.—Renwick Times.

A Webster City bootlegger and a girl who was accompanying him were fined $238.50 by Mayor Baker in the local police court Tuesday morning. The fine is one of the stiffest fines imposed here for this offense but the guilty parties were glad to pay it and get out.

The couple were arrested by night Marshal Haller Monday evening. They were driving through to Webster City from Estherville and went into a ditch about a mile north of Eagle Grove. When found both of the parties were intoxicated and had three gallon jugs of whiskey in their possession.—Eagle Grove Times.

Chas Waltz of Belmond was a guest at the Geo. Baldridge home from Thursday until Monday.—Reporter.

Mrs. Wm. Parker of Belmond was a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rourk and sister Mrs. Leo Gilligan and husband, last Saturday.—Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carlston and little son spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs Ed. Carlston at Belmond.—Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brooks and son, went to Belmond Friday to see Mrs. Brook's father, who is ill.—Times.

Mrs. Al Mayhew and son went to Belmond Friday for a visit with her father.—Times.

Mrs. J. B. Spitler came up from Belmond yesterday for a couple of days visit with Klemme friends.—Times.

Mrs. W. F. Misman has been a patient at the Hampton Hospital for a week or more, taking treatments Her mother, Mrs. Ely, of Belmond has been keeping house during her absence. Her many friends hope that she may soon regain her health. She is expected to return home the latter part of this week.—Klemme Times.

Mrs. Hake told our reporter that she celebrated her birthday Saturday, and that evening had a dinner to remember the event. The birthday cake had on it candles to the number of — —? She stuttered when she told the reporter how many so we will have to let Mrs. Hake inform any who are curious—Times.

SOCIETY

Progress—

The Progress club met with Mrs. E. F. Bailey Tuesday afternoon. The lesson, "The Bilbe as an Inspiration in Art," was led by Mrs. A. E. Martin.

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Delphian—

Mrs. Herman Schultz entertained the Delphian club at her home Monday evening. This was the fourth anniversary of the club and a special program was given after which a two course luncheon was served by the hostess.

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Idle-A-While—

The Idle-a-While club have not been having any meetings for some time on account of so much sickness but they expect to begin again next week if possible.

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Cemetery Aid—

Cemetery Aid society will meet with Mrs. E. Kinney on Friday March 9th. All members requested to be present and others who are interested. Luncheon will be served. Preparations will be made for the Annual Eastern Bazaar and Food Sale.

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Rosary—

The Rosary Society will be entertained at the library this afternoon by Mrs. A. E. Martin and her division.

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Chain of Ten—

Mrs. Geo. Schanck entertained the Chain of Ten Monday afternoon.

SAYS GOOD HEALTH IS DUE TO PROHIBITION

Iowa's good health is due to Iowa' strict entorcement of the prohibition laws, claims Supt. R. N. Holsaple of the Iowa Anti-Saloon League.

Deaths from alcoholism in this state have decreased 53 per cent under prohibition's regime, according to statistics obtained by Supt. Holsaple from Dr. Raney P. Fagen, head of the state board of health.

Cirrhosis of liver deaths, due principally to excessive use of alcohol, have decreased over 12 per cent.

These figures are obtained from comparison of the years 1913, 1914 and 1915, before prohibition was in effect, with 1920, 1921 and 1922, three years of prohibition enforcement.

Tuberculosis in Iowa has decreased 45 per cent in the past ten years, according to a statement of T. J. Edmonds secretary of the Iowa Tuberculosis association, to Anti-Saloon League representatives. Much of this decrease has taken place since the enactment of prohibition and much more is due to education along the lines of the evil effects of drink.

"Practically everyone is exposed to tuberculosis," Edmonds said. "Only those escape who are able to resist it. Drink lowers resistance and is therefore a primary factor in the fight for health."

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A colored doughboy incautiously peeked over the edge of a front line trench. A sniper let fly, the bullet drilling the helmet and leaving a smoking trail in his wool.

"Woof!" remarked his buddy in awe. "Dey suttinly pahter yo' hair dat time."

"Sho' did," agreed the near-casualty, regaining his place with alacrity. "An' his boy am gwine stay sot befo' dey staht cleanin' his teeth."

The greatness of moral victory depends upon the effort it requires.

SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2-1-23 OF THE INDEPENDENT DISTRICT OF BELMOND

GENERAL FUND

Receipts—		
Received from district tax		$33000.12
Received from semi-annual apportionment		994.91
Received from state		1229.15
Received from tuition		6256.00
Received from interest on deposit		61.30
Received from other sources		505.34
		42046.82
Disbursements—		
Warrants outstanding 2-1-22	1038.03	
Paid teachers, male	6321.34	
Paid teachers, females	20116.00	
Paid secretary	125.00	
Paid for library books	86.73	
Paid for fuel, rent, repairs, insurance, janitors and general supplies	8442.74	
Paid for records and apparatus	340.46	
Paid for transportation	36.37	
Paid for other purposes	979.02	
Balance on hand 2-1-23	4561.08	
		42046.82

SCHOOL HOUSE FUND

Receipts—		
Amount on hand 2-1-22		5941.00
Received from district tax		5507.36
		11448.36
Disbursements—		
Paid on warrants for school houses and sites	1450.00	
Paid on school bonds	2000.00	
Paid interest on bonds	3106.10	
Paid interest on warrants	255.15	
Balance on hand 2-1-23	4637.11	
		11448.36
Bonds		67000.00
Outstanding warrants		7262.15

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FARM NOTES BUREAU

Lively Social in Lake Township

The farmers of Lake township held a lively social and business meeting at the Center school house last Tuesday evening when they met for their regular monthly meeting of the Lake Township Farm Bureau.

The special feature of the program was a farce in one act entitled, "How to Keep 'Em on the Farm" which was put on by local talent. The play illustrated the point so many farmers are unable to see, the advantage which comes from cooperating with the county agent and the agricultural extension department. A very interesting reading entitled "Why We Should Make the Farm Bureau Go" was given by Mrs. John Power. A few recitations and a number of musical selections were given, as well as a short talk by the county agent.

The members of the Lake Township Farm Bureau are planning a rip-rousing good meeting for their next regular meeting night which comes on the fourth Tuesday of March, or March 27. We understand that the special features of this program will be the pie supper and all the pie-faced are urged to begin practicing up because there is to be a pie eating contest in connection with this entertainment. Come forth, ye pie-face, and get your hat in the ring.

Dairy Feeding And Management Schools

On Tuesday and Wednesday, March 13th and 14th, Prof. C. B. Finley, Professor of dairy production of the extension department at Ames, will be in Wright county to conduct two dairy feeding and management schools. The object of these schools will be to bring the farmers to a better knowledge of feeds and their value in connection with dairy cattle and to assist with their individual feeding and herd problems.

It has been planned to hold two all day meetings in different sections of the county, each school to be held in the afternoons commencing at one o'clock prompt. Prof. C. B Finley will be in charge of the lectures and demonstration work and will conduct the program according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, March 13—Clarion, at the county agent's office.

Wesdnesday, March 14—Belmond, City hall.

The program which will be conducted by Prof. Finley during each afternoon will be as follows:

"Feeding Requirements of Dairy Stock," "Examination of Refugees and Concentrates," "Requirements of Dairy Ration," "Balanced Rations," lecture and discussion on "Care and Management of the Dairy Herd."

Prof. Finley will also give a demonstration on judging of dairy cattle directly after dinner if desired.

With the increasing interest which has developed along the line of dairy production, these schools should be of great value to the farmers of Wright county. All farmers who own dairy cattle or who are producing dairy products in any form should make a special effort to hear Mr. Finley. He is an authority on dairy production work and will, no doubt, have a great message for the dairy farmers of Wright county.

Bids For Austin Market

President Barney Benson, Secretary M. L. Clark and Manager E. W. Campbell of the Clarion Livestock Shipping association and the county agent spent last Monday in Austin, Minn., in a conference with the officers of the Hormel Packing company in connection with the shipments of livestock through our local shipping association.

Arrangements have been made with the Hormel Co., for shipping the livestock, which comes through the Clarion Shipping association, to the packing plant at Austin. Heretofore the bulk of livestock shipments have been billed to the Chicago livestock commission firms which of course meant an added expense in shipping charges. With the new arrangements there will, no doubt, be increased returns realized by the farmers who ship through our local association.

The Clarion Livestock Shipping association has a total of 173 farmers signed on the producer's contract which provides that each member shall ship all surplus livestock through the local association. By shipping on the contract basis, each farmer realizes the full returns of what he brings on the market. The Clarion Shipping association has been a decided success and the membership seems to be increasing continually. The success of this association is due in a large measure to the untiring efforts of the local manager, E. W. Campbell.

Soy Beans a Profitable Crop

Considerable interest has developed, especially during the last year, in connection with the growing of soy beans as a leguminous crop on our Iowa farms. Heretofore, a great deal has been said about the growth of alfalfa and the clovers for the purpose of restoring nitrogen to the soil and for furnishing protein for our feeds, but soy beans seems to be coming into its own and a great many farmers of Wright county are planning to grow the soy bean this year.

The soy beans are comparatively easy to grow and according to experiments which have been conducted at our experimental station, they contain a higher percentage of protein for animal feeds than any other leguminous crop. They may be grown on any soil which will produce corn and on even poor soil they will yield well. In the feed experiments which have been conducted at the Iowa Experiment Station it has been shown that soy beans have a protein supplement for hogs worth $156 per bushel when tankage is worth $70 a ton. The station also found that ground soy beans are worth one-third more than oil meal and they say for milk production that soy beans are worth $60 a ton when oil meal is worth $40 a ton. The poultry department of the experiment station has found that soy beans make a very good supplement for poultry to take the place of meat scraps. It has also been found that when soy beans are mixed with corn the silage yield per acre is greater than with corn alone. Many of the Wright county farmers have found by actual experiment that it is profitable to plant soy beans with corn for hogging down. Many of our farmers are now planting the soy bean for hay and find that it is about equal, pound for pound, to alfalfa. It is palatable and relished by livestock. Soy beans have a decided advantage over some of the other leguminous crops in that they will grow fairly well on soils that are too acid to produce other leguminous crops, such as alfalfa and the clovers. Another advantage of the growing of soy beans for hay is that the time for making hay comes in late August or early September when the farmer is not busy with other farm work.

The county agent has a new list of the sources of the soy bean and also a new bulletin on the growth of the soy beans and those who are interested should either call on or write for further information on this subject.

Cow Testing Association Elects Officers and Directors

The Wright County Cow Testing association which was organized a short time ago held its first regular meeting at the Belmond township hall last Saturday afternoon. March 3rd, at which the officers and directors of the organization were to be elected but there were not enough members present to hold the election and therefor this matter had to be postponed until the next meeting.

The constitution and by-laws of the organization were read and adopted at this meeting and the membership contract between the association and the individual members was signed by those who attended the meeting.

Prof C. B. Finley of the dairy department of the extension service expects to start the cow tester in Wright county about the middle of March. Those who have joined the association are very anxious that the tester begin work so that they can commence to check up on their milk records of the cows of various herds. A great many of our dairy farmers are deeply interested in knowing more about the balanced ration for dairy cows and according to Mr Finley, the tester will be able to give assistance along this line.

THE FARMER'S WIFE

Lenten dishes—During this season when so many families refrain from using meat, the housewife likes to serve a variety of fish and meat substitute dishes. These recipes may be of use:

Codfish with rice and tomatoes—Soak 1 cup codfish over night; drain brown in fat, add 1 cup cooked rice. 1 small onion, chopped fine, and 1 cup cooked tomatoes. Add seasonings and cook.

Cheese Fondu—1 cup bread crumbs 1½ cup milk, 1 cup grated cheese, 2 eggs, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon baking powder. Beat yolks until thick; add salt, crumbs, baking powder, then put in cheese and egg whites. Place in buttered pan, set in another pan containing water and bake in moderate owen.

Egg and Potato dish—In a baking pan arrange alternate layers of cold potatoes and hard cooked eggs cut in quarter inch slices; sprinkle with salt and pepper; nearly cover with white sauce. Sprinkle grated cheese over each layer; cover with toasted crumbs and bake until thoroughly heated.

Pea or bean Souffle—1 cup of pea or bean pulp, 1-3 cup bread crumbs, salt and peper to taste, 3 eggs, ½ cup milk; make the white sauce, add crumbs, pulp, beaten yolks, then the egg whites and bake until firm in moderate oven.

Cottage Cheese and Nut Roast—1 cup cottage cheese, 1 cup chopped nutmeats, 1 cup bread crumbs, 2 chopped onion, 1 tablespoonful fat, juice of ½ lemon, salt and peper. Cook onion in the fat and a little water until tender; mix other ingredients, moisten with the water in which onion was cooked. Pour in shallow baking dish and brown in the oven.

Salt as a cleanser—A solution of salt and vinegar is an excellent cleanser for water jugs, vases, pitchers. Use a desert spoonful of rough salt moistened with vinegar; put in a bottle and shake well. Then wash in warm soapsuds, rinse in warm, clear water.

Gum is removed from clothing or furniture by rubbing it gently with gasoline. The gum crumbles and then can be brushed off.

Where The Milk Went

This happened at the Chicago live stock show. A doctor stood admiring a large fat hog when a small boy standing by piped up. "That's my father's hog. The hog that won first prize."

"Wonderful," said the doctor. "Certainly a very fine hog." Then he looked at the boy. "How old are you son?" he asked.

"I'm twelve past," said the boy.

"Why," said the doctor, "you are small for a nine-year-old. What do you eat and drink?"

"Just what the rest of the folks do—bread, meat ,pie, potatoes, cake and tea."

"But" queried the doctor, "don't you drink milk?"

"Naw," said the boy in a tone of disgust, "we feed milk to the hogs."

Successful

Gubbs—There goes a man who won strictly by perseverance. Overcame all obstacles.

Dubbs—Where did he get his first lesson?

Gubbs—One windy night in trying to light a cigar. Used every match in the box but one and finally got it lit.

KLEMME VOTES FOR BETTER SCHOOLS

Times.—Klemme had an election here on Monday, February 26th, to decide the question whether the district should improve the school situation by building an addition to the old building, or to build a new fire-proof school building, or to do without either one or the other. This matter had been the main topic of conversation and many heated arguments for the past couple of weeks. The election is over but the arguments do not seem to be entirely settled with some. At any rate the taxpayers came to the rescue of the Klemme schools and voted in improvements Monday—in fact they out-did themselves in their generosity and gave Klemme two propositions for improvement.

Now we will look into the votes as they were cast. The proposition for $15,000 for an addition to the old building carried by a vote of 150 for, and 83 against, with about 7 or 8 spoiled ballots also cast. Now, there is no question but what the addition project carried. For the new building the vote stood 116 for and 113 against, carrying by three votes. There were about 13 ballots spoiled on this issue. Here is just where the argument comes in. Some claim that the proposition did carry. Others claim that it did not carry as it did not get a majority of the total ballots cast. They contend that spoiled ballots count in determing the total number of votes cast, and if this is the case, then the project lost. We have our doubts as to this, but not being an attorney of the law we are unable to give an answer to the question now puzzling the voters.

The addition received by far the greatest support of the two propositions and seems to be the choice of a large number of taxpayers. The election was a mixed up affair all the way though. Many people voted "yes" on both questions in order to be sure of getting something. Now the gang in favor of the new building claim they helped the addition, this is of course true; on the other hand many of the addition backers also helped the new project. They did this to off-set a lot of expected downers against both, but the downers did not appear in such strong force as had been expected, so really the voters raised Ned with each other and if they had voted their own project the two propositions would have come out somewhere near close.

Anyway we are glad that Klemme schools are to be improved and the coveted twelve grades installed for next year.

The vote on the new building is as follows: Men—for 68, against 70: Women—for 48, against 34. Total—for 116, against 113; with about 13 spoiled ballots.

The vote on the $15,000 addition was as follows: Men—for 93 against 55; Women—for 57, against 28; Total—for 150, against 83. About 7 spoiled ballots.

Now, what next?

GOODELL NEWS NOTES

Miss Ruth Ness was on the sick list last week.

Miss Anna Sandry returned last Friday from an extended visit with relatives in the northeastern part of the state.

Mrs. Edwin Schmalle has been on the sick list the past week

Dr. Snearly was on the sick list Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Gast and father of Garner were in Goodell on Saturday. Miss Gast is a teacher and was here looking for a location.

Master Robert Schneider had a minor operation last week. He is getting along fine.

Miss Clara Johnson, the 7th grade and 8th grade teacher, was absent from school two days on account of sickness. Mrs. H. T. Miller taught her classes while she was ill.

Owen Conwell took his mother to Goldfield on Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. O. Nelson was shopping in Belmond on Saturday.

Miss Hill went to Clarion Saturday to spend Sunday with her parents.

Mrs. Framer Cordes was in Clarion last Thursday.

The first of March Edgar Miller moved onto the Sumner Elder place east of town.

Miss Butts spent Sunday with her people at Belmond.

Miss McCormick was a Belmond shopper on Saturday.

Mrs. Wm. Beier entertained a number of her friends on Wednesday.

Friday night a large crowd enjoyed the comic play put on by the high school. The characters were well chosen and each acted his or her part well. About $65 was realized and this will be applied on the expenses of basket ball.

The basket ball game with Klemme on Feb. 28 resulted in a victory for both teams of the high school. The teams were fairly evenly matched thus making the game interesting. This closes the season for the year.

Elmer Kieninberger has moved on the Wesenberg place.

U. B. Church Notes

The Ladies Aid was entertained this week by Mrs. Elmer Schneider and Mrs. Herman Cunningham at the home of Mrs. T. R. Burgess.

The snow kept a good many away from services on Sunday.

Remember that the Sunday school meets at 9:45. Following that is preaching services at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting at the parsonage at 7:30 on Wednesday evening. Choir practice on Thursday night.

At all of these services you will be welcomed.

H. T. Miller, Pastor.

William J. Bryan says that wealth is a disease. In extreme cases we suppose he would call it elephantiasis.

Good intentions are a credit only in proportion to the success achieved in carrying them out.

Griesy's Store News

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HAVE YOU SEEN THE "SUCCESSFUL"?

That's the name of the best incubator built at any price. That's a big statement all right, but our sales the past two years must signify something. In 1922 we sold 39 of these machines. This year so far we have taken orders for 13 and 4 of these go to Mr. Ira L. Christie, who has used Successfuls for years. You should investigate before buying.

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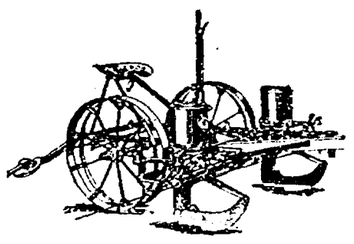

store. Whenever you are in town drop in for a talk. You will no doubt find some of your neighbors here and chances are you will pick up some information that will help you with your farming. Whenever you have time to spare come in and look over our complete line of farm equipment, especially spring lines such as Hoosier Seeders, International No. 8 Planters and P & O Cultivators. We can show you the latest thing in these machines and explain the newest and best labor saving devices. We are the exclusive agents for the complete line of International Farm Implements. We are sure you can find the machine or tool you want in the complete McCormick-Deering line.

We are not so much interested in what well-dressed men will wear this spring as in what hard-pressed men will wear

Don't do it today unless you are sure of being satisfied with it tomorrow.

For a people who boast that they "just muddle through," the British nation has achieved a good deal.

We still have a good supply of bulk seeds to select from. Prices are holding firm but it has always been our experience that the first orders get the best seed. Let us show you.

Since Coue's visit much has been said about "auto suggestion", but not a word about "drive carefully."

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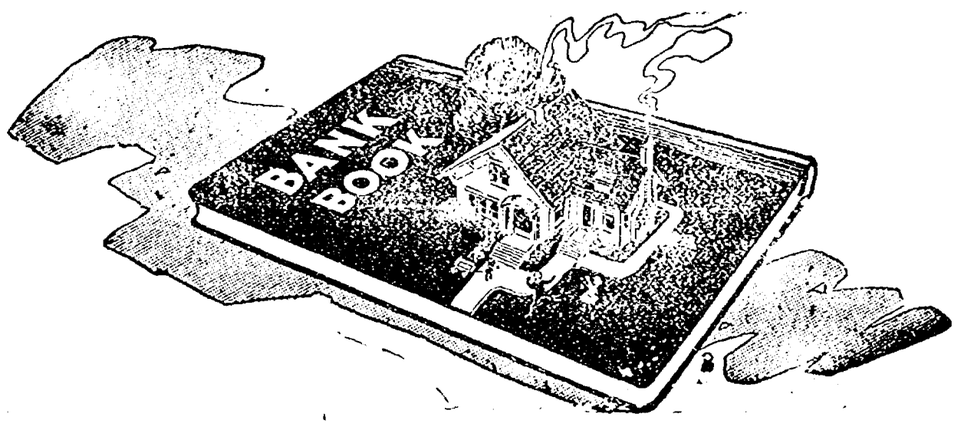

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FOR the sake of your wife, your children, yourself, start for this goal today. You realize the advantages as well as we do. And you know that saving is the easiest, quickest way to get there.

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Then you pay rent to yourself, saving for interest and principal payment. Then you will have a home and the saving habit. Decide how much you can save---say 10 per cent of of your income, deposit it regularly, and

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MESERVEY SECTION

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Enabnit and the former's mother Mrs. Robert Enabnit returned from Iowa City last Friday where Glenn had consulted a specialist regarding his health.

Conrad Bier was a Mason City caller last Friday.

K. C. Ruigh went to Waterloo Sunday on a business trip.

Misses Hawthorne and Andersen were passengers to Mason City last Saturday.

G. E. Raecker transacted business at Mason City Saturday forenoon.

Miss Jennie Meinderts was on the sick list several days last week.

Miss Amanda Raecker and H. Fischer were passengers to Mason City last Monday.

For Sale—Good bunch of Fall pigs.—U. J. Cooper, Meservey Iowa, 15tfc

For Sale--Large type Poland China gilts, some of them will weigh 350 pounds. Bred to farrow in March, April, and May. Immune.—Jacob Nissen, Meservey, Iowa.

The Helping Hand Society will meet with Mr. August Guth on Thursday March 15th, for their regular meeeting. All invited.

Mrs. Theo. Wendell was reported on the sick list several days this week.

Rev. Pannkuk and family were Mason City callers one day last week.

The Farmer's Institute put on by the G. W. R. R. company here last Friday was not very well attended, but those who availed themselves of this opportunity of hearing several good talks on "Hog Raising and Dairying," felt amply repaid for having been present. Several remarked that the talks were the best they had ever heard on these subjects. The speakers were successful Minnesota farmers who talked from actual experience.

Wanda Waddingham was quite sick several days last week.

The T. Koduce family have been suffering with the flu the past week but are on the road to recovery.

Mesdames H. F. Reif and A. E. Muller were at Thornton last Tuesday between trains, attending a special meeting of the O E. S.

Rallie and George Mossel spent the week end at the home of their sister, Mrs. Hans Miller of Klemme.

Fred Sluter was a motor passenger to Mason City last Thursday.

F. Hafferman transacted business at the county seat last Friday.

Mrs. E. G. Thomas and daughter Miss Viola were in Mason City last Saturday consulting a doctor regarding the latter's health.

L. B. Hulsebus was a Mason City and Clear Lake caller last Friday, bringing his car back, which had been laid up for repairs.

The W. C. T. U program has been postponed to March 23, owing to so much sickness in the families of those who are taking part.

The Men's Glee club of Central College, Pella, will be here on the evening of March 22, to give one of their musical programs, at the Reformed church. As many as possible should avail themselves of this opportunity and attend, as it promises to be very good.

Miss Amanda Raecker of Waverly arrived Sunday for an indefinate visit at the home of her brother G. E. and with other friends.

Miss Virginia Anderson of Thornton spent the week end at the Nels Faburg home.

The Mossel family departed last Saturday for their future home to some point in Michigan.

Dr. Agler was a Mason City caller last Saturday.

Henry Groen of Belmond called on relatives and friends here between trains, Monday.

Frank Hafferman was a business caller at Mason City last Monday.

L. B. Hulsebus ws a passenger to Mason City last Monday.

C. Bier was a business caller at the county seat on Monday.

Several members of the Heiko Kuhler family have been sick with influenza, but are recovering.

Mr and Mrs. Derk Mossel, daughters, Dorothy and Gretla, and son Herald spent the week end at the Ben Vierkant home.

Rev. A. W. Schlesselman and son Orvis motored to Mason City last Friday p. m., where the former preached at Grace Evangelical church that evening on the "Forward Movement Work.

Miss Mildred Gealow was confined to her room on Wednesday of last week owing to sickness.

G. Lauster was a passenger to Eagle Grove last Saturday where he went on a business errand. He also visited relatives at Fort Dodge on Sunday, returning Monday.

Mrs. Walter Braga attended a Women's Farm Bureau meeting held at the home of Mrs. Hans Bramson, last Friday. A demonstration on Short Cuts on sewing was given, which proved both helpful and interesting.

Miss Huenman was a Mason City caller Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Derk Mossel and children, who for the last three years lived on the Frank Hafferman farm moved to Grand Rapids Mich. to make their future home. We are sorry to have them move away and wish them happiness in their future home.

The City Council met last Monday evening for their regular session. All members present but one, and he was otherwise engaged.

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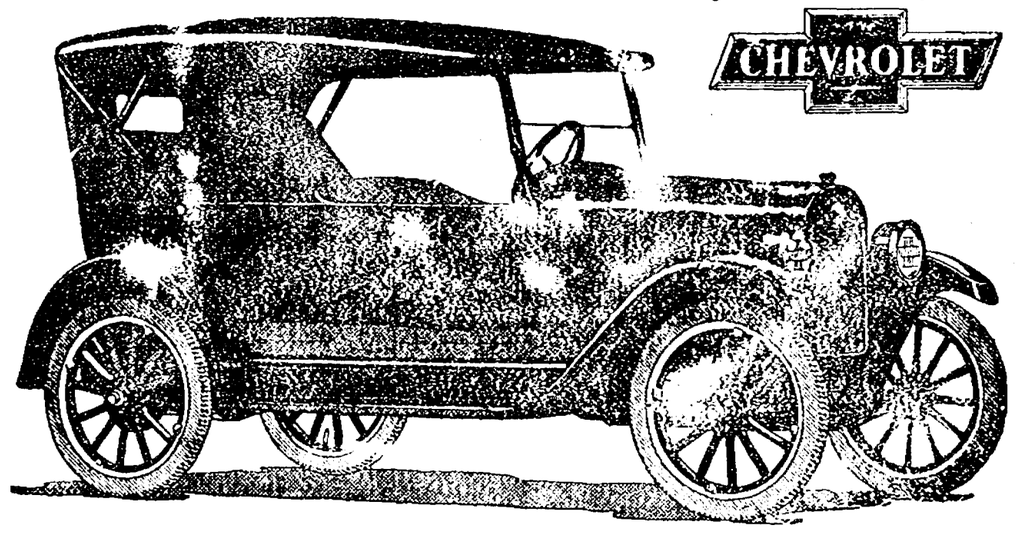

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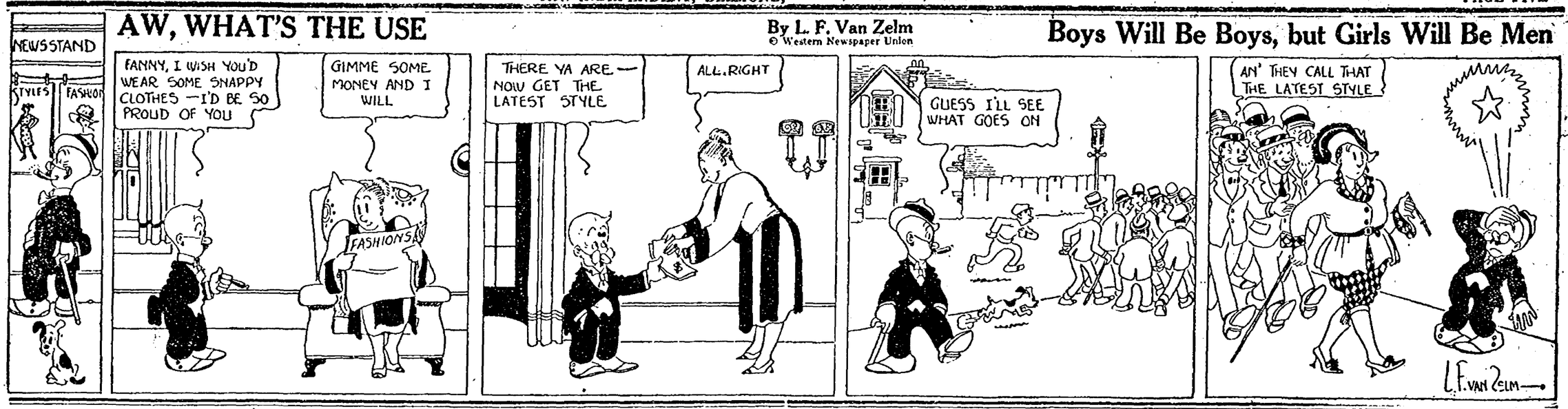

MESERVEY SCHOOL NOTES

High School Notes

The movie given last Friday night by the high school consisted of a Western picture "The Luck of Roaring Cap," scenes from the Holy Land, scenes from Culver Military Academy, and two reels showing the stages in the growth and manufacture of cotton. This is the last movie that is to be given by the high school and we desire to give a word of explanation as to our reason for discontinuing them. It was impossible to enjoy the last two movies because of persons throwing "stink bombs." It was only due to the fact that these persons were attending school that they were not turned over to the local authorities. No admission has been charged to these movies in order that all might feel free to attend. It is a fact greatly to be deplored by the community that we have in our midst people with such a perverted sense of humor that they cannot enjoy themselves without becoming not only a thorn in the flesh but a public nuisance to those about them.

Take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly. Patience has ceased to be a virtue and if at any future entertainments another episode of this nature should arise the offenders will be dealt with according to their deserts.

Grammar Room

Those having 100 in spelling for the week are Grace Boleman and Tena Pals.

Grace Boleman has been absent due to illness the past week.

The eighth grade has finished History of the United States and have taken up a new book.

Both grades have finished the study of Asia. They found this very interesting.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Sunday School 9:45 followed by regular services at 10:45 a. m.

E. L. C. E devotional 7:30 p m.

Sermon 8:00.

Wednesday German Prayer meeting 2:00 p m.

Thursday English class Prayer services 7:30 followed by choir rehearsal at 8:30 p. m.

Friday Workers Training classes 6:45 and 7:30 p m.

Saturday Catechetical instruction 2:00 p. m.

Only 4 weeks remain to complete Conf. reports. Please.

A. W. Schlesselman, pastor

AMERICAN LEGION PLAY

Josephine Friel McAlpine arrived here Tuesday February 27 to personally direct a play to be given the latter part of March by the Wm. J. Schmalle Post 171, American Legion. Great interest is being shown by the people here to make this play a big success. It is a comedy in 3 acts, entitled "Wanted —A Wife" and was written for laughing purposes only. The local talent have started on rehearsals and are well on their way to a successful performce. G. E. Raecker owner of the Meservey garage will convert his place of business into a temporary theatre, equipped with foot lights, scenery seats etc. for the occassion. This play will probably run two nights.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

Last Saturday evening about a dozen of the relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Faburg, gathered at their home south of town and carried out a surprise on Nels the occasion being his 31st birthday anniversary. The evening was spent in a pleasant social way, and was much enjoyed by those present. Ice cream and cake were served as refreshments and upon leaving the guests wished Nels many happy returns of the day.

Presiding Elder Faust of Cedar Falls will be present March 16th to hold the last quarterly meeting of the conference year. He will conduct communion services on Sunday the 18th at the Evangelical church.

Dr. Young of Thornton was a professional caller in our city several times last week.

NOTICE FOR BIDS

Bids will be received by the Trustees of Wisner Township for Road Superintendent on March 17, 1923, at the Antes school house in Wisner Township from 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 at noon.

161c W. H. Obrecht, Clerk.

Mrs. Henrietta Wilkinson who has made her home in our city the past year left last week, accompanied by her small daughter, for the home of an uncle near Klemme, for whom she will keep house the coming year. John Ruitler and family will occupy the house vacated by Mrs. Wilkinson.

Mr. Snyder, father of Mrs. M. M Hoffman north of town, arrived Saturday from Indiana, where he had spent about 14 months with other relatives and friends.

ROWAN NEWS

Mrs. B. Silvey went to Belmond Tuesday and had a troublesome tooth extracted.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Benewitz, of Iowa Falls, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Bowers Tuesday.

A fine eight and a half pound baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Box Friday night. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Chas Bowers was a Dows shopper Wednesday.

Mrs. Will Jamison and daughter, Margaret who have been visiting relatives in this vicinity the past two months, returned to their home in Idaho last Friday.

Paul Hearn, of Bristow, was an over Sunday guest with his father, Dan Hearn.

The Harold Steffens family have moved from the Frank Drury tenent house west of town to the Mrs Mary Ballou residence in north Rowan. Mr. S. Steffens has worked for Mr. Drury the past two years. A family from Belmond by the name of Thayer have hired to Mr. Drury for the coming year and have moved to the house vacated by the Steffens family.

Mrs. C. T. Halbert, who has been visiting relatives in Sioux City the past three weeks, returned home Saturday night.

Mrs. J. S. Farren has been suffering from a severe cold the past week.

Mrs. Lee Aldrich is quite seriously ill with iffu.

Little Merle Lindsey has been on the sick list the past week but is better at the present writing.

Mr. and Mrs. James Burt returned Monday of last week from their trip to Chicago.

George Pritchett was unable to attend to his duties in the Hackley Drug store part of last week on account of illness.

Mrs. Tice Streveler was called to Iowa Falls Sunday on account of the serious illness her father. She returned home Tuesday leaving him some what better.

Little Jackie McCallum is on the sick list.

Dr. Maker, of Goldfield was a Rowan caller Tuesday.

Harold, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Isenberger came down with scarlet fever Monday of last week.

Harry Rubendahl, of Dows was in town Wednesday looking for an empty house. He expects to work on the R. I. tracks if he can secure a house.

Mrs. George Whitten has been on the sick list.

Miss Effie Olson is in Hampton doing some sewing at the hospital.

Moving is the order of the day. Perry Phillis moved to the George Hake farm near Belmond. Gene Dawson moved to the house vacated by the Phillis family. Supt. Holliday moved to the house vacated by the *Dawson family and Herb Hadley* to the house vacated by the Holliday family. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Moellering moved to the Fred Brooks farm vacated by the Herb Hadley family. Alfred Boyington moved back to the farm into part of his father's house. Albin Anderson moved from the Whitten and Emerson farm to a farm near Meservey and Harry Harson moved to the farm vacated by the Anderson family. Les Andrews moved to the house vacated by the Harson family. Arthur Gardiner is moving from the Herman Pepper farm and J. J. Olson from near Dows moves there.

Mrs. Hiams has been quite ill the past week.

Mr. H. J. C Box had the misfortune to hurt his right arm quite badly last Wednesday. He was going after his school bus which he leaves in the country at night when the buggy tongue came down frightening the team and causing them to run away. He was thrown out of the buggy. Henry Azeltine has been driving his school bus since as Mr. Box is unable to use his arm.

Mrs. E. Bingham received a letter from her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Lawson Lyle who is spending the winter in Florida in which she told about a fish which they had seen which measured 45 feet in length, circumference 23 feet 9 inch, diameter, 8 feet 3 inches, weighing 15 tons or 30,000 pounds. It's mouth was 38 inches wide and 43 inches deep with a tongue 40 inches long. It's liver weighed 1700 pounds. An octopus weighing 400 pounds, a black fish weighing 1500 pounds and 500 pounds of coral was found in it's stomach. It took a number of men five days to kill it.

Mrs. James Groome finished her winters term of school last Friday in the Peterson district, southeast of Rowan. Mr. and Mrs. Groome will assist his father on his farm between Hampton and Geneva.

Carl Steffens returned home from Iowa City last Saturday. Frank Carr met him at Dows. He has been ill with an attack of grippe, or he would have been home before.

Miss Lena Klinefelter of Dows came up last Wednesday and spent several days with her sister, Mrs. Floyd Whitten.

Messrs. Hugh Whitten, Clarence Curry, and Will Whitten left Monday evening to take in the thresners convention at Des Moines

Nellie Hackley came up from Dows last Friday morning and spent the day at the Fred Hackley home.

Mrs. Ben Jorgensen received the news of the death of her sister at Schleswig, Iowa, last Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Jorgensen left Friday morning to attend the funeral.

Geo. Wood from near Vinton moved onto the farm vacated by Lars Andrews. His car of household goods came in Thursday morning.

Ray Swope and family moved last week to a farm near Clarion.

Mrs. Harry Fox and son from Iowa City spent several days last week visiting her mother, Mrs. Nels Hansen.

Mrs. W. R. McCallum entertained the members of her Sunday School class last Thursday evening in honor of Margaret Jameson, who, with her mother, left Friday for their home in Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Boyington, who live south of Galt, spent Friday at the Chas Boyington home.

Wilbur Lineweaver went to Iowa Falls Sunday. He brought Mrs. Lineweaver home Friday morning. She is improving quite rapidly from her recent operation.

Kenneth Keith, George Utz, Albert Moellering, James Kercheval, Ray Azeltin, Frank Peddle, Kenneth Ballou, Clesson Azeltine, Joe McKinley, went to Britt Friday to attend the basket ball tournament at that place. On account of the storm, Saturday they were unable to drive the cars home, so they walked to Goodell and arrived in Rowan about 5:30 p. m. on the branch train, which was five hours late, on account of the snow.

Quarterly conference will be held Monday evening, March 12th, at the M. E. church. Rev. Bushnell expects to be present at this time.

Word received from Miss Anna Brinkman at Long Beach, Calif., states that her sister, Ida has been brought home from the hospital and is improving quite rapidly.

Mrs. Clara Bailey is in the hospital at Miller, S. Dakota, taking treatment for a diseased foot.

A shower was held Monday night in the Congregational basement for Mr. and Mrs. James Burt. The evening was filled with plenty of good entertainment. Doughnuts and coffee were served. Mr. and Mrs. Burt received many useful and beautiful gifts.

Rev. Tomkinson went Tuesday morning to Emmetsburg where he was to speak in a ministerial convention.

The American Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary each held their monthly buiness meeting in the Legion hall, on Monday evening. After the business, coffee and sandwiches were served. The members of the Legion then adjourned to Brooks hall to practice for the minstrel play to be given, Friday evening, March 9th.

Mrs. James Rowan spent the first of the week with her mother at Clarion.

Next Sunday the church services are to be union meetings in the interest of Sunday School work. Prof. Holliday is the speaker for the morning hour at the Congregational church at 11:00 o'clock. Rev. Leinbach, from Belmond, will speak at 2:00 o'clock in the same church, and Rev. Halbert has charge of the evening service at 7:30 o'clock in the M. E. church.

ROWAN SCHOOL NOTES

Misses Frances Farran and Stella Emerson visited high school last week.

Several from here attended the declamatory contest at Kanawha last Friday. This was preliminary to the state contest.

James Kercheval won second place in oratorical, Mabel Aldinger won fourth place in dramatic and Kenneth Keith won fourth place in humorous. Rowan is quite proud of our contestants.

Last Friday was the last day of the six weeks. Report cards will be sent out next Monday.

The domestic science girls expect to discontinue the hot lunches unless the weather remains cold.

Edward Campbell was absent from school last week on account of the illness and death of his mother.

Miss Cowey has been rearranging the seating in the high school the past week. The Juniors had grown tired of the front seats, and wished to have the privilege of using the rear seats. So the Sophomores have been compelled to take the vacant seats of the Juniors.

ALEXANDER NEWS

Mrs. Christena Hatt of Watonna Minnesota was in town last week calling on friends. Mrs. Hatt was formerly a resident of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kieslick and Bert Kieslick were among the callers at Hampton last Friday.

Prof F. D. Murphy was at Bloomfield Iowa the last of the week on a business mission.

Arthur Winwood was a Hampton caller last Friday.

Dr. Steele of Belmond was a professional caller at Alexander Saturday.

The basket ball games of the Alexander high school, which was played Friday evening with the Latimer teams on our local floor was well attended. The Latimer teams were both defeated. The girls game was exceptionally fine the score being 8 to 22. The boys team showed unusual good team work. The score was 14 to 21. Our next game will be on Friday night when Meservey will play us on our local floor.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Sunday School 2:00 o'clock.

Preaching services 2:45 o'clock.

Our Lutheran Aid Society meets with Mrs. Henry Schimp, Tuesday afternoon March 13th.

All services will be held in the English anguage. You are invited to worship with us.

C. J. Barth, pastor.

WHAT WOULD YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR FLAG? READ THIS

What do you want to know about the flag?

If anything, read below what Miss Helen Needles, historian of Argonne Post, prepared and which has been sent to every school in Polk county:

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From 1795 to 1818 the flag had fifteen stars and stripes.

Since 1818, the flag has had a star for each state, now forty-eight stars and a stripe for each of the original thirteen colonies.

Iowa was admitted to the union in 1846.

The red stripes remind Americans of the red blood sacrified to build and protect the United States; the white stripes stand for American ideals of purity, national and personal; the blue field sparkling with a star for each one of the forty-eight commonweaths is the emblem of "true-blue" loyalty to the union and to the "Power that hath made and preserved us a nation."

The flag pledge:

"I pledge allegiance to my flag an" to the Republic for which it stands: one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

The children's pledge to the flag:

"I give my heart, my head and my hand to God and my country, one country, one language, one flag."

Own your own flag—especially for these flag days:

February 12 (1809) Lincoln's birthday.

February 22 (1732) Washington's birthday.

May, second Sunday Mother's day.

May 30 (since 1868) Memorial day.

June 14 (1777 Flag day.

July 4 (1776) Independence day.

November 11 (1918) Armistice day.

The national anthem of the United States of America is "The Star Spangled Banner."

"The Star Spangled Banner" must never be played in a medley or as an exit march.

Rules for Honors to the Flag

(A) when the flag passes by on the street and is a large flag, carried elevated on a staff as in a parade or funeral procession, if you are sitting, stand still and erect facing the flag. The man or boy in civilian clothes takes off his hat or cap with his right hand and places it against his left shoulder, standing at attention, silent. Men in uniform give right hand salute.

(B) When the flag is being hoisted or lowered, rule A also governs.

(C) When the flag is thrown on the screen at a motion picture theatre, no formal honor is required but applause is nearly always fitting and proper.

(D) Face the flag or music whenever "The Star Spangled Banner" is played or sung within hearing, and stand, head uncovered and at attention.

Note—If nobody but yourself in a street crowd removes his hat for the passing flag, and nobdy but yourself in a theater audience stands at attention for "The Star Spangled Banner," don't be a slacker and quitter. Knowledge and courage will establish the habit of flag honor in America.

1. Do not hoist the flag before sunrise nor let it remain flying after sunset.

2. Do not let the flag touch the ground when being hoisted or lowered. It should float freely at all times and if caught should be released at once.

3. Do not drape the fag; always arrange to hang in straight lines.

4. Do not use the flag as a cover for a desk, table or box. Never place anything on the flag.

5. Do not use the flag when clusters of drapings or colors are desired; use bunting or cloth.

6. Do not use the flag in whole or in part as a custome and when worn as a badge it should be small and pinned over the left breast or to the left lapel. It must never be used for advertising purposes—not even the picture of it.

7. Do not wash the flag; when soiled or old it should be decently burned.

8. Do not use the flag for decorating automobiles or bicycles, except on staff where it can fly free. Buntgin should be used for decorating.

Rules for Displaying and Using Flag

1. To hang the flag on wall horizontally (the long way of stripes) keep starry field at your upper left (as you face the flag).

2. To hang the flag on a wall vertically (the stripes running up and down), keep starry field at your upper right (as you face the flag.)

3. To hang the flag as a streamer, to be viewed from both sides, as when stretched across a street or suspended from a roof or ceiling, keep the starry field always toward the east or the north.

4. The flag must never be draped or festooned but always arranged to hang in straight lines. The flag must not be placed lower than the seats on a platform or below a person seated. It must not be used as a cover for a desk table or box.

Nothing must ever be placed on the flag unless it be the Bible. When the flag is an altar covering the starry field should be placed at the right as you face the altar.

When clusters or drapings of color are desired, bunting or cloth should be used; never use the flag.

5. When the American flag is carried with others in parade, it must have the place of honor at the right of the other flags and is never dipped. But if many other flag are carried our flag must either precede the others or be carried in the center and above the others, on a higher staff.

6. In raising other flags with ours the American flag must be above the others never below. But the church penant, which is a blue cros on a white triangle, flies above the flag during religious services in a military chapel or aboard a ship of the navy.

7. In placing the flag at half-staff always hoist to the top of the staff and then lower to position (the top of the flag one-third down from top of pole.) In lowering from half staff the flag should also first be raised to top of staff. On Memorial day the flag should be at half-mast until noon and at full staff the remainder of the day.

8. Do not hoist the fag before sunrise nor allow it to remain hoisted after sunset, except that from private flagpoles the flag may fly at all hours day or night.

9. Never allow the flag to touch the ground or floor when being hoisted or lowered. It should all times float freely and if caught be relearsed at once. Never allow the flag to lie on the floor or walk, or in the street.

10. The flag must not be worn in whole or in part as a costume, and when worn as a badge it should be small and pinned over the left breast or to the lapel. It must never be used for advertising purpose—not even a picture of it.

11. It is unlawful to trample unon mutilate or otherwise treat the flag with insult or contempt or attach to it any emblem or inscrintion whatever. Do not drive tacks in the flag.

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LEGISLATORS RECONVENED MARCH 6

(By G. L. Caswell)

Des Moines, March 8 1923.

A summary of the accomplishments of the Fortieth General Assembly up to the time of the March recess reveals even less of constructive work done than general reports indicated.. In fact, almost everything of large interest or new thought along legislative lines has been side-stepped, probably with an idea that such things can be better taken up later in the session. The result is almost a congestion of legislation to be acted upon now, in the next five or six weeks, if the session is to run no longer than the usual time—100 days.

One outstanding new departure in state government proposed is that of the permanent taxation commission worked on taxation matters, studying them in detail and visiting many other states in quest of information. The result is a long and important report of the comission, with recommendations for a complete change in the system of making assessments. Instead of each township and district corporation having an assessor, the commission plan would provide one county assessor in each county, this assessor to work the year through, on salary, and superintend the assessment of all property in the county. An assessment board in each county would be supplemented by a state assessment board or board of review, which would equalize valuations and other matters. There are petitions and protest galore against this sort of thing. Too many local assessors would be dispensed with, and then, in many localities, members of the commission say, there are assessors who are too easy and lienient with property owners in the matter of fixing valuations, and in these localities the taxpayers do not want the present system disturbed. Again, a county assessor might not be so interested in his neighbors and would dig up all the property that should be assessed. It is claimed that at present a great deal of personal property is overlooked in the assessment made. Some members of the legislature even go farther and say that if all the property that is assessable were listed as it should be, there would be a material reduction in the millage levies now made. In the end, it is the valuation of property that fixes the levies necessary. If all property is fully assessed the levy can be less; if there is much property under assessment, the millage levies must be higher. If a certain amount of public money has to be raised, the millage levy on the property as assessed is the only way to get it, excepting through special taxes.

And in special taxes, there is a disposition in this general Assembly that may be regarded by some interests as mighty dangerous. Not so much kick is heard about a possible tax on gasoline for road purpose as is heard about the proposed income tax, provide for in a bill in the House. This bill would impose a tax of one per cent per thousand dollars of income, two per cent on each two thousand dollars income, three per cent on three thousand dollars, and on up. It would also bump in corporations of the state, and in turn would hit the industries of Iowa hard. People regard corporations as the big and ugly things that run railroads, operate oil companies and steel trusts, when in fact the greater part of them are corporations in every town and city, of moderate capital and limited capacity for either making money or paying high penalty for existing. These will be hit and hit hard if the proposed special taxation bills should pass.

The taxation commission favors a gasoline tax of one cent per gallon to raise three million dollars to do away with the two-mill road tax all over the state. Other bills introduced would require a like tax for other purposes, while one bill provides for a two-cent per gallon tax and would apply the funds directly to paved trunk line roads across the state to make a net-work of hard-surfaced roads as a basis for a better roads system. Still another bill provides for cutting down the automobile license fees considerably, and this bill is favored if a gasoline tax measure is passed.

Appropriations of Millions

In their order will come up now the other large matters of the session—appropriations especially. Some thing over $31,000,000 is provided for in appropriation bills now pending. There will be an increase, it is stated, of more than $8,000,000 over the askings of two years ago. And the legislator elected on a pledge of economy and retrenchment in state and public expenses is going to have to think and study hard to find a way to get around such enomous appropriations without injuring the state at large and doing an iniustice to many interests that are building up the commonwealth. That the askings will be spared down, there can be no doubt. But it will be interesting to see where and how they can be curtailed by the statesmen now on the membership of the two houses with due regard to their campaign pledges and to the best interests of the state. It is no easy matter, and no pleasant choice to make.

In election matters but one little bill has been acted upon by both houses, and that eliminates the use of women in school elections. Twenty-five other bills dealing with elections to doing away with the primaries altogether. Thirty bills on schools and school matters are pending while courts and court procedure have attracted twenty-five more. Cities and towns and also counties and townships are affected by twenty-five other bills that are introduced, and more to come. In addition there are two score of bills in the code revision section affecting cities and towns alone.

Highway Committees Important

Roads and highways are again the center of a revolving hurricane. Thirty or forty bills pending are directed at correcting, changing, adding to or eliminating from highways and roads some of the present laws and regulations. Just where it will all end ,no man can foresee but there is hope of sane and sensible action when the radical elements are brought together in consideration of bills and propositions to be advanced by the special sub-committees of the two highways committees recently appointed. Unless these sub-committees can bring order out of the chaos that now appears in highway matters, little change or accomplishment may be expected. But the general opinion is that sensible thought and action will finally prevail as members get down to brass tacks and calm thought on the subject.

The idea that certain state departments could be consolidated or eliminated, as advanced by Governor Kendall, sounded all right when it was first spoken. But members who have given the subject much attention state that there is likely to be very little done along that line, for the very good reason that when they get to specifying which and what department shall be changed or consolidated there is a terrible protest and a showing that it cannot be done. A departmental affairs committee named by Lieut-Governor Hammill is said to have little headway toward consolidation of co-ordination of departmental, but it still has some hopes. But not even the governor can specify, they say, very many departments that can be changed from the present establishment it is easy to generalize and talk about reforms of this kind, but when it comes to action of a definite nature, something more than speech is necessary. So far the board of parole is about the only one set out for slaughter, and it is not in the best of repute among legislators.

What the Bills Concern

Another twenty-five bills introduced concern courts and the judiciary, some of them providing for additional judges in certain districts—one at Sioux City and one at Mason City having been granted. Sixteen or more new laws are proposed relating to railroads, eight to public health, half a dozen to intoxicating liquors and supression of intemperance, a dozen to state educational institutions, some to fish and game laws, and insurance, and various matters.

Thus the statement made at the beginning of this summary, that most of the big legislation proposed for this session of the Fortieth General Assembly remains to be done during the last half of the session, and it will be some diligent and much-tired legislators who return to their homes about the middle of April if they handle even a repectable part of the work outlined for them now. That they are earnest, honest and sincere men generally, goes without saying. They have only the conflicting ideas that may be expected in such a number of men representing diverse interests. Probably not a dozen of the whole number will be satisfied or pleased with what has been done when they get through, but they will feel they have done their best, whether their people appreciate it or not.

Two New Propositions

A bill to curb combinations of interests or industries to fix prices or form trusts will come out of the attorney general's office early when the legislature reconvenes this week. It will provide for a board of inquiry composed of the state railway commission and the deans of the engineering departments of the state university and state agricultural college. There has been shown a need for some such law in the matter of coal and cement industries and other lines, so it is stated. One provision is that a like price, without apparent competition, for certain products all over the state will be presumphive evidence that concerns involved are in a combination to fix prices.

Governor Kendall is said to be favoring some action that will permit the state to control and have a choice in the development of water power sites on the rivers of the state. Privileges granted to companies or corporations for valuable water power will be limited and possibly be made revenue producing in the way of an occupational tax assessed for the benefit of the state. Rivers and lakes of a certain size are by law state waters and can be used or controlled only by the consent of the state. Many companies have already secured valuable privileges on state rivers and they cannot be now interfered with, according to the governor, but new concerns can be regulated in this respect without injury to anybody.

Rural Credits Considered

With the favorable action of the U S. congress recently on the rural credits about what this legislature will do with the same matter. A rural credits bill or resolution which would amend the state constitution so that the credit of the state can be used to guarantee bond issues for the purpose of raising money to loan on real estate, has passed one house, and may pass the other. As the same resolution must pass another General Assembly and then be voted on by the people the present legislature does not feel so immediately involved in the consequences if they vote for it. The proposition is strongy favored by farmers' organizations, which gives it more than the usual strength.

Convening this week Tuesday, the General Assembly will continue in session almost uninterruptedly till about the middle of April. The question of a special session to come later in the year is up to the governor alone. Some say that Governor Kendall is not pleased with the attitude of the present General Assembly toward Code revision and that he will not call a special session on the showing so far made. There may be some politics behind the whole proposition, the writer cannot say. But there is no chance taken in saying that this regular session cannot now begin to handle the Code revision matter with any idea of finishing it this year.

SHEFFIELD BANK OFFICERS ARE IN TROUBLE

Chronicle—C. J. LeValley, cashier and C. C. Storck, assistant cashier of the recently defunct Farmers and Merchants bank at Sheffield, were arrested last Tuesday night, charged with fraudulent banking. Sheriff A. B. Atkinson took them before Judge D. W. Parks, who put both men under bonds pending their preliminary hearing which has been set for next Tuesday, March 6th, at 2:00 o'clock. Storck's bond is $2,500, and LeValley is held under $1,500.

The men who filed the complaint with County Attorney R. R. Stuart against the two bankers are Ole Koenigsberg and Roy Koenigsberg, two young farmers residing in the vicinity of Sheffield. The charge against Storck is obtaining a signature to a written promissory note by false pretenses, and the charge against LeValley is embezzlement by bailee.

It is said that many patrons of the bank were "required" to give duplicate notes to the bank when wanting a loan, officers of the bank claiming that this was necessary as security in getting the money on the notes from outside banks. Now many of those who have notes at the Farmers and Merchants Bank have been receiving notices from other concerns demanding payment of these aforesaid notes, and patrons of the bank began to see how the fraud has been worked against them. For instance a patron of the bank may actually have owed the bank $1,000, but now finds that with duplicate notes which they gave to the bank on request that they are holding the sack for several times the amount of the notes which they are actually owing the bank.

The failure of the bank is regretable in many ways. Its failure will cause ruin to many people, as it is not believed that the assets of the bank will be sufficient to even pay the court expenses of the litigation. Then there is enough evidence on the surface to indicate that the management of the bank will have a hard time explaining the many criminal charges which are likely to be brought against them.

County Attorney Stuart will appear for the state in the criminal prosecution against the bankers, and Mallory & Leming will appear for the defendants.

The arrest of C. J. LeValley, charged with embezzlement has created widespread interest over the county, and in other parts of the state where he is known. He is a former member of the legislature from Franklin county, and four years ago was floorman in the house of representatives for Governor W. L. Harding when the governor was fighting impeachment charges because of his connection with the famous Rathbun pardon case. LeValley took a poll of the house and was the first to announce that the governor had sufficient votes to defeat the impeachment charges.

REMEMBER THESE POINTS DURING INCUBATION PERIOD

Have the incubator in a well ventilated cellar with sufficient moisture and with the cellar windows open freely.

Keep the eggs for not more than ten days prior to incubating in a room with a temperature of 50 to 60 degrees F. without turning.

Use the best grade of kerosene in the machine with a new wick, properly rounded for every hatch.

If the machine is designed for moisture pens, keep about one-half inch of sand soaked with water at all times.

After eggs are put in the incubator, turn them three times a day until the first egg has pipped.

Keep the temperature of a hanging thermometer, placed half an inch above the eggs, at 103 degrees throughout the hatch.

After the hatch is half over, open the ventilator. After it is over keep the chicks in the incubator for 48 hours to dry off; but have front door open at top about an inch. keep curtain over glass in door, and use burlap in place o tray.

After the chicks have been removed to the brooder house, wash thoroughly all parts of the machine with a solution of two tablespoons of a good coal-tar disinfectant in a pail of warm water.

A Different Matter.

Daughter—Jack says he'll die if I refuse him.

Father—Let him die, then.

Daughter—Why, papa. don't you know that he's heavily insured in your company?

And Her Dignity Fled.

Dignified lady (to park attendant) —who are you to interfere with us?

Attendant—Pardon me, madam, I only wanted to put this wet paint notice on your bench.

"Do you think your husband was broadened by his European trip?"

"No—flattened."

COMBINATION SALE!

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At Case Feed Barn, Belmond, Iowa

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A large amount of goods have been listed, including a number of Brood Sows, Feeding Shoats, Milk Cows, Young Heifers, Horses, Poultry, Machinery, Grains, Hay, Hog Dipping Tank, Etc.

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Now is the time to list what you have to sell. Bring in your articles. If you have any farm machinery this is the place and time to sell it. Bring samples of your grain, hay and potatoes, and we will sell by sample.

All household goods, machinery, harness and samples will be sold Friday, March 9th. Livestock sold March 10th only.

All entries close at noon. Sale starts promptly after dinner. List your articles at once.

TERMS OF SALE: $10 and under, cash. Over that amount 9 months' time will be given on approved security at 8 per cent interest. All property to be settled for on day of sale.

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The BLIND MAN'S EYES

BY

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Gabriel Warden, Seattle capitalist, tells his butler he is expecting a caller, to be admitted without question. He informs his wife of danger that threatens him if he pursues a course he considers the only honorable one. Warden leaves the house in his car and meets a man whom he takes into the machine. When the car returns home, Warden is found dead, murdered, and alone. The caller, a young man, has been at Warden's house, but leaves unobserved

CHAPTER II.—Bob Connery, conductor, receives orders to hold train for a party. Five men and a girl board the train. The father of the girl, Mr. Dorne, is the person for whom the train was held. Philip D. Eaton, a young man, also boarded the train. Dorne tells his daughter and his secretary, Don Avery, to find out what they can concerning him.

CHAPTER III.—The two make Eaton's acquaintance. The train is stopped by snowdrifts.

CHAPTER IV.—Eaton receives a telegram addressed to Lawrence Hilliward, which he claims. It warns him he is being followed

CHAPTER V.—Passing through the car, Connery notices Dorne's hand hanging outside the berth. He ascertains Dorne's bell has recently rung. Perturbed, he investigates and finds Dorne with his skull crushed. He calls a surgeon, Dr. Sinclair, on the train.

CHAPTER VI.—Sinclair recognizes the injured man as Basil Santoine, who, although blind, is a peculiar power in the financial world as adviser to "big interests." His recovery is a matter of doubt.

CHAPTER VII.—Circumstances point to Eaton as Santoine's assailant.

CHAPTER VIII.—Eaton is practically placed under arrest. He refuses to make explanations as to his previous movements before boarding the train, but admits he was the man who called on Warden the night the financier was murdered.

CHAPTER IX.—Eaton pleads with Harriet Santoine to withhold judgment, telling her he is in serious danger, though innocent of the crime against her father. He feels the girl believes him.

CHAPTER X.—Santoine recovers sufficiently to question Eaton, who refuses to reveal his identity. The financier requires Eaton to accompany him to the Santoine home, where he is in the position of a semi-prisoner.

CHAPTER XI.—Eaton meets a resident of the house, Wallace Blatchford, and a young girl, Mildred Davis, with whom apparently he is acquainted, though they conceal the fact. Eaton's mission is to secure certain documents which are vital to his interests, and his being admitted to the house is a remarkable stroke of luck. The girl agrees to aid him. He becomes deeply interested in Harriet Santoine, and she in him.

CHAPTER XII.—Harriet tells Eaton she and Donald Avery act as "eyes" to Santoine, reading to him the documents on which he bases his judgments. While walking with her, two men in an automobile deliberately attempt to run Eaton down. He escapes with slight injuries. The girl recognizes one of the men as having been on the train on which they came from Seattle.

CHAPTER XIII.—Santoine questions Eaton closely, but the latter is reticent. The blind man tells him he is convinced the attack made on him on the train was the result of an error, the attacker having planned to kill Eaton. Santoine tells Harriet she is to take charge of certain papers connected with the "Latron properties," which had hitherto been in Avery's charge.

CHAPTER XIV.—Avery seeks to influence Harriet, as his wife to be, to give the papers to him. She refuses. Harriet is beginning to feel that her love belongs to Eaton.

This correspondence—a considerable bundle of letters held together with wire clips and the two envelopes bound with tape which she had put into the safe the day before—made up the papers of which her father had spoken to her. These letters represented the contentions of willful, powerful and sometimes ruthless and violent men. Ruin of one man by another—ruin financial, social or moral, or all three together—was the intention of the principals concerned in this correspondence; too often, she knew, one man or one group had carried out a fierce intent upon another; and sometimes, she was aware, these bitter feuds had carried certain of her father's clients further even than personal or family ruin; fraud, violence and—twice now—even murder were represented by this correspondence; for the papers relating to the Warden and the Latron murders were here. She had felt always the horror of this violent and ruthless side of the men with whom her father dealt; but now she knew that actual appreciation of the crimes that passed as business had been far from her. And, strangely, she now realized that it was not the attacks on Mr. Warden and her father—overwhelming with horror as these had been—which were bringing that appreciation home to her. It was her understanding now that the attack was not meant for her father but for Eaton.

Harriet had never believed that Eaton had been concerned in the attack upon her father, her denial of it had been checked and stifled because he would not even defend himself. She had not known what to think; she had seemed to herself to be waiting with her thoughts in abeyance; until he should be cleared, she had tried not to let herself think more about Eaton than was necessary. Though he was involved with her father in some way, she refused to believe he was against her father, but clearly he was not with him. How could he be involved, then, unless the injury he had suffered was some such act of man against man as these letters and statements represented? She looked carefully through all the contents of the envelopes, but she could not find anything which helped her.

She pushed the letters away, then, and sat thinking. Mr. Warden, who appeared to have known more about Eaton than anyone else, had taken Eaton's side; it was because he had been going to help Eaton that Mr. Warden had been killed. Would not her father be ready to help Eaton, then, if he knew as much about him as Mr. Warden had known? But Mr. Warden, apparently, had kept what he knew even from his own wife; and Eaton was now keeping it from everyone—her father included. She felt that her father had understood and appreciated all this long before herself—that it was the reason for his attitude toward Eaton on the train and, in part, the cause of his considerate treatment of him all through.

So, instead of being estranged by Eaton's manner to her father, she felt an impulse of feeling toward him flooding her, a feeling which she tried to explain to herself as sympathy. But it was not just sympathy; she would not say even to herself what it was.

She got up suddenly and went to the door and looked into the hall; a servant came to her.

"Is Mr. Avery still with Mr. Santoine?" she asked.

"No, Miss Santoine; he has gone out."

"Thank you."

She went back, and bundling the correspondence together as it had been before, she removed the books from a shelf to the left of the door, slid back another panel and revealed a second wall-safe corresponding to the one to the right of the door from which she had taken the papers. The combination of this second safe was known only to her father and herself. She put the envelopes into it, closed it, and replaced the books. Then she went to her father's desk, took from a drawer a long typewritten report of which he had asked her to prepare a digest, and read it through; consciously concentrating, she began her work. At three she heard Avery's motor, and went to the study door and looked out as he entered the hall.

"What have you found, Don?" she inquired.

"Nothing yet, Harry."

"You got no trace of them?"

"No; too many motors pass on that road for the car to be recalled particularly. I've started what inquiries are possible and arranged to have the road watched in case they come back this way."

He went past her and up to her father. She returned to the study and put away her work.

Dinner was served in the great Jacobean dining room, with walls paneled to the high ceiling, logs blazing in the big stone fireplace. As they seated themselves, she noted that Avery seemed moody and uncommunicative; something, clearly, had irritated and disturbed him; and as the meal progressed, he vented his irritation upon Eaton by affronting him more openly by word and look than he had ever done before in her presence. She was the more surprised at his doing this now, because she knew that Donald must have received from her father the same instructions as had been given herself to learn whatever was possible of Eaton's former position in life.

Before Eaton's entrance into her life she had supposed that some time, as a matter of course, she was going to marry Donald. In spite of this, she had never thought of herself as apart from her father; when she thought of marrying, it had been always with the idea that her duty to her husband must be secondary to that to her father; she knew now that she had accepted Donald Avery not because he had become necessary to her but because he had seemed essential to her father and her marrying Donald would permit her life to go on much as it was.

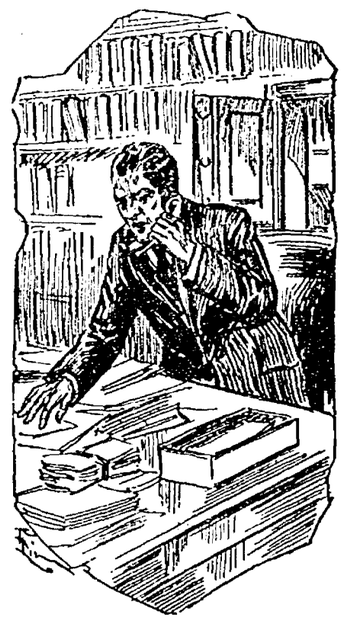
Donald had social position and a certain amount of wealth and power; now suddenly she was feeling that he had nothing but these things, that his own unconscious admission was that to be worth while he must have them, that to retain and increase them was his only object in life. She had the feeling that these were the only things he would fight for; but that for these he would fight—fairly, perhaps, if he could—but, if he must, unfairly, despicably.

She had finished dinner, but she hesitated to rise and leave the men alone; after-dinner cigars and the fiction of the masculine conversation about the table were insisted on by Blatchford. As she delayed, looking across the table at Eaton, his eyes met hers; reassured, she rose at once; the three rose with her and stood while she went out. She went upstairs and looked in upon her father; he wanted nothing, and after a conversation with him as short as she could make it, she came down again. No further disagreement between the two men, apparently, had happened after she left the table. Avery now was not visible. Eaton and Blatchford were in the music-room. With a repugnance against her father's orders which she had never felt before, she began to carry out the instructions her father had given her.

She noticed that Eaton was familiar with almost everything she had liked which had been written or was current up to five years before; all later music was strange to him. To this extent he had been of her world, plainly, up to five years before; then he had gone out of it.

She realized this only as something which she was to report to her father; yet she felt a keener, more personal interest in it than that. Harriet Santoine knew enough of the world to know that few men break completely all social connections without some link of either fact or memory still holding them, and that this link most often is a woman.

Toward ten o'clock Eaton excused himself and went to his rooms. She sat for a time, idly talking with Blatchford; then, as a servant passed through the hall and she mistook momentarily his footsteps for those of Avery, she got up suddenly and went upstairs. It was only after reaching her rooms that she appreciated that the meaning of this action was that she shrank from seeing Avery again that night. But she had been in her rooms only a few minutes when her



"Will You Come Down for a Few Minutes, Please, Harry?"

house telephone buzzed, and answering it, she found that it was Donald speaking to her.

"Will you come down for a few minutes, please, Harry?"

Some strangeness in his tone perplexed her.

"Where are you?" she asked.

"In the study."

She went down at once. As he came to the study door to meet her, she saw that what had perplexed her in his tone was apparently only the remnant of that irritation he had showed at dinner. He took her hand and drew her into the study.

"You don't mind my calling you down, Harry; it is so long since we had even a few minutes alone together," he pleaded.

"What is it you want, Don?" she asked.

"Only to see you, dear—Harry." He took her hand again; she resisted and withdrew it. "I can't do any more work tonight, Harry. I find the correspondence I expected to go over this evening isn't here; your father has it, I suppose."

"No; I have it, Don."

"You?"

"Yes; Father didn't want you bothered by that work just now. Didn't he tell you?"

"He told me that, of course, Harry, and that he had asked you to relieve me as much as you could; he didn't say he had told you to take charge of the papers. Did he do that?"

"I thought that was implied. If you need them, I'll get them for you, Don. Do you want them?"

She got up and went toward the safe where she had put them; suddenly she stopped. What it was that she had felt under his tone and manner, she could not tell; it was probably only irritation at having important work taken out of his hands. But whatever it was, he was not openly expressing it—he was even being careful that it should not be expressed. And now suddenly, as he followed and came close behind her and her mind went swiftly to her father lying helpless upstairs, and her father's trust in her, she halted.

"We must ask Father," she said.

"Ask him!" he ejaculated, "Why?"

She faced him uncertainly, not answering.

"That's rather ridiculous, Harry, especially as it is too late to ask him tonight." His voice was suddenly rough in his irritation. "I have had charge of those very things for years; they concern the matters in which your father particularly confides in me. It is impossible that he meant you to take them out of my hands like this. He must have meant only that you were to give me what help you could with them! Harry, don't you see that you are putting me in a false position—wronging me? You are acting as though you did not trust me!"

"I do trust you, Don; at least I have no reason to distrust you. I only say we must ask Father."

"They're in your little safe?"

She nodded. "Yes."

"And you'll not give them to me?"

"No."

He stared angrily; then he shrugged and laughed and went back to his desk and began gathering up his scattered papers. She stood indecisively watching him. Suddenly he looked up, and she saw that he had quite conquered his irritation, or at least had concealed it; his concern now seemed to be only over his relations with herself.

"We've not quarreled, Harry?" he asked.

"Quarreled? Not at all, Don," she replied.

She moved toward the door; he followed and let her out, and she went back to her own rooms.

CHAPTER XV

Santoine's "Eyes" Fail Him.

Eaton, coming down rather late the next morning, found the breakfast room empty. He chose his breakfast from the dishes on the sideboard, and while the servant set them before him and waited on him, he inquired after the members of the household. Miss Santoine, the servant said, had breakfasted some time before and was now with her father; Mr. Avery also had breakfasted; Mr. Blatchford was not yet down. As Eaton lingered over his breakfast, Miss Davis passed through the hall, accompanied by a maid. The maid admitted her into the study and closed the door; afterward, the maid remained in the hall busy with some morning duty, and her presence and that of the servant in the breakfast room made it impossible for Eaton to attempt to go to the study or to risk speaking to Miss Davis. A few minutes later, he heard Harriet Santoine descending the stairs; rising, he went out into the hall to meet her.

"I don't ask you to commit yourself for longer than today, Miss Santoine," he said, when they had exchanged greetings, "but—for today—what are the limits of my leash?"

"Mr. Avery is going to the country club for lunch; I believe he intends to ask you if you care to go with him."

She turned away and went into the study, closing the door behind her. Eaton, although he had finished his breakfast, went back into the breakfast room. He did not know whether he would refuse or accept Avery's invitation; suddenly he decided. After waiting for some five minutes there over a second cup of coffee, he got up and crossed to the study.

"I beg pardon, Miss Santoine," he explained his interruption, "but you did not tell me what time Mr. Avery is likely to want me to be ready to go to the country club."

"About half-past twelve, I think."

"And what time shall we be coming back?"

"Probably about five."

He thanked her and withdrew. He did not look back as Miss Davis closed the door behind him; their eyes had not met; but he understood that she had comprehended him fully. Today he would be away from the Santoine house, and away from the guards who watched him, for at least four hours, under no closer espionage than that of Avery; this offered opportunity—the first opportunity he had had—for communication between him and his friends outside the house.

He went to his room and made some slight changes in his dress; he came down then to the library, found a book and settled himself to read. Toward noon Avery looked in on him there and rather constrainedly proffered his invitation. Eaton accepted, and after Avery had gone to get ready, Eaton put away his book. Fifteen minutes later, hearing Avery's motor purring outside, Eaton went into the hall; a servant brought his coat and hat, and taking them, he went out to the motor. Avery appeared a moment later, with Harriet Santoine.

She stood looking after them as they spun down the curving drive and onto the pike outside the grounds; then she went back to the study. She dismissed Miss Davis for the day, and taking the typewritten sheets and some other papers her father had asked to have read to him, she went up to him.

Basil Santoine was alone and awake.

"What have you, Harriet?" he asked.

She sat down and glancing through the papers in her hand, gave him the subject of each; then at his direction she began to read them aloud. As she finished the third page, he interrupted her.

"Has Avery taken Eaton to the country club as I ordered?"

"Yes."

"I shall want you to go out there in the afternoon; I would trust your observation more than Avery's to determine whether Eaton has been used to such surroundings."

She read another page, then broke off suddenly.

"Has Donald asked you anything today, Father?"

"In regard to what?"

"I thought last night he seemed disturbed about my relieving him of part of his work."

"Disturbed? In what way?"

She hesitated, unable to define even to herself the impression Avery's manner had made on her. "I understood he was going to ask you to leave it still in his hands."

"He has not done so yet."

"Then probably I was mistaken."

She read again for half an hour after luncheon, finishing the pages she had brought.

"Now you'd better go to the club," the blind man directed.

She put the reports and letters away in the safe in the room below, and going to her own apartments, she dressed carefully for the afternoon.

As she drove down the road, she passed the scene of the attempt by the men in the motor to run Eaton down. The indefiniteness of her knowledge by whom or why the attack had been made only made it seem more terrible to her. Unquestionably he was in constant danger of its repetition, and especially when—as today—he was outside her father's grounds. Instinctively she hurried her horse. She stopped at the clubhouse only to make certain that Mr. Avery and his guest were not there; then she drove on to the polo field.

As she approached, she recognized Avery's lithe, alert figure on one of the ponies; with a deft, quick stroke

As She Approached She Recognized Avery's Lithe, Alert Figure on One of the Ponies.

he cleared the ball from before the feet of an opponent's pony, then he looked up and nodded to her. Harriet drove up and stopped beside the barrier; people hailed her from all sides, and for a moment the practice was stopped as the players trotted over to speak to her. Then play began again, and she had the opportunity to look for Eaton. Her father, she knew, had instructed Avery that Eaton was to be introduced as his guest; but Avery evidently had either carried out these instructions in a purely mechanical manner or had not wished Eaton to be with others unless he himself was by; for Harriet discovered Eaton standing off by himself. She waited till he looked toward her, then signaled him to come over. She got down, and they stood together following the play.

"You know polo?" she questioned him, as she saw the expression of appreciation in his face as a player daringly "rode-off" an antagonist and saved a "cross." She put the question without thought before she recognized that she was obeying her father's instructions.

"I understand the game somewhat," Eaton replied.

"Have you ever played?"

"It seems to deserve its reputation as the summit of sport," he replied.

He answered so easily that she could not decide whether he was evading or not; and somehow, just then, she found it impossible to put the simple question direct again.

"Good! Good, Don!" she cried enthusiastically and clapped her hands as Avery suddenly raced before them, caught the ball with a swinging, backhanded stroke and drove it directly toward his opponent's goal. Instantly whirling his mount, Avery raced away after the ball, and with another clean stroke scored a goal. Everyone about cried out in approbation.

"He's very quick and clever, isn't he?" Harriet said to Eaton.

Eaton nodded. "Yes; he's by all odds the most skillful man on the field, I should say."

The generosity of the praise impelled the girl, somehow, to qualify it. "But only two others really have played much—that man and that."

"Yes, I picked them as the experienced ones," Eaton said quietly.

"The others—two of them, at least—are out for the first time, I think."

They watched the rapid course of the ball up and down the field, the scurry and scamper of the ponies after it, then the clash of a melee.

Two ponies went down, and their riders were flung. When they arose, one of the least experienced boys limped apologetically from the field. Avery rode to the barrier.

"I say, any of you fellows, don't you want to try it? We're just getting warmed up."

Avery looked over to Eaton and gave the challenge direct.

"Care to take a chance?"

Harriet Santoine watched her companion; a sudden flush had come to his face, which vanished, as she turned, and left him almost pale; but his eyes glowed. Avery's manner in challenging him, as though he must refuse from fear of such a fall as he just had witnessed, was not enough to explain Eaton's start.

"How can I?" he returned.

"If you want to play, you can," Avery dared him. "Furden"—that was the boy who had just been hurt—"will lend you some things; his'll just about fit you; and you can have his mounts."

Harriet continued to watch Eaton; the challenge had been put so as to give him no ground for refusal but timidity.

"You don't care to?" Avery taunted him deftly.

"Why don't you try it?" Harriet found herself saying to him.

He hesitated. She realized it was not timidity he was feeling; it was something deeper and stronger than that. It was fear; but so plainly it was not fear of bodily hurt that she moved instinctively toward him in sympathy. He looked swiftly at Avery, then at her, then away. He seemed to fear alike accepting or refusing to play; suddenly he made a decision.

"I'll play."

He started instantly away to the dressing rooms; a few minutes later, when he rode onto the field, Harriet was conscious that, in some way, Eaton was playing a part as he listened to Avery's directions.

Avery appointed himself to oppose Eaton wherever possible, besting him in every contest for the ball; but she saw that Donald, though he took it upon himself to show all the other players where they made their mistakes, did not offer any instruction to Eaton. One of the players drove the ball close to the barrier directly before Harriet; Eaton and Avery raced for it, neck by neck. Eaton by better riding gained a little; as they came up, she saw Donald's attention was not upon the ball or the play; instead, he was watching Eaton closely. And she realized suddenly that Donald had appreciated as fully as herself that Eaton's clumsiness was a pretense. It was no longer merely polo the two were playing; Donald, suspecting or perhaps even certain that Eaton knew the game, was trying to make him show it, and Eaton was watchfully avoiding this. Just in front of her, Donald, leaning forward, swept the ball from in front of Eaton's pony's feet.

For a few moments the play was all at the further edge of the field; then the ball crossed with a long curving shot and came hopping and rolling along the ground close to where she stood. Donald and Eaton raced for it.

"Stedman!" Avery called to a teammate to prepare to receive the ball after he had struck it; and he lifted his mallet to drive the ball away from in front of Eaton. But as Avery's club was coming down, Eaton, like a flash and apparently without lifting his mallet at all, caught the ball a sharp, smacking stroke. It leaped like a bullet, straight and true, toward the goal, and before Avery could turn, Eaton was after it and upon it, but he did not have to strike again; it bounded on and on between the goal-posts, while together with the applause for the stranger arose a laugh at the expense of Avery. But as Donald halted before her, Harriet saw that he was not angry or discomfited, but was smiling triumphantly to himself; and as she called in praise to Eaton when he came close again, she discovered in him only dismay at what he had done.

The practice ended, and the players rode away. She waited in the clubhouse till Avery and Eaton came up from the dressing rooms. Donald's triumphant satisfaction seemed to have increased; Eaton was silent and preoccupied. Avery, hailed by a group of men, started away; as he did so, he saluted Eaton almost derisively. Eaton's return of the salute was openly hostile. She looked up at him keenly, trying unavailingly to determine whether more had taken place between the two men than she herself had witnessed.

"You had played polo before—and played it well," she charged. "Why did you want to pretend you hadn't?"

He made no reply. As she began to talk of other things, she discovered with surprise that his manner toward her had taken on even greater formality and constraint than it had had since his talk with her father the day before.

The afternoon was not warm enough to sit outside; in the club house were gathered groups of men and girls who had come in from the golf course or from watching the polo practice. She found herself now facing one of these groups composed of some of her own friends, who were taking tea and wafers in the recess before some windows. They motioned to her to join them, and she could not well refuse, especially as this had been a part of her father's instructions. The men rose, as she moved toward them, Eaton with her; she introduced Eaton; a chair was pushed forward for her, and two of the girls made a place for Eaton on the window seat between them.

As they seated themselves and were served, Eaton's participation in the polo practice was the subject of conversation. She found, as she tried to talk with her nearer neighbors, that she was listening instead to this more general conversation which Eaton had joined. She saw that these people had accepted him as one of their own sort to the point of jesting with him about his "lucky" polo stroke for a beginner; his manner toward them was very different from what it had been just now to herself; he seemed at ease and unembarrassed with them. One or two of the girls appeared to have been eager—even anxious—to meet him; and she found herself oddly resenting the attitude of these girls. Her feeling was indefinite, vague; it made her flush and grow uncomfortable; to recognize dimly that there was in it some sense of a proprietorship of her own in him which took alarm at seeing other girls attracted by him; but underneath it was her uneasiness at his new manner to herself, which hurt because she could not explain it. As the party finished their tea, she looked across to him.

"Are you ready to go, Mr. Eaton?" she asked.

"Whenever Mr. Avery is ready."

"You needn't wait for him unless you wish; I'll drive you back," she offered.

"Of course I'd prefer that, Miss Santoine."

Continued next week.

Belmond Local News

Order your baby chicks now.—Earl Martin. Phone 2908 166c

Mrs. Wm. Parker was a visitor with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rourk, and sister, Mrs. Gilligan and husband, at Kanawha last week.

A dance party was given at the Chas Gealow home Tuesday night. Some two dozen young people were present and enjoyed a fine time.

Miss Ida Tyrrell has been on the sick list the past week, being unable to attend to her millinery store duties.

Mrs. John Lieuwen was a visitor last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mark Baker, of Kanawha.

When you are in the market for a used car, see us first and save money.—Belmond Auto Co.

Chas Waltz of Belmond visited friends at Kanawha last week.

All the latest and most up-to-date millinery is now on display at The Hat Shoppe.

The little daughter of John Greenlander had the misfortune to injure one arm in a fall last week.

Josephine Friel McAlpin is directing a Legion play at Meservey, to be given in a couple of weeks. The play is "Wanted—A Wife."

Have you seen our Special $23.50 Suits with Extra Pants? If not, let us show you one.—New Belmond Tailor Shop. South of Case Hotel Phone 28. 16tfc

J. J. Flynn returned Sunday from Rochester, where he recently underwent an operation for goitre. He is recovering very nicely from the ordeal. Mrs. Flynn, who was with him, returned home last Friday.

George Burkett of Mason City was calling on old friends here last Thursday. Mr. Burkett was formerly a resident of this vicinity.

J. W. Sheriff who has been visiting relatives and old friends at his old home in Pennsylvania the past two months, is expected home in the near future.

Wanted—Old magazines and books —American Legion Auxiliary, Rowan, Iowa 163*

The Independent owes an apology to Miss Gladys Keiser, for leaving off her name as one of the surviving children of A. A. Keiser, in the obituary last week.

Lars Grindem of Kanawha was transacting business here last week one day. Mr. Grindem moved the first of March to Goodell where he is now residing.

Mrs. Wm. Gealow of Meservey returned home Monday. She had been here since last Thursday helping her daughter, Mrs. Peter Kalkwarf move and get settled.

Lou Sherman, editor of the Goldfield Chronicle, was a business caller in town last Friday. Mr. Sherman has one of the livest little towns in Iowa to work in and gets out a very creditable paper. He accompanied Dr. Maker, who drove over this way on professional business.

Don't forget, folks, our rye bread is the old kind. Try a loaf. Have you tried our cream bread, it is sure a fine bread.

Come in and look us over. Everything clean and shining. Finest looking bakery in Iowa.

Belmond Bakery

It was certainly a fine snow storm this vicinity experienced last Saturday afternoon and evening. The snowfall, which was almost a half rain, was the heaviest of the winter, and blockaded the roads for anything but sleighs, which were numerous the following few days. A number of folks who had driven to Britt to attend the basket ball tournament, had to leave their cars there as the roads were impassable The snow being wet, packed hard, and Monday morning saw Main street lined with shovel wielders.

Miss Helen Elder has been having a siege of the mumps but is improving now.

We have some elegant northern spring wheat at the mill. Good for seed.—T. S. Wallace & Co. 162c

Louie Tokman returned yesterday from Minneapolis, where he had been the past several days on business affairs.

Mr. C. M. Morse is teaching the fifth grade at school this week during the illness of the regular teacher, Miss Rohrback.

Mrs. O. Nelson of Goodell was among the out of town shoppers here last Saturday.

Miss Bernice Butts, who is teaching in the Goodell school, spent the week end with her mother here.

Herman Schultz returned from his trip to Toledo Ohio last Thursday.

Mrs. R. E. Lee Aldrich is reported as being quite ill with the prevailing flu or grippe.

Rev. S. U. Leinbach will speak at union church meetings at Rowan next Sunday, his address being at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

John Thayer has hired out to Frank Drury of near Rowan for the coming year, and moved his family there last week.

Our Evergood Chick Feed is now on the market. No better chick feed made.—T. S. Wallace & Co. 152c

You will find new spring hats with style and distinction at The Hat Shoppe.

Miss Nettie Benson was a Mason City caller last week.

Mrs. J. B. Spitler was a guest of Klemme friends a couple days last week.

When you are in the market for a used car, see us first and save money.—Belmond Auto Co.

Now is the time to buy Garden Seed, while the stock is complete. We have Northrup, King and Ferry in packets, and the Leonard Garden seeds in bulk. They are all good as the best.—Johnson & Wright. 152c

Have you paid your subscription to the Independent? Look at the date on your paper, just after your name. If you are in arrears, we would appreciate having you drop in and settle; because like everybody else, we need the money. You save 25 per cent by paying in advance. Our hours are any time to suit you.

FOUR RED REGISTERED SHORT HORN BULLS 8 TO 10 MONTHS OLD WILL BE SOLD AT THE COMBINATION SALE SATURDAY MARCH 10—JOHN MACK.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dorr from Clarion were here visiting friends and relatives the first of the week.

Mrs. Tom Tyrrell and Miss Ida Tyrrell went to Mason City Monday where Miss Tyrrell consulted the specialist who operated on her nose some time ago. Miss Tyrrell is not getting along as well as she should since her operation.

MINISTERIAL MEETING

The Wright County Ministerial association will hold their March meeting at the Church of Christ, Clarion, Tuesday March, 13.

The morning session will be given over to a discussion of "Are the Teaching of Jesus Practicable in Modern Business Life?" Led by H. L. Lewis of Clarion.

The afternoon will be taken up with a discussion of "Babbitt". Led by Rev. Tompkinson of Rowan.

The Ministers will lunch togather at the noon hour.

SATURDAY SPECIALS

Cream Puffs, 40c per dozen.

Fruit cookies—Orange, 20c per dozen.

Fruit Cookies—Lemon, 20c per dozen.

Fruit Slices—Different kinds of fruit, 25c per dozen.

Oat meal cookies, 25c per dozen.

Honey cream squares, something new and fine—25c per dozen.

Belmond Bakery.

Mrs. Will Buchanan was a caller at Goodell one day last week.

L. Collins went to Chicago Saturday with some stock.

Miss Doris Bailey was home over Sunday.

Virgil Steffens of Ames was a week end visitor here with friends last week.

Miss Cora Johnson of Kanawha was at visitor with Mabel Cramer last week.

Mrs. Carrie Sheffield was a visitor here from Fort Dodge a couple of days last week.

Mrs. W. A. Wilkinson has been among those on the sick list the past week.

"Bill" Nelson is out again after a hard tussle with the grippe the past week.

John Harwalt returned Monday from Austin Minnesota, where he had been helping Bob Reed move.

Mrs. J. S. White has been quite ill the past week with the prevailing grippe.

Mrs. Will White returned Tuesday from her visit with relatives in the southern part of the state.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. church will hold their yearly Thank Offering at the church on Sunday, March 18, when the society will have charge of the services.

The Community club will hold a basket social on Tuesday, March 20th. This announcement ought to be of interest, because everything the Community club does is always worth attending. More particulars about this social given next week. Watch for them.

Mrs. J. F. Howell of Rowan was a caller in town yesterday.

FOR SALE

My Percheron stallion "Brilliant," foaled April 23, 1921. Recorded No. 171070. Sired by Bildoqust No. 87594. Dam of Brilliant No. 171070, Fanchette 111403, by Hildalgo 82353 —75299. The reason for selling is to make room. This stallion is clean and right in every way and will make a ton horse, or better.

JOE SUNTKEN
16tfc Alexander, Iowa.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING BELMOND INDEPENDENT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Independen District of Belmond, in the county of Wright, state of Iowa, that the annual meeting of said district will be held at Belmond City hall on the 2nd Monday in March 1923 at 1:00 o'clock p. m. and closing at 6:00 o'clock p. m.

A director will be named for a term of three years to succeed A. L. Luick, one for three years, to succeed Wallace R. Ramsay and a Treasurer for three years to succeed C. O. Fitts.

The meeting will be open for the transaction of such business as may legally come before it.

Cato. C. Griesy.
Secretary.

February 23, 1923.

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FOR SALE

For Sale—Registered Short Horn bulls, red, 8 to 12 months.—John Mack. Phone 3306. 12tfc

For Sale—Rhode Island Red cockerels, Rose and single comb. W. J. Hartfelder, Meservey, Iowa. tfc

For Sale—Bronze turkeys, young hens and toms. Samuel Crabtree, Clarion, Ia. 14.4pd

For Sale—Brood sows for sale. Due to farrow in April. Cholera immune. Will sell by weight. Inquire.—M. Halfwassen. Meservey Ia 14tfc

For Sale—Single Comb White Leghorn eggs for hatching from best laying strain of full blood stock. $4 per hundred. phone 2112.—Mrs. C. C. Parks, Belmond. 153*

For Sale—A residence property in north part of town.—J. R. Thayer, Belmond. 154c

For Sale—One Bourbon Red and one Mammouth Brown Turkey Tom. Will sell reasonable if taken at once.—Helland Bros. Phone 1704, Belmond. 152*

For Sale—A fine five year old mare, and a quantity of choice hay. Inquire at this office. 163c

For Sale—Baby chicks of the Barred Plymouth Rock breed. Inquire of Mrs. J. H. Fetrow. Phone 332. 162c

Winner of the Register Tribune $500.00 Grand prize in the $1000.00 Iowa Slogan Contest, will be announced in next Sunday's Des Moines REGISTER

FOR SALE

Spotted Poland China Brood Sows, all pedigreed stuff, at farmers' prices.
152c Heath & Box, Rowan Ia.

Good Hay for sale. $11 per ton. Inquire of M. Halfwassen. 162c

WANTED

Wanted—Married man to work on the farm. Good wages. Inquire of Independent. 152*

Wanted—Girl for general house work. Inquire at Independent. 16tfc

Wanted—Experienced farm hand. Married man preferred. Inquire at Independent. 161c

MISCELLANEOUS

Dead animals removed from your premises FREE.—Belmond Rendering Works. Phone 2119. 48tfc

Buy your milk and cream from T. B. tested cows, milk 10c qt., 5c pint; cream 60c qt., 30c pint, delivered. phone 1205.—Kurtz Dairy. For sale at Robinson's and Cash Market.

Mrs. Angie Walton was visiting relatives here over the week end. She will return to her claim at Camp Crook, South Dakota, this month.

We make a fine Hen Scratch Feed. None better.—T. S. Wallace & Co. 152c

The Gift Shop

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Special bargains in Embroidery Floss to Every Purchaser of Any Stamped Article.

Mrs. W. E. Stevens

Belmond, Iowa

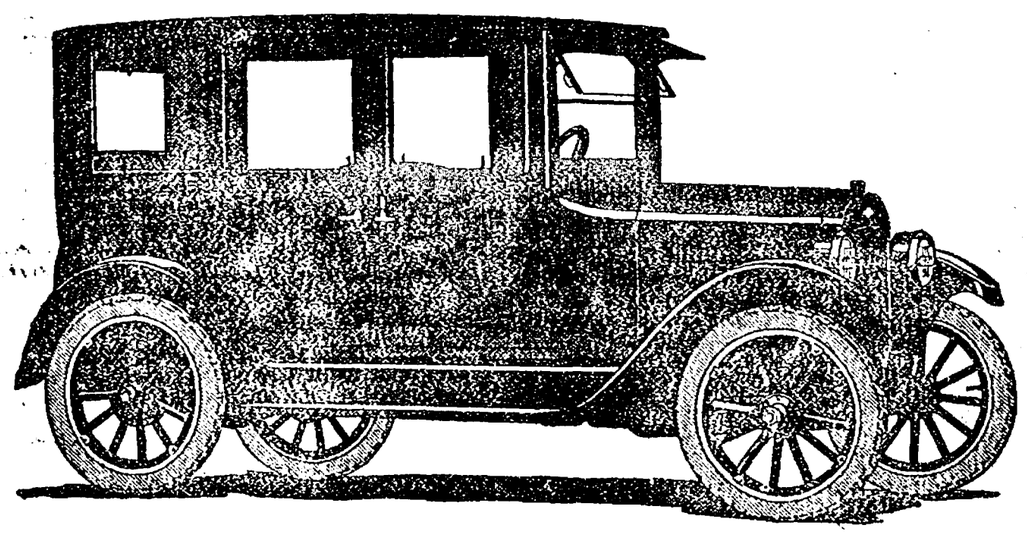
Kinseth's Store News

Don't forget those crackers at 48 cents a box, or the dark syrup at 48 cents either.

This is going to be canned goods week, and we want you to take particular notice of the real honest-to-"goodness" prices that we are making you on canned goods. Now don't get the idea, folks, that just because the price is low that the quality is too, because it isn't. Every can that goes out of our store is quality stuff, and if it isn't you just bring it back and we'll give you either your money back or another can, just as you prefer.

We are offering you this week canned peaches either whole or in slices, black berries, apricotes and Logan berries at 28 cents a can, and plums at a quarter. Besides many others. You know how a few cans of good fruit give you an easy sort of feeling when company comes, or when that vexing question of "what shall I have" comes up, as it does. Better get a few cans at these bargain prices.

And above all, for goodness sake don't forget the store on the corner and be a wise one by saving your money.



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COMMUNITY CLUB BASKET SOCIAL MARCH 20

Belmond Loses To Spirit Lake Team

Belmond Boys Put Up Game Fight But Uncanny Basket Shooting Beats Them.

WIN 15 OUT OF 16 GAMES

Belmond's basket ball team met their first defeat of the season last Saturday morning, at the Fort Dodge tournament when Spirit Lake won over them by the heavy score of 46 to 19.

The boys put up a good game, fighting hard, but they were up against a superior outfit, and went down with colors flying. The Spirit Lake team is a cracking good bunch and their specialty is long baskets. With this "heavy artillery" they bombarded the home boys thruout the game, and the boys could not bring a defense to break it. The game started by Belmond scoring the first points, but Spirit Lake rapidly took the lead and held it thruout the rest of the game. Regardless of what position they held on the floor, the Spirit Lake team were able to cage baskets, Madsen being the star for the Spirit Lake tossers.

Spectators at the game state that Belmond was faster, their team work as good, and on short shots they were better than their opponents, but the ability of the Spirit Lake players to throw baskets from long range was far superior and concentrating on this superiority they easily took the game.

In the tournament Belmond drew a bye, and did not play the first day. Spirit Lake eliminated Boone 21 to 12 Friday afternoon. In the evening, Alton walloped Vail 33 to 19, and Laurens took the Fort Dodge team into camp 25 to 24 in an exciting and bitterly contested battle which was the best game of the tournament. Saturday morning Laurens defeated Alton, 28 to 23, and in the evening Spirit Lake defeated Laurens 32 to 26, thus taking the tournament.

Belmond is not feeling blue over the defeat of the boys. They have created a record this season of which any team in Iowa could well be proud. They won every game played up to the Fort Dodge tournament, their percentage of points over their opponents being about 2 to 1. The Belmond team is a fast, hard-playing bunch, and Belmond is exceedingly proud of the record they have made and of the clean sportsmanship they have displayed in every game. They have played hard, and played square. All honor to them!

U. S. EATING MORE SUGAR THAN DECADE AGO

Sugar now is being consumed in the United States at the rate of 5,500,000 tons (raw) annually, an increase of 44 per cent in comparison with pre-war years, according to a survey just completed by the Department of Commerce. Consumption averaged but 3,800,000 tons a year from 1923 to 1914.

The United States leads all other countries in the amount of sugar consumed, the official survey shows.

India stands second on the list. India's present rate of consumption is 3,000,000 tons a year, which is a decrease from the pre-war consumption rate of 3,270,000 tons.

England's present consumption is at the rate of 1,750,000 tons a year, an increase of but 1 per cent in comparison with 1912-14.

Germany ranks with India in being the only other principal nation to reduce consumption. Germany is eating at the rate of 1,400,000 tons a year, compared with 1,460,000 tons from 1912 to 1914. The rate of decrease is 4 per cent.

France, Japan, Brazil and Italy use but small amounts of sugar in comparison with the United States, although consumption is increasing in each. France is eating 850,000 tons a year, Japan 600,000 tons, Brazel 380,000 tons and Italy 315,000 tons.

Italy is increasing her consumption of sugar at a rate greater even than that of the United States. From 1912 to 1914 Italy averaged but 175,000 tons a year. The present rate of consumption is 80 per cent greater than the previous rate—Chicago Examiner.

HIRE TWO NEW SALESMEN

The Belmond Auto Co., has employed two new salesmen to go out and sell Ford cars, trucks and tractors. The two are H. L. Hadley, who has been living near Rowan, and Dave Pierce. Mr. Hadley will work the territory south, and Mr. Pierce will work north, from Belmond Mr. Tokman will continue on the selling end, but cannot cover all the territory, hence the new salesmen.

FORMER BELMOND TEACHER HURT IN AUTO MISHAP

The following from the Forest City "Summit" will be of interest to many Belmond people, as it concerns a former teacher of our schools, Miss Edna Stedman:

Miss Edna Stedman, domestic science teacher in the schools, met with an accident last Saturday between here and Miller that kept her out of school Monday. She had been to Belmond, having gone the day before where she had left her Ford coupe last fall and was driving the car to Forest City. The blinding snow storm overtook her, and those who remember what the conditions were Saturday afternoon, will realize that it was no easy task to drive facing the storm, even in a closed car. The snow made it almost impossible to see, and when she met a car she gave too much of the road and her car tipped over the grade. The people in the other car, did not see the accident.

She went to a nearby farm house in the hope of being able to telephone for help, but found that the people had no phone. Here she discovered that she had a badly cut knee, the broken glass having cut a long deep gash. She bound up the wound and went to the road to wait the coming of some passing car Frank P. Oleson's car finally brought her to town and others went out after the coupe. It was necessary to take four stitches in the wound on her limb, but otherwise she was very little injured, and she resumed her work at the schools Tuesday.

MONTICELLO MUSIC IN BIG DEMAND IN EASTERN COUNTIES

Monticello, Ia., March 10.—The boys' and girls' glee clubs of the Monticello High school will present an operetta; "The Maid and the Middy" in a few weeks. The cast has been chosen, and rehearsals began this week. Included in the cast will be a boys' chorus of twenty members and a girls' chorus of forty members.

The operetta is under the direction of Miss Mildred Baumgardner, music supervisor in the high school. The receipts will be donated toward the expenses of the high school annual.

The Monticello Concert band is in demand for indoor concerts. Last week the band appeared at Hopkinton, and also at Monticello, and next week it will fill an engagement at Scotch Grove. The organization may give other concerts before the weather permits outdoor programs. At its three entertainments it has been assisted by William Weatherwax of Cedar Rapids and Messrs. Beitz and Blanchard of Hopkinton. The local concert was given for the benefit of the American Legion.

Frank Royden is director of the band, which is made up of thirty musicians from Monticello and vicinity.—Sunday Register.

C. T. ENGER BUYS OUT LOCAL OIL STATION

C. T. Enger last week completed a deal whereby he becomes chief owner of the Belmond station of the Shaffer Oil & Refining Co., possession being taken at once. The oil station under the new management will be known as the Belmond Deep Rock Oil Co., Deep Rock being the name of the gasoline handled. It is understood that the new company will be incorporated, with a board of directors composed of Belmond men. Chris is a live wire and will be a hustler for business.

ST OLAF CHURCH NOTES

Next Sunday services will be conducted by the lay brethern in the Norwegian language at 11:00 o'clock You are invited and requested to come to the service and take someone with you.

TRINITY CHURCH NOTES

Thursday evening prayer meeting at the home of John Shurson.

Saturday the class meets at 10:00 o'clock at the church.

Sunday school at the usual time, 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

Divine service at 11 o'clock. At 7:30 service will be conducted in the Norwegian language.

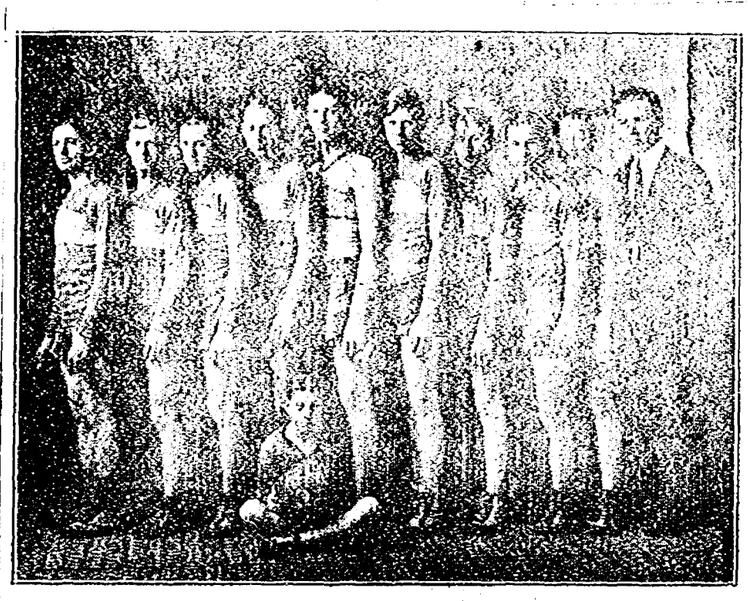
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

We are hoping for better health, better roads and then better attendance soon. The services Sunday were well attended, but many of the "regulars" were not present.

The Ladies Missionary society are planning a special program for the 22nd. A full program will be given in next week's paper.

We hope to see at least 100 at Sunday School next Sunday. Morning worship at 11, evening services at 7:30.

Easter will soon be here with its special services. Let us make the day's service one of great inspiration. Anyone desiring to come into the church at Easter time should speak to the pastor before that time.



BELMOND'S WINNING BASKET BALL TEAM

Left to right—Parsons, Madsen, Christie, Tyrrell, Vestweber, Sam Leinbach, Roger Leinbach, Thiltgen, Stapley, Coach Pals. Seated—Kenneth Nourse.

RECORD OF GAMES

Belmond 30, Meservey 5.	Belmond 19, Sheffield 18.
Belmond 28, Sheffield 20.	Belmond 27, Kanawha 11.
Belmond 38, Alumni 10.	Belmond 17, Livermore 10.
Belmond 24, Garner 9.	Belmond 32, Forest City 11.
Belmond 26, Clarion 5.	Belmond 23, Lake Mills 17.
Belmond 21, Garner 14.	Belmond 19, Spirit Lake 46.
Belmond 14, Hampton 4.	Total points: Belmond 370
Belmond 21, Rowan 5.	Opponents 209.
Belmond 21, Kanawha 11.	Games won, 15; games lost 1.
Belmond 19, Rowan 18.	

SCHOOL BUSY NOW ON END OF YEAR DUTIES

Many Activities Pertaining To Closing Days Of School —Hard At Work.

Alfred Wilkinson, who won first place in the Oratorical class in the preliminary contest at Kanawha goes to Garner Friday night to represent Belmond high school in the sub-district contest.

Our basket ball season came to an end Saturday morning when Spirit Lake high school defeated us at the district tournament at Fort Dodge. We are very proud of the record of the team for this year and are confident that next year we can go still farther.

When the snow goes off it will be time to start baseball and track.

The photography work for the Annual is being rushed thru this week. It has been delayed by so many being out of school on account of sickness.

Many friends and patrons of the school were up for the community meeting Thursday night. Belmond appreciates the work of her loyal alumni and friends.

The public speaking class are now preparing speeches dealing with the various school problems.

Miss Rohrbach of the fifth grade is again back on the job.

Miss Hill, music supervisor, was ill and out of school monday.

The typing medal which has been awarded each week to the person having the most number of perfect lessons in, is hereafter to be given to the pupil writing at the highest rate of speed. Ruth Knudson wrote 45 net words per minute and is wearing the medal this week.

Minnie Groen, Richard Gowdy and Lucil Docterman are still absent from the seventh grade.

Lucile Skouge and Leroy Eaten are absent from the eight grade.

Week before last Mrs. John Greenlander and Mrs. Harm Greenlander visited Mrs. Hogenson's room.

Amelia Greenlander has returned to school this week after a week's absence because of a fractured arm.

Duan and Uinta Packard have been absent from school because of sickness.

Lois Reasoner has entered school in the third grade.

Josephine Romeiriz, Francisco Romeiriz, Aubrelia Castro and Christovus Perez, four Mexican children have been absent because of sickness last week from the first grade room.

Laurance Adams has returned to school after about six weeks of absence. Laurance is in the second grade.

About one half of Miss K's room is absent because of sickness.

Nellie Cramer and Phyllis Myers are absent from the fourth grade.

James Gowdy is absent on account of sickness for the first time this year. Keith Madsen is the only child with perfect attendance so far this year in the Kindergarten.

TO HAVE NEW MARSHAL?

It is reported that Herb Hughart the present chief of police has resigned his position, to take effect the first of April, and that Tom Hardy has been appointed in his place by Mayor Morse.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION HELD HERE YESTERDAY

Farmers Given Instructions On Dairy Feeding And Management By Expert.

A farmers school of instruction in dairy feeding and management was held in the city hall yesterday afternoon, in charge of County Agent Edwards. A good attendance was present.

Prof. Offringa of Ames addressed the audience, giving advice and ideas on the best way to feed dairy stock and the proper management of the dairy business that it may be one of the most profitable sources of farm income. He gave many valuable suggestions, and illustrated his points by figures on a blackboard.

Prof. Offringa was accompanied by Mademoiselle Aydat, a young French girl, who is studing club and extension work at Ames. She came from France last November, and expects to remain at Ames for two months yet. She accompanied Prof. Offringa to see how the work is explained. She will return to France about June 1st, where she will teach the American ways and methods in this work. Mademoiselle Aydat has wonderful praise for the Iowa State College, its facilities, teaching force and methods, and her ambition is to take back to her home country the many good ideas which Ames has to offer.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

The Pella College Boys Glee club will give a musical entertainment at the Immanuel Reformed church Wednesday evening March 21, at 7:30 o'clock. A silver collection will be taken to defray expenses.

The annual township school meeting was held in the Center school Monday afternoon.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Fred Loats is recovering from an attack of the grippe.

The Jake Smidt family moved into their new residence in north Belmond, Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Halfpop and daughter were Sunday visitors at the Roy Halfpop home.

Leland Finn was a Mason City visitor Sunday.

BELMOND TRAIN SCHEDULES

(Corrected to date.)

ROCK ISLAND

Going North

Passenger, daily	8:15 a. m.
Freight, daily	10:55 a. m
Combination, daily	2:15 p. m.

Going South

Passenger, daily	6:28 p. m.
Freight, daily	1:10 p. m
Combination, daily	11:58 a. m.

M.& ST. L.

Going West.

Combination, daily	8:30 a. m

Going East

Combination, daily	3:35 p. m.

GREAT WESTERN

Going North

Motor, daily	9:24 a. m.
No. 16, pass., D & S	1:35 p. m.
No. 12, pass., D & S	1:26 a. m.
Local Freight	7:55 a. m.

Going South

No. 11, pass., D & S	1:26 a. m.
No 15, pass., D & S	3:40 p. m.
Motor	5:19 p. m.
Local Freight	3:20 p. m.

EX-BELMOND MAN AIN'T AFRAID OF ANY CUPID

E. D. Curtis of Webster City, a former resident of Belmond, was married to Miss Calla Bishop, also of Webster City, at Lancaster, Mo. last Wednesday, Feb. 21. This is the third matrimonial venture of Mr. Curtis.

Several years ago Mr. Curtis, then a resident of Belmond, was divorced from his first wife and soon afterward he was married a second time. Over a year ago he sued in the courts at Webster City for a divorced from his second wife, but she resisted the action and the decree was not granted. Not over six weeks ago Mrs. Curtis No. 2 took the initative and sued for divorce and obtained a decree. Then Mr. Curtis lost no time in hitching up with wife No. 3.

The present Mrs. Curtis was in the employ of Mr. Curtis for over a year before her marriage. She comes from a family of good standing in Webster City.

LEGION STAGES "DAD'S NIGHT"

The Eimbrink Post of the American Legion staged a highly enjoyable "Dad's night" program last week Wednesday evening, when about 125 Legion members and their dads were present at the Legion hall. The meeting opened at 8:00 o'clock, and an address by A. H. Skovlin was responded to by Atty. W. E. Bullard. Harry Newgard gave a short talk, and a couple of Boxing bouts between Joe Kaufman and Glen Thomas, and Ralph Wilcox and Max Baker were highly entertaining. A horse shoe pitching contest was won by Chester Luick and Mr. Benson, who eliminated all comers. A social hour of smokes and eats followed, and everyone present had a very enjoyable time.

OLAF

Clarence Scott and wife spent Sunday at the Geo. Baxter home.

The Combination sale at this place last Wednesday, was a decided success, a large crowd attending and most everything sold well.

Mrs. Orpha Anderson, Mrs. Geo. Baxter, and Mrs. Clarence Scott, attended a prenuptial shower given for Nettie Benson at the Bert Anfinson home in Belmond last Friday night.

We are sorry that Jake Hess, the blacksmith, has decided to quit work at this place, he having sold his tools at the Combination sale. He was well liked by everyone and his workmanship was fine. This is a good opening for a blacksmith, and one is needed badly.

Martin Paulson was an over Sunday visitor in Belmond.

Nellie DeLaney closed her winter term of school Friday. After one week's vacation she will resume work again.

Before buying your spring ginghams, organdies, percales, etc, you will do well to look at the new line which S. O. Windecker has in.

A FEW DOINGS OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Monitor: County Attorney Jensen in behalf of the state of Iowa filed a petition in the district court against Charles Moon and his mother, Mrs. Sarah Moon, to have them enjoined from operating, keeping, conducting and maintaining a nusiance on the Moon farm north of Rowan by manufacturing, selling and keeping with intent to sell intoxicating liquors in violation of law. Hearing on the temporary injunction was held before Judge Fry at Webster City on March 12, at which time the petition of the county attorney was doubtless granted.

Because defendants in the case of Henry Koehler vs. R. McVicker and R. A. and Mrs. R. A. McNealy have failed to pay the interest on a certain mortgage for the taxes on real estate secured by said mortgage, the plaintiff herein demands judgment for $6487.24.

Guy Bates of Belmond is serving thirty days in the county jail. He was fined for being drunk in justice court and a jury in the district court confirmed the justice and the judge did the rest.

Deputy Johnson accompanied E. F Bishop to Anamosa last week to serve a five year sentence for hog stealing. Before leaving he made some remarks as to what certain people better do or they too would be making a trip to the same place. Bishop had a chance to tell who helped him steal the Sann hogs but refused to do so.

A very sad case from Dows is that of Harry Christensen, a 20 years old boy, who was committed to Cherokee Saturday. He was a very bright lad graduating from high school at the age of 17. A year later he was stricken with spinal meningitis, which gradually weakened his mind.

The following marriage licenses were issued the past week: Edward Franklin Weatherly of Eagle Grove and Katherine Moorhead of Alonzo; George Smith of Lake Park and Iva R. Burrows of Dows.

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Special Program To Be Given

Community Affair For Both Old And Young To Entertain Belmond Folks.

BIG SPECIAL PROGRAM TOO

The Community Welfare club will hold a basket social at the library basement on next Tuesday evening. This affair will be a big time for everybody, and all are heartily invited to attend. Both old and young are in it, and the club's holding of the social is a guarantee of a rousing good time.

A special program is to be a part of the evening's entertainment and you don't want to miss the talent that will be there. Of course, all ladies are requested to bring baskets, which will be auctioned off by the best talent in that line in the community. The baskets of the young folks will be sold separately from those of the older people, so each will have a congenial companion when the eats are spread. Coffee will be served to all who want it free.

Here's your chance, folks, to have a good time and to boost the community's best civic organization. The Community club does much for the city and is deserving of loyal suport on the part of everyone. Be there, and help yourself and the club. Don't forget the time and place, Tuesday, March 20, at the library basement.

CENTRAL COLLEGE GLEE CLUB TO GIVE CONCERT HERE

The Glee club of the Central College of Pella, Iowa, will give a concert at the Immanuel Reformed church east of town on next week Wednesday evening, March 21, the concert starting at 7:45 p. m. A silver collection will be taken.

This Glee Cub is one of the noted musica organizations of Iowa. It was organized in 1906, and since then has made some 22 trips to all parts of the United States and to Canada. The club is composed of 13 young college men selected from the entire student body of Central College. The members are an exceptionally talented lot of young men and give a very pleasing program. Their repertoire consists of classical selections, college songs, humorous pieces and old popular melodies, both secular and sacred. Belmond people will have an opportunity of hearing a high class concert when this Glee Club comes to Belmond.

BELMONDERS ON PETIT JURY

The following people from this vicinity have been called for duty on the petit jury of district court the next term, which will be conducted by Judge Thompson. They will report on April 16 at 1:30 p. m.

Belmond—
P. J. Barry
Maud Kercheval
F. L. McAlpine
Hans Thompson
Anna Sloan
H. H. Larsen
G. C. Baker
Arthur Schliefarth
J. B. Spitler
James Kenefick
Henrietta Pals
H. G. Nordschow
Frank Walter
Ed Carlston
N. J. Boelman
R. H. Klemme
William Finn
Wm. Voiles
A .A .Nihoof.

Rowan—
W. Z. Stout
C. W. Martin
Florence Haupt

Kanawha—
A. M. Olson
Earnest Carr
J. M. Howland

Alexander—
C. M. Meyers.

PROGRAM

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society Thank Offering Service, Sunday March 18.
Music—Congregation.
Scripture Reading and Prayer—Mrs W. A. Wilkinson.
Anthem—Choir.
Duet—Mrs. W. Trafford and Mrs. H L. Gowdy.
Demonstration—Three Women at the Well—Mrs. Purcell, Mrs. White, Mrs. Stapley.
Solo—Mrs. C. O. Fitts.
Missionary Address—Rev Wilkinson.
Thank Offering.
Doxology.

W. E. Stevens is busy this week erecting shelves and installing show cases in the Greenfield building, to be occupied by the Gift Shop.

Con Hoppel and son were business callers at Dows yesterday.

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MORE LAWS OR LESS LAWS

Thirteen hundred bills are now waiting in both houses of the Iowa legislature to be enacted into laws in the state of Iowa if their authors' hopes are realized. Eighty bills were introduced last Thursday; 41 the day before. A perfect flood of new laws are pouring in. Nearly every legislator seems to have the idea that he was sent to Des Moines to make new laws.

To this paper, it appear that Iowa is spending a great deal of money foolishly. We are all in bad enough shape now without having several dozen representatives wasting time, effort and money trying to get a bunch of new laws, when about everybody thinks we have too many laws now.

Laws are necessary; we all know that; and perhaps we do need a few new ones to meet changed conditions, but if 1300 odd laws were wiped out instead of 1300 new ones added, we would be better off. This country is getting law-ridden; there is a law—or somebody wants a law—to regulate nearly everything we do. If every man was in jail who has broken one or more of our multitude of laws, there would be no one left to turn the key in the lock.

Less laws, and a more strict enforcement of those we have, will do far more good than a flood of new laws, some good, some indifferent, and the majority useless if not worse. We have plenty of laws now—enforce them better and there will be less need of new ones. It is comparatively easy to get a new law, but getting rid of that law when it proves a fizzle is a horse of another color. Few laws are repealed. If any bright legislator can show us where Iowa needs 1300 new laws, or acts, we would like to be shown. If the next legislature is elected on a platform of law repealing, Iowa will be better off.

A bill was recently introduced in the Iowa legislature to raise the marriage license fee from one dollar, to ten dollars. This is adding insult to injury. Getting married is just like buying a car—it isn't the initial cost, it's the upkeep. And to add any cost to the initial expense is uncalled for, in human, and insulting. The bill was favored by bachelors, which perhaps explains much. If they are going to do this, we suggest that another bill be introduced taxing all unmarried men nine dollars a year—and the nine dollars given to couples applying for a marriage license. This will even it up. They claimed, it is said, that the license ought to be as much as that on a dog anyway, probably on the theory that married folks lead a dog's life. The backers might see it that way now, but when cupid shoots straight and true, and they follow the old, old trail to the court house, that extra nine dollars will look mighty good to them, or it will afterwards if not then. If a couple can scare up nerve enough to trot in double harness these days, to tax them nine dollars for the nerve is too much. If this bill is passed, the only logical thing to do will be to elect nobody but young ladies to the next legislature.

There's always a silver lining to every cloud. Hampton can at least rejoice over the result at Fort Dodge.

It is reported that spring is coming this way, and will arrive sometime in the near future.

If King Tut were alive today he would appreciate the power of advertising.

Just look what advertising has done for a back number like King Tut.

And even the styles this spring are to be modeled after Tut's time. Probably be cause for many "tut, tuts" on the conservative side.

Some folks would be better off if they stuck to playing 500 instead of trying to play 400.

Similar

"Well, well! Did you ever milk before?"

"Not exactly, but I've had a good deal of experience with a fountain pen."

SOCIETY

Progress—

The Progress club met at the home of Mrs. C. P. Luick Tuesday afternoon. The lesson was about "Wind and String Instruments," led by Mrs. H. L. Gowdy. An Edison phonograph was used to demonstrate the instruments being studied. This was the monthly social meeting and refreshments were served by the social committee.

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Shower—

On March 7th a number of friends gave a surprise shower in honor of Mrs. Harry Carpenter, at the T. L. Ruka home near Goodell. After the presentation of the shower gifts a very sociable time was enjoyed in playing games, after which refreshments were served. All present report a very pleasant evening.

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"500" Club—

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Morse entertain the young married peoples "500" club this evening.

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Shower—

Last Friday evening, Mrs. Clarence, Scott, Mrs. Orpha Anderson, Miss Fern Trumbell and Miss Sadie Frohling gave a miscellaneous shower for Miss Nettie Benson in honor of her approaching marriage to Mr. Ralph Eggers of Kanawha. The shower was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Anfinson. About 20 of Miss Benson's friends were present and the evening was spent in playing cards. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostesses.

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Idle-A-While—

Members of the Idle-a-While club and their husband will meet at the home of Mrs. Gus Nissen, Friday evening of this week for a social evening. Mrs. Gus Nissen and Mrs. Tom Finn are the hostesses.

DO YOU DO YOUR PART?

A school teacher is something more than the instructor of your children. She is the guardian of their mentality until such time as it leaves her care. Does that fact impress upon you the importance of giving your full co-operation and support to the teachers in our public schools. Think a little and then do a lot.—Ex.

SHERIFF SALE

STATE OF IOWA, Wright Co. ss.
To Christien Sorenson, Sena Sorenson and W. S. Hayer.

You are hereby notified that by virtue of a special execution, to me directed, and issued out of the office of the Clerk of the District Court of Iowa, within and for Wright county, upon a judgment rendered in said Court in favor of Nellie Luick and against Christien Sorenson and Sena Sorenson for the sum of ($1371.35) Thirteen Hundred Seventy One and 35 Dollars debt, and ($27.55) Twenty Seven and 55 dollars costs, and ($53.71) Fifty Three and 71 dollars attorney's fee, I have levied upon the following described Real Estate, to-wit:

The lot No. four (4), in Block No. One (1), in the Original Town of Belmond, Wright County Iowa, and that on the 6th day of April 1923, at 10:00 o'clock a. m., at the front door of the Court House in Clarion, Wright County, Iowa, I will proceed to sell the same in satisfaction of said execution, together with all legal costs accruing.

Dated at the Sheriff's office, in Clarion, this 7th day of March 1293.

HENRY LANG
Sheriff of Wright Co. Ia.
W. E. Bullard, Attorney.
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CHANGING CONDITIONS

As an example of changed newspaper conditions, let us refer to our own experience. Many years ago Will Monroe who had learned the printer's trade in Dysart, applied to the Star-clipper for a job as foreman. He said he ought to have $8 per week. He did not insist on that and might have accepted less, but we thought $8 was about right and hired him. Today the average foreman in a country newspaper office draws from $30 to $35 per week. Print paper now costs about six cents a pound. We used to buy it at $2.25. Ink that we once used at a cost of five cents per pound is now close to fifteen. Postage has gone up four times in ten years. Printing machinery is nearly fifty per cent higher than it was years ago. Many kinds of stock used in job printing has doubled. Rents are higher, taxes have increased nearly 100 per cent. Freight and express rates are a third more. The total expenses of the Star-Clipper today are more than the entire receipts were twenty years ago. Yet in the face of these facts the two Toledo publishers are attempting to furnish creditable newspapers at the old price of $1.50 per year. It is impossible and any good business man realizes it and adjusts things accordingly. Either they must put out inferior newspapers or labor without profit. It would be just as reasonable to expect the farmer to supply eggs at the old price of five cents per dozen, or corn at fifteen cents per bushel, or pork at three cents as to ask a publisher to furnish a newspaper these days at the old prices.—Traer Star-Clipper.

In a time of distressing drouth a harassed amateur agriculturist stepped into a shop and bought a barometer. The clerk was making a few explanations about indications and pressures when the customer interrupted impatiently saying:

"Yes, yes, that's all right, but what I want to know is how you set the thing when you want it to rain."

HERE AND THERE

Mrs. Lieuwen of Belmond, mother of Mrs. M. L. Baker was a visitor here at the Baker home between trains Tuesday.—Reporter.

Miss Nettie Benson of Belmond came Monday to attend the Legion play and remained until Tuesday afternoon visiting with friends.—Reporter.

J. G. MacKellar, proprietor of the MacKellar Produce House, informs us that he will soon have his tire factory in full swing. The machinery is expected to arrive any day and when it does the plant will begin operations at once.

Mr. MacKellar will make a cord tire equal to any and with none superior. An expert tire maker will be on hand, anxious to demonstrate to the people of Kanawha and vicinity that "The MacKellar Cord" is indeed all and more than Mr. MacKellar claims for it.—Reporter.

The writer has it on honest authority if not authoritative, that Ku Klux Klan solicitors are working in Clarion in an effort to establish a local klan. There were reports last fall that members had been signed up, but it is doubtful if any of the various reports emanating about the organization, locally, were true. The field was looked over, and investigated, but no definite steps were taken, we believe, to organize here.—News

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Morris Voat, who left here for his old home in Belgium last September, returned recently to the United States and this community, having been employed to assist Erick Olthoff during his spring work. Mr. Voat says that conditions for the laboring man have been better than usual there since the war as the government is spending considerable money in reclaiming the war-wrecked country but he thinks this country offers greater possibilities, hence his decision to return. While in the homeland he was united in marriage but due to certain restrictions in the immigration laws he was unable to bring his bride with him, but she will be premitted to join him in July.—Kanawha Reporter.

Dr. D. G. Hoxie and Miss Edith Hoxie returned last Monday from a visit at Fairhope, Alabama. When they left Hampton they planned to visit in Florida but their plans were interrupted as both of them were injured when they were struck by an automobile at Fairhope, and were confined to their rooms there for a few weeks. Neither of them suffered any broken bones.—Hampton Chronicle.

Mrs. W. J. Rosecrans, mother of Mrs. C. E. Barnes, is expected home from the hospital at Rochester, Minnesota, Saturday of this week. She remained at the hospital since her operation of three weeks ago, taking special treatment.—Garner Signal.

Olaf Eliason went to Sheffield, Saturday, by auto for a visit at the home his sister, Mrs. H. C. Ginapp. When the storm put in its appearance Olaf thought it best to head homeward. He succeeded in reaching Belmond but was unable to get any further with his car so remained over there until Monday forenoon when he returned here by rail.—Reporter.

Selling black bass or offering them for sale is an expensive business transaction according to the state fish and game department, which announced that the Fulton market of Des Moines has been fined $55 for offering for sale forty-three black bass. Black bass are now out of season, they cannot be offered for sale, no matter whether caught in or out of Iowa. Only the person who catches a black bass in season may eat it.

Expressive

An English actor was once boasting to Sir James Barrie of the expressiveness of his countenance.

"I can convey anything to my audience without speaking a word," he said.

"Then," suggested Sir James, "will you please express in your face that you have a younger brother, who was born in Shropshire but is now living in a boarding house on the south coast, and who is going to London a week from Monday to call on his sister who injured her ankle crossing Pall Mall as she was on her way to buy a new purple silk dress?"

BLESSED DEATH!

Dr. Charles Park, although a lover of Latin, told at a recent gathering of the protest of a Brown university sophomore against study of the dead languages. The sophomore, according to Doctor Park, pasted the following lines "To the Dead" on the university bulletin board:

All are dead who spoke it,
All are dead who wrote it.
All are dead who learned it.
Blessed death! They earned it!
—From the Outlook.

PROTECTION
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COURT HOUSE NOTES

(Continued from page one)

Monitor—Judge Fry disposed of the criminal cases Monday morning, when he passed sentence on four law breakers.

E. F. Bishep, who plead guilty of stealing hogs from the Ed Sann farm and selling them at Hampton, was given a five year sentence at the state reformatory at Anamosa. The judge threw a little scare into the friends of Graegert and Payne when he suggested to Bishop that he tell County Attorney Jensen who his accomplices were in the hog stealing affair and intimated that the board of parole would give the matter more or less weight when his case came before them. While being addressed by the judge, Bishop assented to the proposition, but we understand the "confession" did not reveal much. If it did nothing will be known until the next session of the grand jury. While neither Graegert or Payne could be tried again for the offense lodged against them at this term of court, a new trial might be had on the charge of conspiracy if the evidence warranted.

For his part in the larceny of some auto parts A. R. Woodward of Eagle Grove was given a sentence of six months in the county jail. At the end of three months he is to be paroled to Sheriff Lang under the usual restrictions. Judge Fry gave Woodard some fatherly advice. Among other things said that there was little excuse for such offenses where a young man came from as good a home as Woodward had. McCallum, his partner, plead guilty some time ago and was sent to jail for five months and later paroled.

Roy Nelson of Eagle Grove, truck driver got off with the light sentence of six months in the county jail. His main offense was throwing a poker at Nightwatchman Fisher, which sent the officer to the hospital with an impaired eye. Nelson, with more or less hootch aboard, attempted to call on his divorced wife. She secured the assistance of Marshal Reynolds. Fisher saw the officer enter the home and surmised trouble was brewing and went to the assistance of his brother officer with the above result. Nelson's record on the hootch problem is bad.

Lyal Berger, the 17 year old confessed check forger, did not tell his story to the satisfaction of Judge Fry, so he has taken his case under advisement and will investigate further. In addition to the Clarion forgeries young Berger admitted passing four checks in Fort Dodge, one of which was for $27 for the rent of a Ford car one afternoon.

A verdict of not guilty was returned Thursday in the case of the state vs Gayl Pepper of Dows, who was charged with stealing some furs. His partner, Elmer Haynes was acquitted a few days previous as was reported last week.

Lyal Burger, a young man about 18 years of age who has no home, forged four small checks on J. L. Lundlad, Shupe & Son, Sinclair & Finn, and the Cigar Store last week. He was captured by the Fort Dodge police upon description of the lad being sent to that city by Sheriff Lang. He has plead guilty and will receive his sentence this week. His seems to be a case of a boy going wrong owing to parental neglect. His mother is dead and his father is away out west somewhere.

The case of C. H. Selleck vs E. H. Fordce of Dows to collect balance of $160 alleged to be due on a farm lease was settled without going to trial.

Another case to have been tried Monday was settled out of court when the Central National Fire Insurance Co., allowed Adam Holman the sum of $2050 on his policy. His business building in Belmond was burned last year.

A hearing on the establishment of drainage district No. 195, located near Belmond met with so much opposition Monday that the board of supervisors rejected the petition.

Taxes are now due and must be paid before April 1st to avoid the usual penalty of one per cent a month.

Ruby Toon of Troy township has been granted a divorce from Willys Toon and given the custody of their daughter, Wilma Ruby.

Idella Frakes of Dows was granted a divorce Monday from Jesse Frakes and given the care of their four children. The matter of alimony is to be taken up later.

Mandy, a good cook and an ardent lady voter, expressed confidence in a colored candidate's chances of being elected to the senate.

"But" said her mistress kindly, "the colored population is hardly large enough to swing an election."

"Ah 'nos dat," retorted Mandy, "but dere's times when a dark horse done come through."

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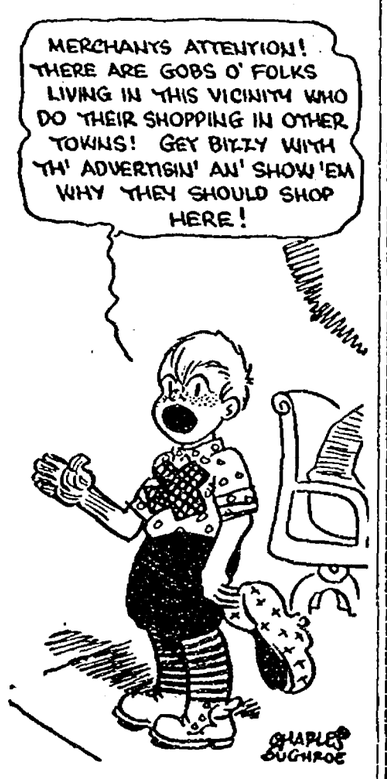

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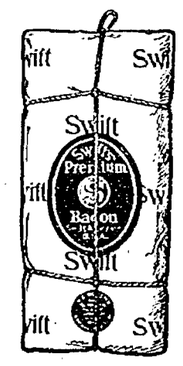

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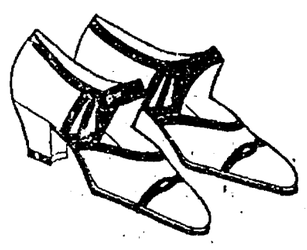

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Kinseth's Store News

Fine weather we're having, isn't it? First snow, then thaw, as changeable as the "weather," certainly. We're not changeable in our store, tho; we offer you the same good bargains one week as we do another—except that sometimes we can offer you still better ones. Just as a few of them this week look at the following:

Cocoa 7c a pound.

Palmolive soap 3 bars for two bits.

Oatmeal 5 pounds for 25c.

Ivory soap 3 bars 25c.

Sliced peachers in syrup, No 3 can, 28c.

Sliced peaches in syrup. No. 3 the same.

Peeled apricots for 28c.

And then there's chick feed, oyster shells, large package of Gold Dust at 29 cents, matches at a nickel, J. P. Coats thread at 5c, and dozens of others. When you want something in our line, ask us first, because you owe it to yourself.

Our new curtain goods have arrived, and they're beauties, selling from 22c to 28c.

Spring is due March 21. Are you ready for it?

Are you a wise one? If you are, all well and good. But if you aren't, for "goodness" sake be one and trade at the store on the corner!

P. S.—Our phone number is 19, and we deliver any old time you want.

FARM NOTES BUREAU

Iowa Has Lively Social

The J. C. Simon home, one mile northeast of Kowan, was the scene of a lively community social Tuesday, March 6th, when the members of the Iowa Township Farm Bureau met for an all day social get-together. This farm home was packed to overflowing by interested farmers who came to enjoy the program.

Prof. H. H. Cornell, Extension Professor of Landscape Architecture gave a very interesting address on "Beautifying the Farm Home." Mr Cornell's lecture was highly appreciated by the people of this community and especially by the farm wives who are naturally interested in having the home and its surroundings well arranged and attractive. Mr. Cornell spent about two hours lecturing and demonstrating to this interested group of people.

The work which Mr. Cornell gave at the Iowa meeting is becoming more popular throughout the state. There seems to be an increased demand for the beautifying of farm homes and making more attractive places in which to live. A number of those who attended this meeting have asked for individual service from Mr. Cornell and he was promised to give personal attention to some of the problems which were brought up at this meeting. Mr. Cornell will be in Wright county again on Friday, April 6th, at which time he will hold demonstrations in Troy and Lincoln townships. The farmers of Troy are planning an all-day meeting similar to the Iowa social.

Orchard-Poultry Demonstrations

On Monday and Tuesday, March 19-20, Prof H. E. Nichols of the horticulture department and Prof. G. W. Johnson of the Poultry department will be in Wright county for the purpose of lecturing and demonstrating on these respective subjects.

The general plan of the work is to have both lectures and demonstrations at the same farm and at the same time. This is accomplished by dividing those present into two groups and while Prof. Nichols lectures and demonstrates to one group, Prof Johnson will lecture to the other group. Many farmers of Wright county have attended the dual-orchard demonstrations and know the general good which comes from such work. Both these men are specialists in their lines and anyone interested in these subjects should not miss the opportunity of hearing these specialists from the extension department.

There will be two demonstrations held each day, one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon. With this arrangement, it is hoped that this work will be distributed over the county. The demonstrations will be conducted according to the following schedule:

Monday March 19, 9:30 a. m. at R. E. Lee Aldrich 5½ miles south and 1 mile east of Belmond.

Monday March 19, 1:30 p. m. at C. B. Tongate 1 mile west of Galt.

Tuesday March 20, 9:30 a. m. at P. Veldhouse 9 miles north of Holmes.

Tuesday March 20, 1:30 p. m. at Alfred Hanson 4½ miles southwest of Goldfield.

The house and banking and currency committee combined the Lenroot-Anderson, Capper and Norbeck-Strong bills into one rural credit bill and reported them to the house on Saturday.

The Lenroot-Anderson bill is the true intermediate credit bill approved by the majority of the farm organizations and is the result of the work of the joint agricultural inquiry commission. The Capper bill was designed primarily to finace livestock loan associations. The Strong bill amends the Federal Farm Loan Act in a number of particulars, the most important of which is the increase in the individual federal farm loan limit from $10,000 to $25,000. The Capper and Lenroot-Anderson bills have passed the senate, the Norbeck-Strong bill has passed the house. Action on this consolidated bill is expected in the house in the near future. It is favored by the farm bureau.

Four national farm organizations sent a communication to the senate protesting against further consideration of the ship subsidy and praying that "measures of vital importance to the farmers of the nation now pending should have adequate consideration before the adjournment of this congress.

President Harding addressed the senate asking that it advise and approve our joining in the international court set up by the League of Nations at the Hague. He would have us join without assuming any legal relation to the league.

The bill permitting higher salaries for leaders in the United States Department of Agricultural was reported from the senate committee The bill has passed the house.

The Sterling-Haugen butter bill, which passed the house, was passed over on the calendar because of the ship subsidy.

Secretary Wallace filed a complaint against Armour & Company of Illinois and Delaware alleging that J. Ogden Armour's recent act in agreeing to take over Morris & Company, packers, is in violation of the packers and stock yards act, Hearings are set for April 2.

Secretary Hoover endorsed Henry Ford's offer to lease the dam and fertilizer at Muscle Shoals.

Tester for Belmond Association

Word was received by the county agent last week from the Agricultural Economics department of the extension service at Ames, that they have finally succeeded in locating a good experienced tester who will be able to start work as the official tester for the Belmond Testing association on March 26th.

We understand that the cow tester, Mr. Walter Moore from Evansville, Wisconsin, is an experienced man in this line of work and he will no doubt be of great assistance to the farmers who have become members of this association. Mr. Moore comes from one of the leading dairy states where the dairy industry has been developed very extensively. With an official tester in our county who will devote full time to the testing of the cows in the association, also to the proper feeding rations, the interest in dairy production will no doubt, gain favor.

At a meeting of the Belmond Cow Testing association, which was held in the city hall Saturday, officers and directors were elected for the new association. Owing to the severe storm and bad roads, there were not a sufficient number of members in attendance at the meeting on March 3rd for the purpose of electing officers. The election of officers Saturday, March 10th, gave the following results:

J. M. Sampson, president; J. S. Bell, vice president; Glenn Baker, secretary-treasurer; D. C. Abel, W. W. Weld, M. G. Luick, directors.

Addresses Eagle Grove Farmers

Prof. E. L. Cady, representing the agricultural economics section of the extension service at Ames, addressed a large group of farmers at the city hall in Eagle Grove Saturday afternoon at a joint meeting of the Eagle Grove Farmer's Elevator company and the Eagle Grove Livestock shipping association.

Prof. Cady spoke in the interests of the livestock shipping association which organization met to elect a new manager and to discuss the marketing of livestock through such an association. Mr. Cady urged the Eagle Grove farmers to sign the producer's contracts in order that the association might have something definite in the way of volume of business in case they wish to bid for any particular market. According to Mr. Cady, the Eagle Grove Shipping association has a volume of business big enough so as to bid for any market.

Mr. Brisbin of Eagle Grove was elected manager of the association. Mr. Brisbin will devote full time to the interests of the association and make every efforts to serve the farmers of the Eagle Grove community in the marketing of their livestock.

THE FARMER'S WIFE

How about potatoes? Is your family tired of just plain mashed, boiled and fried potatoes? This time of year people usually do not relish old potatoes, yet they are a cheap, nourishing food, the regular mealtime "standby". If full food value is to be obtained cook the spuds with their jackets on, as the rich minerals are next to the skin.

Potato Croquettes—1 pint hot mashed potato, 1 egg, 1 T. butter, 1 T. milk, if needed, 2 T. chopped peppers, 1 T chopped onion. Add ingredients and seasoning to potato, shape into balls, roll in egg, then in sifted bread crumbs. Fry in very hot deep fat, drain on paper and serve at once.

During Lent potatoes can be combined attractively with fish, this recipe being called Fish pie. Moisten left over mashed potato with white sauce and line casserole about one inch thick with the potato. Fill center of dish with fish, also mixed with white sauce. Cover with another layer of mashed potato, season, sprinkle with crumbs and put in oven long enough for mixture to become hot.

Potato Chowder is called a one-dish meal: 1-3 cup salt pork fried very crisp add to it 2 cups diced potatoes. ½ cup diced carrots and 1 onion, sliced, ½ cup diced turnip, some pimento minced, 1 stalk celery seasoning. Brown vegetables, then add boiling water to cover them and cook until tender. Add 2 cup hot milk and serve with toasted crackers or bread. Thickening may be added if desired when milk is put with the vegetables.

Embroidery of all kinds will be be used on spring and summer clothes. Wool and silk floss and beads will be used for various designs on suits, dresses, the girdle, wide bertha and on skirt panels. Brilliant colored braids will also trim spring suits, and the patterns are so simple in style that the work can easily be done at home.

In sweeping your carpet, it looks brighter if you work with the grain or fiber of the fabric. Occasionally turn the broom as this makes it wear evenly.

A Temporary Parting

The most famous town in Nevada was fading away in the distance.

"What were you thinking of as you waved your hand so pensively toward Reno just now?" asked the companion of the famous film star as they sat together on the rear platform of the observation car.

"I was thinking of that beautiful old ballad, "Say Au Revoir But Not Good By."

Needs A Nail

A cycling "nut" was riding along when his hat blew off. A passing countryman picked it up and took it to him as he circled around, saving him the trouble of getting off his machine.

"I weally must get some stwing to keep this bally hat on," muttered the "nut" as he wheeled off without a word of thanks.

The yokel's reply was short, but expressive: "Get a nail, guv-nor."

Dawning of Light

The skipper was examining an ambitious gob who wanted to be a gunner's mate.

"How much does a six-pound shell weigh?" he asked.

"I don't know," the gob confessed.

"Well, what time does the 12 o'clock train leave?"

"Twelve o'clock."

"All" said the youthful mariner, a great light dawning on him, "twelve pounds."

Read The Ads

SHEFFIELD BANKER GOES TO JAIL

C. J. LeValley and Chris C. Storck cashier and assistant cashier of the recently defunct Farmers and Merhants Bank at Sheffield were bound over to the grand jury at their preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace D. W. Parks in this city last Tuesday afternoon, on a state charge of fraudulent banking. The charge against LeValley was embezzlement by bailee and that against Storck was securing a signature to a written promissory note by false pretenses.

The case of the State of Iowa versus C. C. Storck was called first. County Attorney Ralph R. Stuart represented the state and called Roy Koenigsberg, a young farmer residing southwest of Sheffield, and H. T. Fuller, vice president of the Iowa Loan and Trust Company, of Des Moines, to testify for the state. B. H. Mallory, attorney for the defense cross examined the witness of the state and when waived examination for the defense. However, a plea of not guilty was entered for Storck. Justice Parks bound him over to the grand jury and fixed the bond at $2,500. Storck secured bonds at once, signed by H. A. Rust and W. E. Storck, of Sheffield, and was released pending the action of the grand jury.

In the LeValley case a plea of not guilty to the charge of embezzlement by bailee was made by the defendant's attorney. County Attorney Stuart called Ole Koenigsberg and N. A. Inglis to testify for the state. The witness were also examined by Attorney Mallory for the defense. Defense in the case was waived and LeValley was bound over to the grand jury and his bond was fixed at $3,500. LeValley was unable to secure bonds and was taken to jail.

The evidence brot out by the state in the Storck case showed that Roy Koenigsberg had been induced to give a number of notes "as collateral" on three original notes signed by him and on which he had borrowed the total of $4,000. There were two notes for $1,000 and one note for $2,000 in the original transaction. Kenigsberg stated:

"I hesitated to make out those notes because I didn't understand what collateral was but Mr. Storck said that there was nothing to it and that I would never have to pay the collateral note nor any interest on it I signed it because I had faith in his honesty."

"Now I have received notices from the Iowa Loan and Trust Company in Des Moines, the Continental and Commercial National Bank in Chicago and the Franklin County State Bank in Hampton that I have notes in their hands which are due, and some of which are past due."

The total principal of the notes which are now outstanding against Mr. Koenigsberg is over $9,000, when his original loan and all the money he secured from the Farmers and Merchants Bank was $4,000.

In the LeValley case the state's evidence brought out the facts that Ole Koenigsberg had given the Farmers and Merchants Bank a check for $200 and a new note for $1,500 to pay for a note outstanding against him for $1,700.

The note was not delivered to him at the time of his payment of it but the bankers promised to deliver it within a day or two. However, they never delivered it, altho Mr. Koenigsberg claimed that he kept after them to do so. Now he is being notified by the Franklin County State Bank, of Hampton, that his note for $1,700 is in their hands and is past due.

All during the hearing LeValley maintained a cool, unconcerned and somewhat defiant attitude and at times during the examination of the witness a broad smile played over his face. Storck, however, looked haggard and worn, and seemed to show many days of worry.

Mr. LeValley and his friends made a strenuous effort up to past mid night Tuesday night to secure bonds for his release, but was finally compelled to give up the task and was taken to the county jail by Sheriff A. R. Atkinson. Dozens of persons at Sheffield and in Hampton were asked to sign the $3,500 bonds for Mr. LeValley's release, and while many of them expressed sorrow for him they could not be induced to stand security for his release until the grand jury meets on April 23rd.

Mr. LeValley secured his bonds and was released from the county jail by Sheriff Atkinson about 5:00 o'clock yesterday afternoon following his confinement in the county bastile Tuesday night and Wednesday. The bond was signed by C. H McNider, president of the First National Bank at Mason City, and Dr. T. T. Blaise, also of Mason City. The latter gentleman is a director of the Liberty Life Insurance Company at Des Moines, of which concern Mr. LeValley has been treasurer during the past several years. —Hampton Chronicle.

A VERY TRUE STORY

By Dr. Frank Crane

I heard a good story the other day. The world's best and most unable wisdom by and by gets itself into a story. When the truth is embodied in a tale—that is, when it is expressed in terms of imagination—then it is "made flesh and dwells among us."

A farmer had become tired of his farm. He had lived on the place all his life. He was born there. When a boy he drove the cows in from the field, gathered apples in the orchard, swam in the creek, carried his books across the meadow and through the woods-pasture to the little box of a schoolhouse down the north road.

As a young man he ploughed and harrowed in the spring, made hay and bound oats in the summer, and hauled fodder to the cattle in the winter.

To the old home he had brought his bride. There his three children were born that were now grown up and gone. He was sick of the place. He dreamed of some nice, quiet spot where conditions were ideal, where he could pass his declining days in comfort.

So he went to a real-estate agent in town and listed his farm for sale. The agent drove out and looked the premises over. He said he thought he would have no difficulty in finding a puchaser, as the property seemed to be in fine condition.

When the farmer got the next week's issue of his county paper he read the real-estate agent's advertisement. It stated that the Perkins farm of one hundred sixy acres was for sale. It was all fertile. A crop failure had never been known. There were forty acres of excellent timber, a good artesian well, plenty of pasture and a charming dwelling-house, with adequate barns, bins, and sheds The place was well stocked with cattle, horses, pigs, and poultry. It was of easy access to the city, and had telephone and rural free-delivery advantages. Any one looking for an ideal farm would do well to consult the agent at once.

The next day the farmer called at the agent's office and said:

"Say, I read your advertisement of my place in the paper, and as near as I can figure that's exactly the kind of farm I've been looking for. I'll keep it myself."

All of which goes to show that it pays to advertise, even if only to satisfy yourself.

WHY A SHIP IS A "SHE"

Here are some answers to the question: "Why do you call a ship she?"

If you ever tried to steer one you wouldn't ask.

Because it takes so long to get them ready to go anywhere.

Because they need so much painting.

Because a ship's got to have its own way or it won't go.

Because ships always come off the ways backwards like the members of a certain sex alighting from the street cars. Because it costs so much to keep one in operation.

Because they are always calling at some place or another.

Because they are forever blowing off steam.

Because they are held together with steel.

Because they frequently toss their noses in the air.—Exchange

Griesy's Store News

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HAVE YOU SEEN THE "SUCCESSFUL"?

That's the name of the best incubator built at any price. That's a big statement all right, but our sales the past two years must signify something. In 1922 we sold 39 of these machines. This year so far we have taken orders for 13 and 4 of these go to Mr. Ira L. Christie, who has used Successfuls for years. You should investigate before buying.

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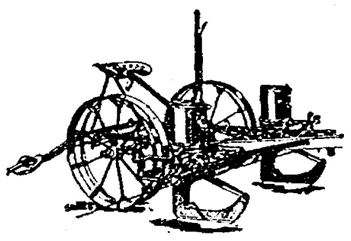
It is always open house at our



store. Whenever you are in town drop in for a talk. You will no doubt find some of your neighbors here and chances are you will pick up some information that will help you with your farming. Whenever you have time to spare come in and look over our complete line of farm equipment, especially spring lines such as Hoosier Seeders, International No. 8 Planters and P & O Cultivators. We can show you the latest thing in these machines and explain the newest and best labor saving devices. We are the exclusive agents for the complete line of International Farm Implements. We are sure you can find the machine or tool you want in the complete McCormick-Deering line.

We are not so much interested in what well-dressed men will wear this spring as in what hard-pressed men will wear

Don't do it today unless you are sure of being satisfied with it tomorrow.

For a people who boast that they "just muddle through," the British nation has achieved a good deal.

We still have a good supply of bulk seeds to select from. Prices are holding firm but it has always been our experience that the first orders get the best seed. Let us show you.

Since Coue's visit much has been said about "auto suggestion", but not a word about "drive carefully."

The modern motto: "Say it with hootch!" (The flowers come later.)

Better place your order for Big Ball Deering Twine now.

The Gift Shop

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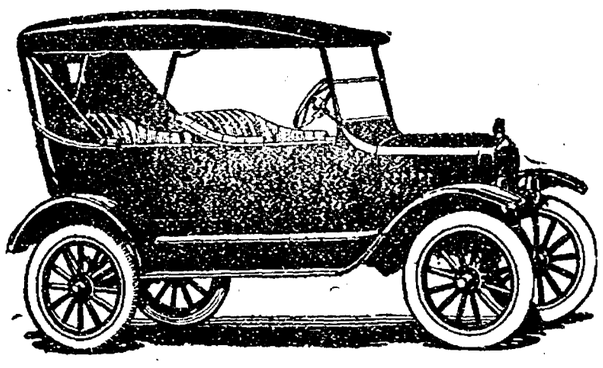

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MESERVEY SECTION

FOR SALE

My Percheron stallion "Brilliant," foaled April 23, 1921. Recorded No. 171070. Sired by Bildoqust No. 87594. Dam of Brilliant No. 171070, Fanchette 111403, by Hildalgo 82353—75299. The reason for selling is to make room. This stallion is clean and right in every way and will make a ton horse, or better.

JOE SUNTKEN
16tfc Alexander, Iowa.

Mrs. Clark Shove returned home one day last week, after a prolonged absence.

Miss Mildred Gealow attended a party at the home of her parents at Belmond last Tuesday evening.

Fred Schluter was a Mason City visitor on Wednesday of last week.

A. J. Nissen transacted business at the county seat last Wednesday.

SCHOOL ELECTION

The annual school election passed off quietly and peacefully last Monday with the following results: There were 108 ballots cast 2 thrown out. There were 3 candidates on the ticket, as follows: Frank Guth, A. E. Muller, and Fred Sluter. Guth received 28 votes, Muller 93, Sluter 90. The two latter elected to serve a term of three years to succeed F. Ralston and H. Blewitt.

Miss Alma Ralston is spending a week's vacation from school duties at Ellsworth college at the home of her parents and with friends.

Mrs. F. C. Sprau was reported quite ill the fore part of this week but at the time of this writing she is much improved. Mr. Sprau who was in Illinois at the bedside of his father was summoned home, arriving here last Monday.

Fred Menzel departed Sunday for Fort Dodge to spend a few days with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Thomas and daughter Miss Viola were Mason City visitors last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Gobeli were motor passengers to Mason City last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Geisler and daughter Emma Mae came down from Thornton last Friday to spend the week end at the A. Kolb home. The Geislers' home is in Montana, but they have been spending the winter with Mrs. Geisler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Meyers at Thornton. They contemplate returning to Montana about April 1st.

For Sale—Large type Poland China gilts, some of them will weigh 350 pounds. Bred to farrow in March, April, and May. Immune.—Jacob Nissen, Meservey, Iowa.

Miss Amanda Raecker of Waverly departed one day last week for Sanborn to visit at the home of a sister. She was accompanied to Ventura by H. Fischer.

F. C. Sprau was called to Illinois recently on account of the serious illness of his father. Latest reports from there were that his condition remains about the same only growing somewhat weaker each day.

Orvis, Naomi and Paul Schlesselman were sick several days last week.

A. E. Muller was under the weather a couple of days last week, but is able to be about again.

Neva and Eleanor Muller were on the sick list several days last week.

Lydia Pannkuk was compelled to stay out of school most of last week on account of sickness.

Mrs. Emma Dorenkamp and daughter Alma were numbered among the sick last week.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Sunday School 9:45 followed by regular services at 10:45 a. m.

E. L. C. E. devotional 7:30 p. m.

Sermon 8:00.

Wednesday German prayer meeting 2:00 p. m.

Thursday English class Prayer services 7:30 followed by choir rehearsal at 8:30 p. m.

Friday Workers Training classes 6:45 and 7:30 p. m.

Saturday Catechetical instruction 2:00 p. m.

Only 3 weeks remain to complete Conf. reports. Please.

A. W. Schlesselman, pastor

Theo. Wendell transacted business at Mason City last Thursday.

Sam Paul of Sheffield transacted business in our city last Friday.

Paul Hopkey was a Mason City business caller last Saturday.

Mr. L. B. Hulsebus was numbered among the sick Monday and Tuesday.

H. F. Reif was a caller at Belmond Sunday and Monday.

Irvin Bier and Forest Gobeli shipped out a fine bunch of cattle, last Saturday.

Mrs. W. F. Larson is reported quite ill at her home, due to after affects of the flu.

J. B. Stauffer of Hampton was a business caller in town last Tuesday.

The C. E. Society held their monthy business and social meeting at the L. Foss home last Tuesday evening. An enjoyable time was reported by those present. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served.

Miss Grace J. Pals is assisting Mr. and Mrs. Frey for a few days at the restaurant.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nissen are rejoicing over the arrival of a 9½ pound daughter born to them on Tuesday March 13th. All concerned doing nicely.

Presiding Elder Faust will be here to conduct quarterly conference beginning Friday evening with a service at 7:30. Communion services to be observed on Sunday. This will be the last quarterly meeting of the conference year. A full attendance is desired.

RESTAURANT CHANGES HANDS

A deal was made Saturday whereby Henry Frey became the proprietor of the City Restaurant and will take possession at once. The place will be closed for several days for rearrangement and repairs. Mr. and Mrs. Frey are freshening up the interior with new paint and paper, and when finished will put on a neat appearance. We wish these people success in their new undertaking and trust they will enjoy a liberal share of patronage from the people of this community. We have not learned what the Jones' have decided upon for the future.

Mrs. Fred Halfpop returned from Peoria Ill., Wednesday of last week where she spent several days visiting relatives.

Mrs. J. Wickersheim was sick several days last week.

John Halfpop and family moved over from west of Belmond last week, and are living on the F. Hafferman farm recently vacated by the D. Mossels family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Gobelie were Mason City callers last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hemming visited at the Foss and Raecker homes last Sunday and Monday.

A. J. Nissen was confined to his home last Friday afternoon, being slightly indisposed.

Peter H. Pals and daughter Lena were passengers to Mason City last Saturday.

You are cordially invited to attend the JOHN DEERE 999 planter demonstration at our store

MARCH 21, 1921

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Meservey, Iowa

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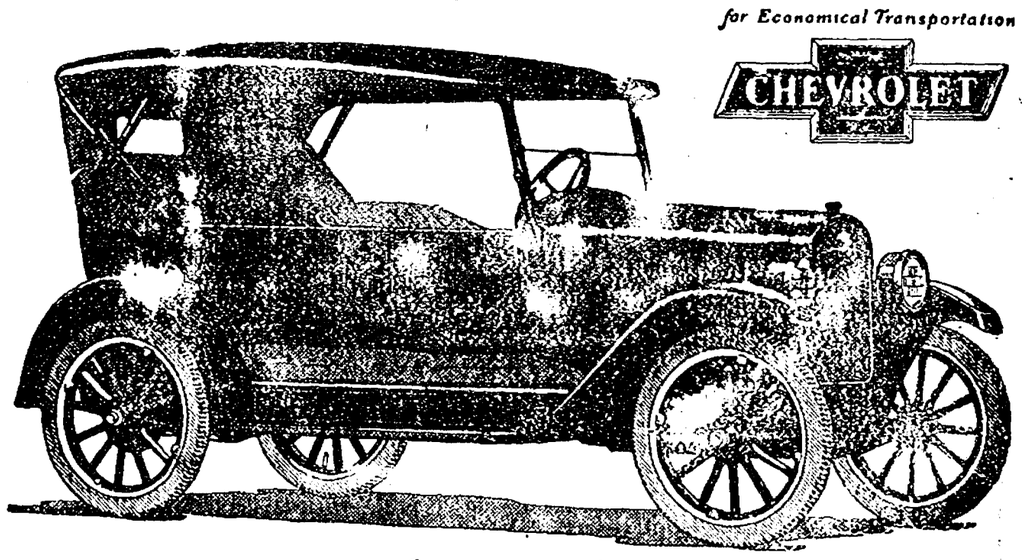

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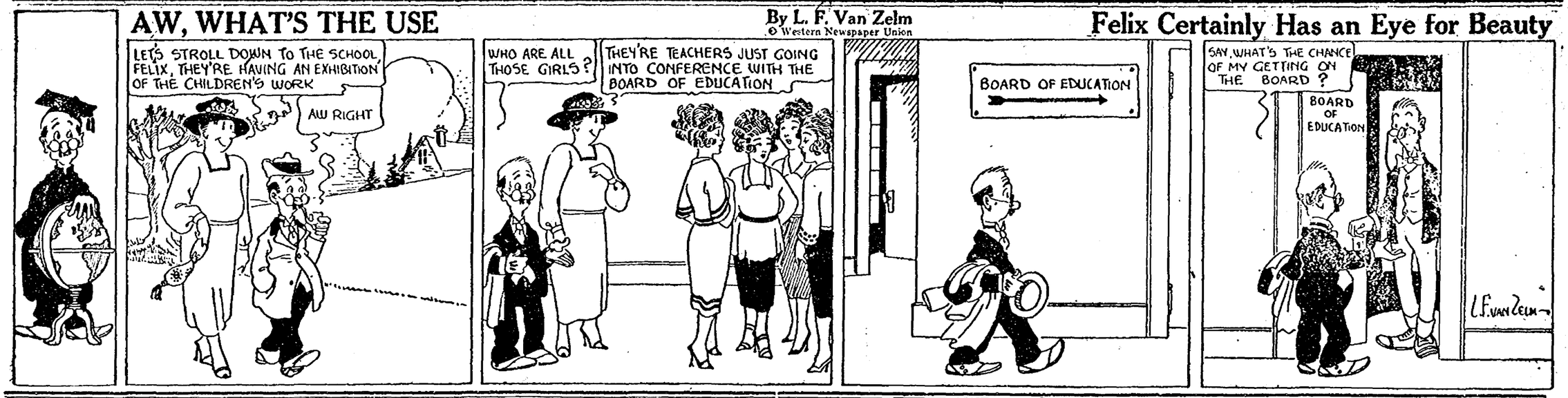

MESERVEY SCHOOL NOTES

High School Notes

The following community program will be given at the M. E. church Friday evening, March 16:

Farce—"The Blind Attachment" by Grace Pals, Jennie Minders, Mildred Gealow, Wilhelmina Loatz, Ollie Pals.

Song—H. S. students.

Farce—"The American Beauties" by Eva Sprau, Anna Pals, Evelyn Thomas, Thelma Thomas, Agnes Fischer, Elma Witt.

Farce—"And the Lamp Went Out" by Bert Groen, Grace Groen Mildred Kochler, Peter Koenen, Eva Schluter.

Those having 100 in spelling are, Tena Pals, Harry Boleman, Alfred Olson and Gilbert Koehler.

Harry Boleman, Alfred Olson, Tena Pals, Grace Boleman, and Ruby Quandt have been absent this week.

In the ciphering contest Friday afternoon those on Ruby Quandt side won.

Third and Fourth Grades

Grace and Tena Koenen enrolled in the fourth and third grades on Monday. Harm Dirks enrolled in the third grade on Tuesday. We now have nineteen children in the third grade and seventeen children in the fourth grade.

The fourth grade took the six weeks' examination this week.

Those having perfect spelling lessons during the past week were Norman Muller, Leona Prilipp, Harold Pals, Tillie Rieckens, Ivadel Wickersheim, Tena Rieckens, and Harm Dirks in the third and Thora Sparu, Phyllis Agler, Lincoln Paul, Gwethalynn Wenzell, Leona Koenen Marvin Lauen, and LuVern Butz in the fourth grade.

Tillie and Henry Rieckens of the third grade received the spelling prizes for the last six weeks. Lincoln Paul, Thora Sparu and Gwethalynn Wenzell of the fourth grade were winners.

Mrs. Dorenkamp, Mrs. Wenzell, and Russel Wenzell visited our room.

Miss Evelyn Thomas was unable to attend school several days the fore part of this week, owing to sickness.

Primary Room

New curtains have been put up in our room, white ones, with a border of Easter bunnies and chickens. Being made of tissue paper they are inexpensive enough to be changed as often as is desired

The birthday party staged in the primary room last Friday was out of the ordinary, in that two cakes were needed to accomodate the unusuallly large number of candles. When lunch time came Lois Thomas and Gladys Strasburg each produced a large basket of little cakes which their mothers had brought for the occasion, and which everyone appreciated very much.

Five new pupils have enrolled in the primary room, Otis Gruis, Ruth Enabnit, Arthur Koenen, and Theo. Dirks in the first grade and Orville Rooks in the second grade. This brings the enrollment up to 37, the largest enrollment in any room of the school.

The perfect spellers this past week have been Bernice, Viola, Orville, Esther and Lois in the second grade; Gladys Mae, Kenneth Sprau, Marcele, Avery, Louise, Ruth Prillip, Ivan, Opal, Glenn, Ruth Pals, Jens, Gladys, Strasburg and Arlo in the first grade.

GOODELL NEWS NOTES

On March 6, Mrs. Monroe Graeber was called to the bedside of her mother, who lives south of Chicago.

Thursday Mrs. Allaben was in Belmond, shopping.

The high school boys and girls were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Halfpop last Thursday night, it being the birthday of their daughter, Edith.

Miss Hill spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents at Clarion.

There was no school on Monday, due to the annual election of officers.

Mrs. W. Thada returned home last Thursday.

John Savogue has installed a Radio in his store. Prof Nelson did the work on Saturday.

Del Church was in town Saturday on business and calling on friends.

John Hughes and family of Garner, were in Goodell calling on friends and relatives, last week.

Mrs. Stocks of Sparta, Wis., who visited her mother, Mrs. Ellseworth last week, returned to her home on Friday.

Charles Peterson was in Hampton last week for an operation on his nose.

Mrs. Larson of Lisbon, North Dakota, arrived on Wednesday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ellseworth.

Mrs. Mary McNutt of Garner came down to Goodell on Monday.

Watler Thada went to Thornton on Monday on business.

Dr. Snearly, who has been confined to his home for a week, is now able to attend to his practice.

ALEXANDER NEWS

Claas Modderman was a business caller at Belmond last Saturday.

Miss Emma Eickmeyer visited at the F. L. Greenfield home the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Muhlenbruch are the proud parents of a fine baby girl, born last Wednesday March 7th.

Mr and Mrs. Jelto Beinken and son Henry were callers at Belmond last Saturday.

Clarence Bohlen was a caller at Hampton last Wednesday.

Miss Alma Greenfield of Belmond visited at the Henry Stoffer and Fred Greenfield homes, several days the past week.

John F. Bell was transacting business in Belmond last Saturday.

Mrs. Clarence Bohlen and two daughters Bernice and Francis visited at the home her parents Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Kinseth at Belmond the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Frohling are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby daughter which came to their home last Thursday March 8th.

Henry Bohman, Jake Dorencamp, Henry Schulte, and Lulof Kaduce were among those from here who attended the Combination Sale at Belmond last Saturday.

Oscar Hensel was at Jewell Iowa last Saturday on a business mission.

S. T. Evans of Minneapolis, Minn. was at Alexander the past week looking after his farm interests at this place.

The Ladies Aid society of the M. E. church will meet at the home of Mrs. Fred Bobst, next Wednesday afternoon March 21st. All ladies are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Henry Polmateer, experienced what might have been a very serious accident last Wednesday, when she was rendering lard. As she was removing a filled pail of hot lard from the stove the bottom of the pail became unsoldered spilling the contents upon the floor, also upon Mrs. Polmateer's clothing. Her right limb and foot were burnt very badly causing her severe pain. She was not able to walk for several days.

ROWAN NEWS

ROWAN SCHOOL NOTES

The report cards are being given out later than usual this month, as so many have been ill and have not completed their work.

Reuben Cupp visited high school last Friday.

Miss Mohr was called home last Saturday on account of the illness and death of her mother. It is not known when she will return.

The arithmetic class will have their six weeks test Tuesday of this week.

Orchestra practice was held at the home of Miss Anna Rietz, Monday evening.

The athletic season is about over in the high school and the scholars are getting down to real business as the school year is rapidly drawing to a close.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Pastor, Rev. H. Tomkinson.

11:00 a m. Sunday School

11:00 a .m. "Was Jesus a Sensationalist."

6:30 p. m. Epworth League.

7:30 p. m. Evensong.

The Ladies Aid society of the M. E. church plan on holding an Easter sale and supper on Thursday, March 29th. Preparations are being made for this event.

At the union services last Sunday Supt. Holliday gave a timely talk on the relation of the high school to the church. At the afternoon service, Rev. Leinbach of Belmond gave an account of the International Sunday School Convention of Kansas City. Rev. C. T. Halbert gave an inspirational address in the evening. These services were held under the auspices of the County S. S. association and for th purpose of stimulating greater interest in Sabbath School work.

George Robb, a brother of ex-Sheriff Robb of Des Moines was in town last Thursday trying to make arrangements to deliver a lecture under the auspices of the American Legion.

Mrs. M. M. Snider suffered a bad attack early Friday morning. Mrs. Fred Smith came over from Clarion to assist in caring for her. She has considerably improved this week.

Messrs. George Liming and Guy Fletcher drove to Des Moines Friday. Guy is contemplating the purchase of a new truck.

Mrs. F. H. Brooks was a Clarion caller last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Truesdale of Ponejoy spent Sunday at the Herb Hadley home.

Mrs. L. R. Fitz, Mrs. Gay Fletcher and son Merle left Monday to visit relatives at Churdan, Iowa.

Mrs. James Groome has been on the sick list the past week at the home of her parents. She is able to sit up some at the present writing.

Mrs. Flett Howell and Miss Frances Farran were in Belmond last Wednesday having some dental work done.

Misses Bernice Hansen and Esther Emerson hiked to Coulter last Saturday and returned home on the train Sunday forenoon.

R. H. Keith went to Britt one day last week, and brought home the car which the boys, who attended the basket ball tournament were, unable to bring home on account of the storm.

Robert Rowen left last Friday morning for his home in North Dakota. He expected to stop off over Sunday in St. Paul.

Mrs. Mary Erickson suffered an attack of grippe the first of the week, and was unable to attend to her duties at Whitten store.

F. H. Fowler was a Clarion business caller Friday returning via Dows on the Rock Island.

Mrs. R. H. Virden has been on the sick list the past week. Mrs. Geo. Pritchett has been assisting with the housework.

Scotty Farran was unable to attend to his duties at the depot several days last week on account of an attack of the grippe.

Herb. Hadley has taken a position with Louie Tokman of the Belmond Auto Co. as salesman. The family expect to move to Belmond soon.

Mrs Joe Ingraham spent several days the first of last week at the George Starr home near Dows. Her sister Miss Ada has been seriously ill but is improving at this writing.

Miss Charter from Hampton was in town last Wednesday.

Ollie Ingraham has been on the sick list.

J. E. Miller of Clarion visited relatives in this vicinity this week.

Mrs. Daisy Steffens visited at the D. E. Packard home in Belmond last Wednesday.

Miss Mohr received a message from Jordan, Minnesota last Saturday morning that her mother was seriously ill. Miss Mohr left for that place on the first train. Later reports from there, state that her mother passed away early Sunday morning.

Mrs. R. H. Virden and Miss Frances were Dows visitors between trains last Wednesday.

H. L. Hadley was in Belmond on business last Wednesday.

Mrs. W. R. McCallum was in Belmond last Wednesday having dental work done

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tresidder were guests at the Howard Tresidder home in Clarion last Friday.

Mrs. Hannah Whitten, Laurel and Miss Angie Baines attended the wedding of Miss Iva Burrows, a niece of Mrs. Whitten, to Geo. Smith at Dows on Saturday March 10th.

Miss Dorothy Ramsey of Dows spent Saturday and Sunday at the G. W. Whitten home, she and her sister Alma went to Belmond, Monday morning to work.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Whitten and Clarence were Dows caller last Saturday.

J. I. Knuths, who is superintendent of schools at Carroll spent the week end with his parents.

About thirty of the young friends and schoolmates of Floyd Hackley surprised him on his thirteenth birthday last Friday evening. They enjoyed their evening's play and games immensely.

Clarence Curry returned from Des Moines, the latter part of last week.

Rev. Tomkinson went to Latimer Monday and brought Dr. Bushnell from there to preside at the quarterly conference.

Mrs. Ina Stumph was quite ill with grippe last week.

Miss Mildred McCollough of Gar-

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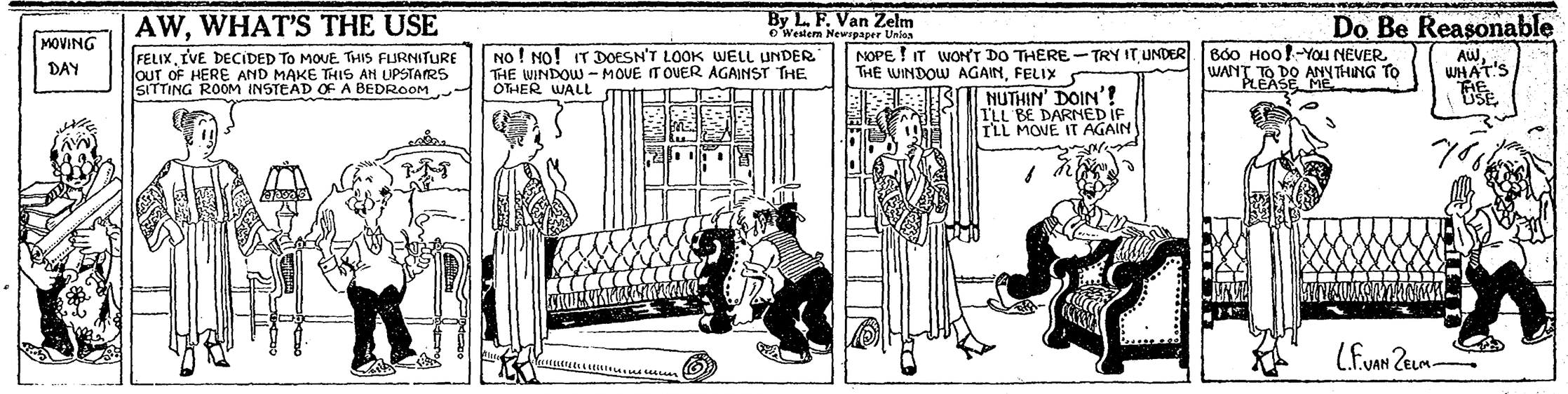

FLOOD OF NEW LEGISLATIVE BILLS

(By G. L. Caswell)

Des Moines, March 12, 1923

Back on the job and going strong the members of the House and Senate took up their duties Tuesday forenoon last to continue in the work of legislation until the close of the session, which is usually about the middle of April. We doubt if ever a General Assembly had a greater amount of work cut out for it at the beginning of the last half of the session. Committees have been loafing on the job or delaying matters for jockying purposes, that is evident. Very few bills had committee sanction or were reported out where either house could take action on them when Tuesday came. All the big propositions before this session were hanging fire for some reason.

The House had decided some time ago that no more bills excepting such bill as might be proposed by committees would be received in the House after March 8th. The Senate had extended the time for new bills to March 20th. The House then rescinded the former arrangement and voted to allow new bills till March 20th, also. The result is a continuous stream of new measures, and on Thursday alone there were over 80 new bills offered in both houses; forty-one the day before. Now there are over 1300 bills in both houses, including the Code Commission bills.

And speaking of Code Commission bills: It is the view of some of the members that Code revision has been finally and irrevocably "shot to pieces". The Code Commission bills are replaced by hundreds of regular bills, and there is absolute chaos so far as Code revision is concerned. These members say it is utter waste and foolishness to attempt to do anything further with Code revision now, and to pay out thousands of dollars to maintain members of the Code Commission or anybody else with the attending expense of materials, clerks, printing, etc. No special or any other session can possibly bring harmony of the new legislation and Code revision bills, and the governor would not be warranted in calling a special session for Code work even if he felt inclined to, which is doubtful.

Liquor Bill With Kick

More liquor bills have been written into the laws, or well started on that road, this week. "Persistent violators" of liquor laws are to be subject to a fine of one thousand dollars for a second offense and a penitentiary or jail sentence for a third conviction of violating the laws. Another bill passed by the Senate and championed by Senate McIntosh's committee on suppression of intemperance prohibits the manufacture of, possession of or use of any utensils or implements used in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors. While the fight aganst this bill was good-natured, and sometimes humorous, it got by with several majority.

The House on Wednesday passed another stringent liquor measure as it came over from the Senate, and this makes it the crime of manslaughter where "hootch" is furnished or sold and results in the death of the recipient. It got a vote of 76 to 12 in the House.

Many hours were spent by the Senate on both Thursday and Friday in consideration of the McIntosh bill changing the time of primary elections from June to August. The bill itself was lost sight of in the dust created by an amendment offered by Senator Brookhart providing for direct vote on presidential preference at the primary. The amendment is along the same lines as a bill offered by U. S. Senator Brookhart providing for direct vote for president at a primary election. Back of it all some of the politicians in the General Assembly say there is a possibility of Iowa having a foremost candidate for president two years hence if the law can be passed by either the national congress or the state legislature. The amendment by Senator Brookhart failed here, however, and there is little chance of the McIntosh primary proposition becoming a law in this state.

Superintendents' Election Again

Election of county superintendents by direct vote of the people instead of by the presidents of the school boards of each county may have been killed in the Senate three weeks ago, but a near relation of that bill has come forward in the House in the shape of a bill by Blake of Fayette county, which will require the election of a county board of education of seven members, and these members will elect the county superintendents if the bill becomes a law. The bill provides that candidate for the board of education shall not be members of any school board, that they shall be nominated and certified as candidates, when the county auditor shall have their names on the certified ballots to be printed in each school corporation. The election will be held at the time of the usual March school elections and the results shall be canvassed by the board of supervisors. When elected the board of education shall every two years elect a county superintendent of of schools, after the year 1924. When the fight over the bill that was killed was going on, some friends of the present plan of electing county superdintendents favored the idea now being advanced in the Blake bill, so its author claims, and he believes this plan will meet with favor.

Representative Rankin of Lee county has a bill that is very important to the people of the state, even though they may not realize it now. That bill provides that state bank examiners shall ascertain whether stockholders in a state bank are financially able to stand a one hundred per cent assessment on their stock if the bank should fail. As the law now stands stockholders are liable for an assessment of one hundred per cent, but some recent bank failures have established the fact that the receiver cannot collect from them, owing to their financial condition, or the condition under which they became stockholders. Thus the depositors and others connected with such banks stand to lose the amount the stockholders should pay.

Senator Abben of Lyon county has a bill also affecting banks, providing for stated pay for bank examiners and with a view to limiting the time of receiverships. The Senate passed the Brookhart bill Thursday last, providing that the rate of interest on various county and municipal bonds hereafter issued shall not be more than five per cent. About two years ago the limit of interest for school bonds was raised to six per cent to help out some districts that needed additional funds badly, but that rate is again changed to five per cent.

Highway Fights Now Coming

The passage of the bill of Representative Rewoldt of Bremer county by the Senate Wednesday indicates the success of some of that kind of proposed legislation. The bill makes it possible to dispense with the services of a county engineer in certain cases. Following this action Senator Buser of Muscatine gave notice of demand for the return of two of his own highway bills from the Senate committee, as they had been there more than the allotted fifteen days. A dozen other highway bills will be on the calendar as a result.

One more highway bill has passed and may become law—The Fackler bill, which passed the House three weeks ago, and on Thursday adopted favorably by the Senate without opposition. This bill permits payment from the primary road fund of the cost of right-of-way and for any other purpose connected with the improvement of the primary roads. An amendment was tacked on in the Senate by Gilchrist providing that where counties have already paid for such right-of-way out of other funds, these funds may be reimbursed from the primary funds. The House will very likely adopt the amendment also.

The House put the Tuck bill through by steam roller methods in a hurry Thursday forenoon, showing what can be done when they speed up. The bill is one to limit the expenditure of county funds to the actual amount of cash on hand. Amendments were offered in the House, but debate was shut off and the amendments killed and the bill passed without ceremony.

One of the big fights will be when the House and Senate bills for removal of the State Highway Commission to Des Moines and the abolishment of the commission and employment only of a state highway engineer come up. There is still a faction in both houses, as there has been in every session for the past eight years wishing to destroy the State Highway Commission regardless of how it is done. Some say that certain interests having to do with road and bridge work keep the matter stirred up. If they can get the Highway Commission removed from Ames to Des Moines it will suit these interests best. It is shown, however, that it will be a much more expensive matter to maintain the commission in Des Moines, as well as costing nearly $200,000 to move it, with all its office force, equipment, etc., and that continuing rentals and expensive quarters in the Capital City would run the cost to a million dollars extra expense in ten years, whereas at Ames the state has the use of office quarters in a college building, and the enormous amount of road equipment is located on cheap lands, with a favorable option of purchase which cannot be duplicated in Des Moines. There are three members of the State Highway Commission at present, and the salaries of two of them are but $1,000 per year each with expenses. The third commissioner is a dean of the college faculty and is not paid as commissioner.

New Bills Introduced

Some of the latest billsl offered in both houses are as follows:

H. F. 612, by Forsling, to appropriate $10,000 for radio market reports by the department of agriculture.

H. F. 623, by Clark and Saunders placing telephone companies under railway commission control and regulation.

H. F. 625, by Rankin, extending term of county officers to four years instead of two.

H. F. 634, by Loverein, to amend the highway improvement laws.

H. F. 644, by Garber of Adair, creating a garage owner's lien for repairs on automobile.

H. F. 642, by Harrison, creating a state literary commission.

H. F. 650, by Anderson of Hamilton county, increasing penalty for violating Sabbath laws from $5 to $50.

H. F. 657, by Gallagher, providing for religious instruction and credits in schools.

H. F. 666, by Carter of Hardin, giving township trustees authority to license shows and pool halls.

H. F. 667, by Brittain, increasing moneys and credits tax to 10 mills.

Senate File 570, by Gilchrist, providing for selection of men and women equally on county central committees of policital parties.

S. F. 581, by Perkins, amending the law relative to registration of births and deaths.

S. F. 586, by Meade, to regulate pool halls.

Senator Reed's bill to provide for permits for persons selling stocks, passed the Senate.

The Saunders bill to abolish fees collected by sheriffs for sale of property foreclosed by mortgage, was accepted by the Senate and will become a law soon.

HUMOROUS DESCRIPTION OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In view of the fact that Webster City and Hamilton county have for years contributed at least their fair share of the money which annually flows into the treasurey of California, local residents may enjoy the reprinting of the following sketch which has been delivered by a noted actor to California audiences:

Will Martin Cressy, noted actor and sketch writer, has delivered before several California audiences a humorous sketch on California, which is reproduced herewithin response to request of many who have heard it and would like to preserve it for their frequent reading and enjoyment:

"Along about 1840 California really began to advance. A couple of fellows by the name of Lewis and Clark began running cheap excursions out over the Union Pacific railroad.

"The Barbary Coast was made an open port.

"Joaquin Miller and Bret Harte began writing poetry about the climate.

"But the state did not really get its start until a fellow by the name of Marshall started a gold cure up near Sacramento. Inside a year there were 6,000,000 of gold diggers —of both sexes—working there.

"Thus we see that California was discovered by the Spanish, fought for by the Irish, settled by the Yankees—built by the Chinses—owed by the Jews—and run by the native sons.

"With the Spanish in the south, the Yankees in the north and tourists all over it, California had a marvelous growth. In fact, it grew so fast that they had to divide it into two parts: Northern and Southern California. And had to place two deserts and a mountain range in between to keep the two parts from fighting.

The capital of the northern part was called San Francisco. That of the southern portion was called Los Angeles.

"San" means "Saint"—"Angeles" means "Angels." But that was quite a long time ago.

San Francisco, including Berkeley, Oakland, Almeda, Richmond, Petuluma, Sausalito, Mill Valey, Alcatraz Island and the Farallones, is the largest city of the Coast.

Los Angeles, including all the rest of California is still larger.

San Francisco is bounded on the north by Alaska, on the east by Utah, on the south by Hollywood, on the west by the Hawaiian Islands and on the top by heaven. That is by daylight. After dark it has no limits.

The Mount Tamalpais railroad and the San Francisco City hall are the two crookedest things in the world.

San Francisco has more restaurants named for dogs than any city in the world.

Seal Rocks and the St Frances hotel are renowned for the number of sealskins to be seen there on any afternoon.

The rest of the world dates its time before and after the birth of Christ. San Francisco dates hers before and after the fire.

The name of Los Angeles is Spanish. There are twenty-two ways of pronouncing it, all wrong.

It is inhabited by emigrants from Iowa and New England, tourists, real estate agents and movie actors.

Los Angeles is a seaport—situated eighteen miles from the sea. The only wonder in this is that they did not get it through to the Atlantic. For nothing stops Los Angeles.

They were short of water, so they ran a subway somewhere up into Canada and tapped the Artic Ocean.

Then they had so much water they did not know what to do with it. And they annexed another county to use up the water. Owing to these various annexes, Los Angeles is now the largest city in point of farm acreage in the world.

One of the greatest assets of Los Angeles, although it is never mentioned by its inhabitants, is its climate. There are two kinds of Los Angeles climate. Perfect and unusual.

Owing to the fact that all Los Angeles dwellers are either rich or hopelessly broke, it is a great city for amusements. Golf, polo, baseball and bring charges against the Mayor being the most popular.

There are more beautiful women in Los Angeles than any city in the world. But they all come from somewhere else—to go into the pictures.

The imports of the southern or cafeteria end of the state are rubes bobbs, hops, malt and actors. Her exports are oranges, films, cancelled checks and raisins.

California leads the world in hotels, good roads, diversity of beautiful scenery, wonderful press agents, climate, moving pictures, automobile owners, flowers, hospitals and local jealousies.

Oh, but I love California. Love it as only a native son of New England can love. I love its lakes and rills, its mountains and hills, its deserts and seashore. But, best of all, I love its soil. Those lots I own in Los Angeles.

I have an attachment for these lots I shall never lose. That is, it does not look now as if I ever would. The man who sold them to me said I could sell them some time at a profit. But he was a poor prophet. I just noticed the other day that the deeds read " to have and to hold."

But the great dream of my life is sometime to settle down there in my own little bungalow, on my own little ranch and there, in the golden sunlight and the silvery moonlight of California, dream the hours away seeing visions of other places and other times. And where can you find more to recall such visions than a California ranch?

You wake in the morning to the music of a Connecticut alarm clock. You button your Boston garters into your Paris sock, your Danbury hat —and you're up for the day.

You sit down to your Grand Rapids table and eat your Hawaiian pineapple, your Quaker oats, and your Aunt Jemima flapjacks swimming in New Orleans molasses.

Then you go out and put your Concord (N. H.) harness on to your Missouri mule, hitch it to a Moline (Ill.) plow and plow up a couple of acres covered with Ohio mortgages.

At noon you dine on Cincinnati ham, cooked in Chicago lard, on a Detroit stove, burning Wyoming coal.

And then as the twilight falls, you fill up your Pride of Detroit with Mexican gasoline and dash out to the beach and, while sitting in a Greek restaurant, smoking a Boston-made cigar, you watch a New York girl dance the Memphis shimmy to the music of a New Orleans jazz band.

And then you go home, eat a Mexican tamale, smoke a Turkish cigarette, read a chapter of the Bible printed in London, England, say a prayer written in Jersalem, put on your China silk pajamas, crawl in between your Fall River sheets, and fight all night with the fleas—the only native produce of your whole damned ranch."

WALL PAPER

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Hannah's First Sandwich

Little Hannah, returned from her first party, chattered volubly about her experiences. Her home menu had never included sandwiches, and when asked about the refreshments she replied:

"They gave me two pieces of bread and when I opened the door I found some meat inside."

"What did you do with it?" questioned her curious father.

"I ate the meat and gave the bread to the dog," was Hannah's reply.

The Insult Swallowed

Billings, ex-doughboy had a noble war record and a fine disposition, but nevertheless his face was not one to make a woman go into ecstasies. However, he married and raised a son.

"Dad," said the bright young hopeful, "one of the boys at school today said I looked like you."

"I think yo udo too," replied the proud father. "What did you say?"

"Nothin'. He was bigger than I am."

WORDS INCORRECT PROPERLY PART OF LANGUAGE

Charles A. Dana (of the old New York Sun) had no patience with slovenly writing. He knew his Greek and Latin and half a score of other languages so well that the derivation of an English word came to him almost instantly, and he objected to its misuse. The plea that a word was in common use did not appeal to him. He did not heed the dictionary definition. He knew the origin of the dictionary.

He objected to saying of a middleaged man that he was in the prime of life, for the reason that "prime" is from the Latin word "primus," which means first. A man in the prime of life must be a very young man, he said, a man in the first part of his life, writes Chester S. Lord in the Saturday Evening Post.

Likewise, he stirred us up one day by criticizing the use a writer had made of the word "manufactured" in describing something made by machinery. "Manufacture," he said, "comes from the Latin 'manus" the hand, and 'facio,' I make; manufacture means to make by hand, not by machinery or in any other way."

He objected to the use of "dexterity" in the sense of skill, adroitness, aptitude, either physical or mental. "Dexter" is the Latin word meaning the right, and correctly speaking, "dexterous movements" means right-hand movements, was the plea.

"Where is your Latin?" he asked a writer who had said that a political convention had indorsed a candidate. "You cannot indorse a man; you indorse a note or a document by writing on its back. 'Indorse' is from the Latin 'in', on, and 'dorsum' the back. It is incorrect to use it in the sense of a general approval." Some one spoke up to say that under that strict meaning you might indorse a man by hitting him on the back with a club, and the critical lesson ended in laughter.

These criticisms of Mr. Dana's were made and heeded forty or fifty years ago. But like many other words of Latin origin they have come into general use in the ways to which he objected. Usage is amplifying the service of many Latin roots, is giving them wider and more general meaning. "Dexterous" and "dexterity" have come by common consent to mean alert, nimble, physical or mental service of various kinds. We use the word "manufacture" for the making of anything, by machinery or chemical processes or almost any way. We indorse men's sentiments or conduct, the action of convention or anything to which we wish to give the stamp of approval.

"Prime" is in constant use to express vigor, beauty, power, fullness of perfection, maturity.

These uses attest the constant change, the expansion of our language. There is less inclination to hold the language to ripidity of root meaning.

HOME, WHAT IS IT.

By Edgar A. Guest.

Home ain't a place that gold can buy or get up in a minute;
Afore it's home there's got t' be a heap o' livin' in it;
Within the walls there's got t' be some babies born and then
Right there ye've got t' bring 'em up t' women good an' men;
And gradjerly, as time goes on, ye find ye wouldn't part
With anything they ever used—they've grown into yer heart;
The old high chairs, the playthings, too, the little shoes they wore
Ye hoard; an' if ye could ye'd keep the thumb-marks on the door.
Ye've got t' weep t' make it home, ye've got t' sit and sigh,
And watch beside a loved one's bed, an' know that Death is nigh;
An' in the stillness o' the night t' see Death's angel come,
An' close the eyes o' her that smiled an' leave her sweet voice dumb.
Fer these are scenes that grip the heart, an' when yer tears are dried,
Ye find the home is dearer than it was, an' sanctified;
An' tuggin' at ye always are the pleasant memories
O' her that was an' is no more—ye can't escape from these.
Ye've got t' sing an' dance fer years ye've got t' romp an' play,
An' learn t' love the things ye have by usin' 'em each day;
Even the roses 'round the porch must blossom year by year
Afore they' come a part o' ye suggestin' someone dear
Who used t' love 'em long ago, an' trained 'em jes' t' run
The way they do, so's they would get the early mornin' sun;
Ye've got t' love each brick an' stone from cellar up t' dome:
It takes a heap o' livin' in a home t' make it home.

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The BLIND MAN'S EYES

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Gabriel Warden, Seattle capitalist, tells his butler he is expecting a caller, to be admitted without question. He informs his wife of danger that threatens him if he pursues a course he considers the only honorable one. Warden leaves the house in his car and meets a man whom he takes into the machine. When the car returns home, Warden is found dead, murdered, and alone. The caller, a young man, has been at Warden's house, but leaves unobserved

CHAPTER II.—Bob Connery, conductor, receives orders to hold train for a party. Five men and a girl board the train. The father of the girl, Mr. Dorne, is the person for whom the train was held. Philip D. Eaton, a young man, also boarded the train. Dorne tells his daughter and his secretary, Don Avery, to find out what they can concerning him.

CHAPTER III.—The two make Eaton's acquaintance. The train is stopped by snowdrifts.

CHAPTER IV.—Eaton receives a telegram addressed to Lawrence Hillward, which he claims. It warns him he is being followed

CHAPTER V.—Passing through the car, Connery notices Dorne's hand hanging outside the berth. He ascertains Dorne's bell has recently rung. Perturbed, he investigates and finds Dorne with his skull crushed. He calls a surgeon, Dr. Sinclair, on the train.

CHAPTER VI.—Sinclair recognizes the injured man as Basil Santoine, who, although blind, is a peculiar power in the financial world as adviser to "big interests." His recovery is a matter of doubt.

CHAPTER VII.—Circumstances point to Eaton as Santoine's assailant.

CHAPTER VIII.—Eaton is practically placed under arrest. He refuses to make explanations as to his previous movements before boarding the train, but admits he was the man who called on Warden the night the financier was murdered.

CHAPTER IX.—Eaton pleads with Harriet Santoine to withhold judgment, telling her he is in serious danger, though innocent of the crime against her father. He feels the girl believes him.

CHAPTER X.—Santoine recovers sufficiently to question Eaton, who refuses to reveal his identity. The financier requires Eaton to accompany him to the Santoine home, where he is in the position of a semi-prisoner.

CHAPTER XI.—Eaton meets a resident of the house, Wallace Blatchford, and a young girl, Mildred Davis, with whom apparently he is acquainted, though they conceal the fact. Eaton's mission is to secure certain documents which are vital to his interests, and his being admitted to the house is a remarkable stroke of luck. The girl agrees to aid him. He becomes deeply interested in Harriet Santoine, and she in him.

CHAPTER XII.—Harriet tells Eaton she and Donald Avery act as "eyes" to Santoine, reading to him the documents on which he bases his judgments. While walking with her, two men in an automobile deliberately attempt to run Eaton down. He escapes with slight injuries. The girl recognizes one of the men as having been on the train on which they came from Seattle.

CHAPTER XIII.—Santoine questions Eaton closely, but the latter is reticent. The blind man tells him he is convinced the attack made on him on the train was the result of an error, the attacker having planned to kill Eaton. Santoine tells Harriet she is to take charge of certain papers connected with the "Latron properties," which had hitherto been in Avery's charge.

CHAPTER XIV.—Avery seeks to influence Harriet, as his wife to be, to give the papers to him. She refuses. Harriet is beginning to feel that her love belongs to Eaton.

CHAPTER XV.—At the country club Eaton reveals a remarkable proficiency at polo, seemingly to Avery's gratification. Eaton induces Harriet to allow him to leave the grounds for a few minutes that night.

They went out to her trap, leaving Donald to motor back alone. As soon as she had driven out of the club grounds, she let the horse take its own gait, and she turned and faced him.

"Will you tell me," she demanded, "what have I done this afternoon to make you class me among those who oppose you?"

"What have you done? Nothing, Miss Santoine."

"But you are classing me so now."

"Oh, no," he denied so unconvincingly that she felt he was only putting her off.

Harriet Santoine knew that what had attracted her friends to Eaton was their recognition of his likeness to themselves; but what had impressed her in seeing him with them was his difference. Was it some memory of his former life that seeing these people had recalled to him, which had affected his manner toward her?

Again she looked at him.

"Were you sorry to leave the club?" she asked.

"I was quite ready to leave," he answered inattentively.

"It must have been pleasant to you, though, to—to be among the sort of people again that you—you used to know. Miss Furden"—she mentioned one of the girls who had seemed most interested in him, the sister of the boy whose place he had taken in the polo practice—"is considered a very attractive person, Mr. Eaton. I have heard it said that a man—any man—not to be attracted by her must be forearmed against her by thought—or memory of some other woman whom he holds dear."

"I'm afraid I don't quite understand."

The mechanicalness of his answer reassured her. "I mean, Mr. Eaton"—she forced her tone to be light—"Miss Furden was not as attractive to you as she might have been, because there has been some other woman in your life—whose memory—or—or the expectation of seeing whom again—protected you."

"Has been? Oh, you mean before."

"Yes, of course," she answered hastily.

"No—none," he replied simply. "It's rather ungallant, Miss Santoine, but I'm afraid I wasn't thinking much about Miss Furden."

She felt that his denial was the truth, for his words confirmed the impression she had had of him the night before. She drove on—or rather let the horse take them on—for a few moments during which neither spoke. They had come about a bend in the road, and the great house of her father loomed ahead. A motor whizzed past them, coming from behind. It was only Avery's car on the way home; but Harriet had jumped a little in memory of the day before, and her companion's head had turned quickly toward the car. She looked up at him swiftly; his lips were set and his eyes gazed steadily ahead after Avery, and he drew a little away from her. A catch in her breath—almost an audible gasp—surprised her, and she fought a warm impulse which had all but placed her hand on his.

"Will you tell me something, Miss Santoine?" he asked suddenly.

"What?"

"I suppose, when I was with Mr. Avery this afternoon, that if I had attempted to escape, he and the chauffeur would have combined to detain me. But on the way back here—did you assume that when you took me in charge you had my parole not to try to depart?"

She was silent for a moment, thoughtful. "Do you mean that you have been considering this afternoon the possibilities of escape?"

"It would be only natural for me to do that, would it not?" he parried.

"No."

"Why not?"

"I don't mean that you might not try to exceed the limits Father has set for you; you might try that, and of course you would be prevented. But you will not" (she hesitated, and when she went on she was quoting her father) "—sacrifice your position here."

"Why not?"

"Because you tried to gain it—or—if not exactly that, at least you had some object in wanting to be near Father which you have not yet gained." She hesitated once more, not looking at him. What it was that had happened during the afternoon she could not make out; instinctively, however, she felt that it had so altered Eaton's relations with them that now he might attempt to escape.

They had reached the front of the house, and a groom sprang to take the horse. She let Eaton help her down; as they entered the house, Avery—who had reached the house only a few moments before them—was still in the hall. And again she was startled in the meeting of the two men by Avery's triumph and the swift flare of defiance on Eaton's face.

She changed from her afternoon dress slowly. As she did so, she brought swiftly in review the events of the day. Chiefly it was to the polo practice and to Eaton's dismay at his one remarkable stroke that her mind went. Had Donald recognized in Eaton something more than merely a good player trying to pretend ignorance of the game? The thought suddenly checked and startled her. For how many great polo players were there in America? Were there a hundred? Fifty? Twenty-five? She did not know; but she did know that there were so few of them that their names and many of the particulars of their lives were known to every follower of the sport.

She halted suddenly in her dressing, perplexed and troubled. Her father had sent Eaton to the country club with Avery; there Avery, plainly, had forced Eaton into the polo game. By her father's instructions? Clearly there seemed to have been purpose in what had been done, and purpose which had not been confided to herself either by her father or Avery. For how could they have suspected Eaton would betray himself in the game unless they had also suspected that he had played polo before? To suspect that, they must at least have some theory as to who Eaton was. But her father had no such theory; he had been expending unavailingly, so far, every effort to ascertain Eaton's connections. So her thoughts led her only into deeper and greater perplexity, but with them came sudden—and unaccountable — resentment against Avery.

At seven Harriet went in to dinner with her father. The blind man was alone; he had been awaiting her, and they were served at once. All through the dinner she was nervous and moody; for she knew she was going to do something she had never done before: she was going to conceal something from her father. She told of Eaton's reception at the country club, and of his taking part in the polo practice and playing badly; but of her own impression that Eaton knew the game and her present conviction that Donald Avery had seen even more than that, she said nothing. She watched her father's face, but she could see there no consciousness that she was omitting anything in her account.

An hour later, when after reading aloud to him for a time, he dismissed her, she hesitated before going.

"You've seen Donald?" she asked.

"Yes."

"What did he tell you?"

"The same as you have told, though not quite so fully."

She was outside the door and in the hall before realization came to her that her father's reply could mean only that Donald, like herself, had concealed his discovery of Eaton's ability to play polo. Why Donald had not told, she could not imagine; the only conclusion she could reach was that Donald's silence in some way menaced Eaton; for—suddenly now—it came to her what this must mean to Eaton. All that he had been so careful to hide regarding himself and his connections must be obtainable by Avery now, and Avery, for some purpose of his own, was withholding betrayal to make use of it as he might see fit.

She moved once more to return to her father; again she stopped; then, swiftly, she turned and went downstairs.

She looked hurriedly about for Avery. She did not find him, nor at first did she find Eaton either. She discovered him presently in the music room with Blatchford. Blatchford at once excused himself, tired evidently of his task of watching over Eaton.

Harriet caught herself together and controlled herself to her usual manner.

"What shall it be this evening, Mr. Eaton?" she asked. "Music, billiards?"

"Billiards, if you like," he responded.

They went up to the billiard room, and for an hour played steadily; but her mind was not upon the game—nor, she saw, was his. Finally, as they ended a game, he put his cue back in the rack and faced her.

"Miss Santoine," he said, "I want to ask a favor."

"What is it?"

"I want to go out—unaccompanied."

"Why?"

"I wish to speak to a friend who will be waiting for me."

"How do you know?"

"He got word to me at the country club today. Excuse me—I did not mean to inform on Mr. Avery; he was really most vigilant. I believe he only made one slip."

"He was not the only one observing you."

"I suppose not. In fact, I was certain of it. However, I received a message which was undoubtedly authentic and had not been overseen."

"But you were not able to make reply."

"I was able to receive all that was necessary."

She considered for a moment "What do you want me to do?"

"Either because of my presence or because of what has happened—or perhaps normally—you have at least four men about the grounds, two of whom seem to be constantly on duty to observe anyone who may approach. I wish you to order them to let me pass and go to a place perhaps ten minutes' walk from here. If you do so, I will return at the latest within half an hour" (he glanced at his watch) "—to be definite, before a quarter of eleven."

"Why should I do this?"

He came close to her and faced her. "What do you think of me now, Miss Santoine?"

"Why—"

"You are certain now, are you not, that I had nothing to do with the attack on your father—that is, in any other connection than that the attack might be meant for me. I denied yesterday that the men in the automobile meant to run me down; you did not accept that denial. I may as well admit to you that I know perfectly well they meant to kill me. They are likely to try again to kill me."

"We recognize that too," she answered. "The men on watch about the house are warned to protect you as well as watch you."

"I appreciate that."

"But are they all you have to fear, Mr. Eaton?" She was thinking of Donald Avery.

He seemed to recognize what was in her mind; his eyes, as he gazed intently at her, clouded, then darkened still more with some succeeding thought. "No, not all."

"And it will aid you to—to protect yourself if you see your friend tonight?"

"Yes."

"But why should not one of Father's men be with you?"

"Unless I were alone, my friend would not appear."

"I see."

He moved away from her, then came back; the importance to him of what he was asking was very plain to her—he was shaking nervously with it. "Miss Santoine," he said intently, "you do not think badly of me now. I do not have to doubt that; I can see it; you have wanted me to see it. I ask you to trust me for a few minutes tonight. I cannot tell you whom I wish to see or why, except that the man comes to do me a service and to endanger no one—except those trying to injure me."

She herself was trembling with her desire to help him, but recollection of her father held her back; then swiftly there came to her the thought of Gabriel Warden; because Warden had tried to help him—in some way and for some reason which she did not know—Warden had been killed. And feeling that in helping him there might be danger to herself, she suddenly and eagerly welcomed that danger, and made her decision.

"You'll promise, Mr. Eaton, not to try to—leave?"

"Yes."

"Let us go out," she said.

She led the way downstairs and, in the hall, picked up a cape; he threw it over her shoulders and brought his overcoat and cap. But in his absorption he forgot to put them on until, as they went out into the garden together, she reminded him; then he put on the cap. The night was clear and cool, and no one but themselves seemed to be about the house.

"Which way do you want to go?" she asked.

He turned toward the forested acres of the grounds which ran down to a ravine at the bottom of which a little stream trickled toward the lake. As they approached the side of this ravine, a man appeared and

"It's All Right, Willis," She Said Quietly.

investigated them. He recognized the girl's figure and halted.

"It's all right, Willis," she said quietly.

"Yes, ma'am."

They passed the man and went down the path into the ravine and up the tiny valley. Eaton halted.

"You don't mind waiting here a few moments for me?"

"No," she said. "You will return here?"

"Yes," he said; and with that permission, he left her.

Both had spoken so that the man above could not have heard; and Harriet now noticed that, as her companion hurried ahead, he went almost noiselessly. She stood still, shivering a little now in the cold; and she listened, she no longer heard his footsteps. What she had done was done; then just as she was telling herself that it must be many moments before she would know whether he was coming back, she heard him returning; at some little distance, he spoke her name so as not to frighten her. She knew at once it was he, but a change in the tone surprised her. She stepped forward to meet him.

"You found your friend?"

"Yes."

"What did he tell you? I mean what is wrong that you did not expect?"

She heard his breath come fast.

"Nothing," he denied.

"No; you must tell me! Can't you trust me?"

"Trust you!" he cried. He turned to her and seized her hands. "You ask me to—trust you!"

"Yes; I've trusted you. Can't you believe as much in me?"

"Believe in you, Miss Santoine!" He crushed her fingers in his grasp. "Oh, my God, I wish I could!"

"You wish you could?" she echoed. The tone of it struck her like a blow, and she tore her hands away. "What do you mean by that?"

He made no reply but stood staring at her through the dark. "We must go back," he said queerly. "You're cold."

She did not answer but started back up the path to the house. He seemed to have caught himself together against some impulse that stirred him strongly. "The man out there who saw us? He will report to your father, Miss Santoine?" he asked unsteadily.

"Reports for Father are first made to me."

"I see." He did not ask her what she was going to do; if he was assuming that her permission to exceed his set limits bound her not to report to her father, she did not accept that assumption, though she would not report to the blind man tonight, for she knew he must now be asleep. But she felt that Eaton was no longer thinking of this. As they entered the house and he helped her lay off her cape, he suddenly faced her.

"We are in a strange relation to each other, Miss Santoine—stranger than you know," he said unevenly.

She waited for him to go on.

"When the time comes that you comprehend what our actual relation is, I—I want you to know that I understand that whatever you have done was done because you believed it might bring about the greater good. I—I have seen in you—in your father—only kindness, high honor, sympathy. If I did not know—"

She started, gazing at him, what he said had absolutely no meaning for her. "What is it that you know?" she demanded.

He did not reply; his hand went out to hers, seized it, crushed it, and he started away. As he went up the stairs—still, in his absorption, carrying cap and overcoat—she stood staring after him in perplexity.

CHAPTER XVI

The Fight in the Study.

Eaton dismissed the man who had been waiting in his rooms for him; he locked the door and carefully drew down all the window shades. Then he put his overcoat, folded as he had been carrying it under his arm, on the writing table in the center of the room, and from its folds and pockets took a "breast-drill" such as iron workers use in drilling steel, an automatic pistol with three clips of cartridges, an electric flashlight and a little bottle of nitroglycerin. He loaded the pistol and put it in his pocket; then he carefully inspected the other things.

He raised a shade and window, and sat in the dark. The night was cloudy and very dark. He gazed at the south wing of the house; the windows of the first floor were closed and the curtains drawn; but tonight there was no light in the room. Then in the dark he moved to the table where he had left his overcoat, and distributed in his pockets and within his clothing the articles he had brought; and now he felt again in the overcoat and brought out a short, strong bar of steel curved and flattened at one end—a "jimmy" for forcing the windows.

Eaton slipped off his shoes and went to his room door; he opened the door and found the hall dark and quiet. He stepped out, closing his door carefully behind him, and with great caution he descended the stairs. He went to a window in the drawing room which was set in a recess and so placed that it was not visible from other windows in the house. He opened this window and let himself down upon the lawn. He gained the south corner of the wing, unobserved or at least without sign that he had been seen, and went on around it.

He stopped at the first high French window on the south. As he tried to slip his jimmy under the bottom of the sash, the window, to his amazement, opened silently upon its hinges; it had not been locked. The heavy curtains within hung just in front of him; he put out his hand and parted them. Then he started back in astonishment and crouched close to the ground; inside the room was a man moving about, flashing an electric torch before him and then exploring an instant in darkness and flashing his torch again.

Eaton had not been at all prepared for this; now he knew suddenly that he ought to have been prepared for it. If the man within the room was not the one who had attacked him with the motor, he was closely allied with that man, and what he was after now was the same thing Eaton was after. He drew his pistol, and loosing the safety, he made it ready to fire; with his left hand, he clung to the short, heavy jimmy. He stepped into the great room through the curtains, and treading noiselessly in his stocking feet, he advanced upon the man, moving forward in each period of darkness between the flashes of the electric torch.

Now, at the further side of the room, another electric torch flashed out. There were at least two men in the room, working together—or rather, one was working, the other supervising; for Eaton heard now a steady, almost inaudible grinding noise as the second man worked. Eaton halted again and waited; if there were two, there might be others.

His pulses were beating faster and hotter, and he felt the blood rushing to his head and his hands growing cold with his excitement; but he was conscious of no fear. He crouched, and crept forward noiselessly again.

No other light appeared in the room, and there was no sound elsewhere from the darkness; but the man who supervised had moved closer to the other. The grinding noise had stopped; it was followed by a sharp click; the men, side by side, were bending over something; and the light of the man who had been working, for a fraction of a second shot into the face of the other. He muttered some short, hoarse imprecation, but before Eaton heard the voice, he had stopped as if struck, and his breath had gone from him.

His instant's glimpse of that face astounded, stunned, stupefied him. He could not have seen that man! The fact was impossible! He must have been mad; his mind must have become unreliable to let him even imagine it. Then came the sound of the voice—the voice of the man whose face he had seen! It was he! And, in place of the paralysis of the first instant, now a wild, savage throe of passion seized Eaton; his pulses leaped so it seemed they must burst his veins, and he gulped and choked. He had not filled in with insane fancy the features of the man whom he had seen; the voice witnessed too that the man in the dark by the wall was he whom Eaton—if he could have dreamed such a fact as now had been disclosed—would have circled the world to catch and destroy; yet now with the destruction of that man in his power—for he had but to aim and empty his automatic pistol at five paces—such destruction at this moment could not suffice; mere shooting that man would be petty, ineffectual. Eaton's fingers tightened on the handle of his pistol, but he held it now not as a weapon to fire but as a dull weight with which to strike. The grip of his left hand clamped onto the short steel bar, and with lips parted—breathing once, it seemed, for each heartbeat and yet choking, suffocating—he leaped forward.

At the same instant—so that he could not have been alarmed by Eaton's leap—the man who had been working moved his torch, and the light fell upon Eaton.

"Look out!" the man cried in alarm to his companion; with the word the torch vanished.

The man toward whom Eaton rushed did not have time to switch off his light; he dropped it instead; and as Eaton sprang for him, he crouched. Eaton, as he struck forward, found nothing; but below his knees, Eaton felt a man's powerful arms tackling him; as he struggled to free himself, a swift, savage lunge lifted him from his feet; he was thrown and hurled backward.

Eaton ducked his head forward and struggled to turn, as he went down, so that a shoulder and not his head or back would strike the floor first. He succeeded in this, though in his effort he dropped the jimmy. He clung with his right hand to the pistol, and as he struck the floor, the pistol shot off; the flash of flame spurted toward the ceiling. Instantly the grip below his knees was loosed; the man who had tackled him and hurled him back had recoiled in the darkness. Eaton got to his feet but crouched and crept about behind a table, aiming his pistol over it in the direction in which he supposed the other men must be. The sound of the shot had ceased to roar through the room; the gases from the powder only made the air heavier. The other two men in the room also waited, invisible and silent. The only light, in the great curtained room, came from the single electric torch lying on the floor. This lighted the legs of a chair, a corner of a desk and a circle of books in the cases on the wall. As Eaton's eyes became more accustomed to the darkness, he could see vague shapes of furniture. If a man moved, he might be made out; but if he stayed still, probably he would remain indistinguishable.

The other men seemed also to have recognized this; no one moved in the room, and there was complete silence.

Eaton knelt on one knee behind his table; now he was wildly, exultantly excited; his blood leaped hotly to his hand pointing his pistol; he panted, almost audibly, for breath, but though his pulse throbbed through his head too, his mind was clear and cool as he reckoned his situation and his chances. He had crossed the Pacific, the continent, he had schemed and risked everything with the mere hope of getting into this room to discover evidence with which to demand from the world righting of the wrong which had driven him as a fugitive for five years; and here he found the man who was the cause of it all, before him in the same room a few paces away in the dark!

For it was impossible that this was not that man; and Eaton knew now that this was he who must have been behind and arranging and directing the attacks upon him. Eaton had not only seen him and heard his voice, but he had felt his grasp; that sudden, instinctive crouch before a charge, and the savage lunge and tackle were the instant, natural acts of an old linesman on a championship team in the game of football as it was played twenty years before. That lift of the opponent off his feet and the heavy lunge hurling him back to fall on his head was what one man—in the rougher, more cruel days of the college game—had been famous for. On the football field that throw sufficed to knock a helmeted opponent unconscious; here it was meant, beyond doubt, to do more.

Upon so much, at least, Eaton's mind at once was clear; here was his enemy whom he must destroy if he himself were not first destroyed. Other thoughts, recasting of other relations altered or overturned in their bearing by the discovery of this man here—everything else could and must wait upon the mighty demand of that moment upon Eaton to destroy this enemy now or be himself destroyed.

Eaton shook in his passion; yet coolly he now realized that his left shoulder, which had taken the shock of his fall, was numb. He shifted his pistol over to cover a vague form which had seemed to move; but, if it had stirred, it was still again now. Eaton strained to listen.

It seemed certain that the noise of the shot, if not the sound of the struggle which preceded it, must have raised an alarm. Basil Santoine, as Eaton knew, slept above; a nurse must be waiting on duty somewhere near. Eaton had seen the row of buttons which the blind man had within arm's length with which he must be able to summon every servant in the house. So it could not last much longer now—this deadlock in the dark. And one of the two, at least, seemed to have recognized that.

Eaton had moved, warily and carefully, but he had moved; a revolver flashed before him. Instantly and without consciousness that his finger pulled the trigger, Eaton's pistol flashed back. In front of him, the flame flashed again, and another spurt of fire spat at one side.

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C. Modderman of Alexander was a business caller here last Saturday.

When you are in the market for a used car, see us first and save money.—Belmond Auto Co.

Mrs. Clarence Bohlen of Alexander was a visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Kinseth last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Avery returned last Thursday from California, where they have been spending the winter. Mr. Church will not return for some time.

Mr. and Mrs Chas Obrecht and family moved last week to the Henry Eimbrink house in South Belmond.

The Combination Sale was attended large crowds both days, and a large quantity of goods was sold.

If it's a good used car you want, we have it. All makes. Make your own terms—Belmond Auto Co.

Mrs. Ed Riley and Mrs. Arthur Emerson, of Rowan, were visitors here at the Fuller Bailey home last Friday. Mrs. Bailey is a daughter of Mrs. Riley.

Will Gealow of near Meservey was calling on Belmond friends and relatives last Saturday.

Weaving Rag Rugs, size 33x58, at 75cents. Send rags by parcels post.—Mrs. Geo. Kessler, Klemme, Iowa. 172c

V. E. Munson of Rowan was in town last Saturday, attending the sale and greeting old friends.

Philip McBurney spent Sunday here at the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. F. McBurney.

G. W. Ballou of Rowan was a caller in town last Saturday.

Quite a large number of basket ball fans went to Fort Dodge last Friday afternoon or night to take in the game Saturday morning between Belmond and Spirit Lake.

Miss Margaret Mennenga returned from Des Moines last Saturday. She has been working in a large wholesale millinery house, where she is learning the millinery business. She was called home on account of the illness of relatives.

SPECIAL!

Our delicious tasting Coffee Cakes and Rolls, none better made anywhere. Take one home for your supper or breakfast. On sale Saturday at the Belmond Bakery.

H. L. Hadley has started work as a machanic for the Belmond Auto Company. He moved to Belmond from near Rowan this spring.

A "pep" meeting was held at the school house last Thursday night, attended by students, the basket ball team, teaching force and public generally, to send the boys to the Fort Dodge tournament full of pep for the fray. A very interesting, enthusiastic and amusing time was had, the attendance being large.

Today is the last day of the income tax allowance. Have you got yours in? We sometimes wonder whether the government ever gets enough from the income tax to pay for looking after it. At any rate, it is one awful pest to the fellow who has to make it out.

Allan Thompson, better known to Belmond people as "Mug" Thompson, was in town last Saturday greeting old friends. He had been to Mason City visiting his daughter Mr. Thompson is now located at Yokema, Washington, where he has been the past seven years. He holds a responsible position as bank messenger for an express company. Mr. Thompson was formerly a resident and business man of Belmond, and has many oldtime friends here.

Geo. W. Robb a brother of the famous Sheriff Robb of Des Moines, gave a lecture last night at the school auditorium under the auspices of the American Legion. His subject was "The Growing Menace," and the talk was very good. Mr. Robb was head of the booze squad of Polk county, and had many things to tell of the bootlegger evil and the crimes caused thereby.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

A Democratic convention will be held at the court house in Clarion on Thursday, March 15, at two o'clock, for the purpose of electing delegates to the Senatorial convention.

R. E. Lee Aldrich,
County Chairman

H. F. Reif of Meservey was a caller on Belmond friends on Sunday.

Peter Stacy left Sunday for Corry, Pennsylvania, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. E. V. Skinner where he will make his home with this daughter for the present.

Miss Alma Greenfield was a guest of Alexander relatives several days last week.

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Mrs. S. S. Packard has been quite ill the past week, but is improving at this writing.

W. M. Davis arrived Sunday from Stanfield Oregon, for an extended visit with his sister, Mrs. Legge Wallace. Mrs. Wallace and Mr. Davis had not seen each other for over 19 years.

Alfred Wilkinson, representing the Belmond school in the oratorical class, goes to Garner on Friday night to compete in the sub-district contest held there that evening. Alfred won first place at the preliminary contest at Kanawha.

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Miss Grace Boughton, matron at the city hall reports that during 1922 there was a total of 1,567 visitors registered at the Rest Room. This is some "company," and shows that the Rest Room is being used and is a mighty good thing for the community.

Don't forget the Community Club basket social Tuesday evening, March 20, at the library. A big special program and a rousing good time. Everybody invited—it's a community affair for old and young.

Mrs. Thos. Tyrrell went to Mason City on Tuesday to visit her daughter, Miss Ida, who is receiving treatment at a hospital there. Miss Tyrrell remains seriously ill and is not making as rapid a recovery as had been hoped for.

Carl Wenzell, who is attending a business college in Cedar Rapids, taking a course in banking, spent Friday and Saturday of last week at home visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wenzell, and other relatives and friends. Carl is doing very nicely in his course

BASKET SOCIAL

There will be a basket social held at the District No. 9 school one mile west of Morse Lake, on Friday, evening, March 23. A good program will be given. Ladies please bring baskets.

Beatrice Mellgren, teacher
172c

James Kenefick left Monday for Eagle Grove, where he will visit his brother Tom, and then to Algona where he will visit another brother, Dr. Kenefick. He expects to be gone about two weeks.

The out of town relatives present at the funeral of Mrs. Peter Stacy last Friday were S A Wolcott and daughters Adriene and Norma, of Fort Dodge; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Flynn of Hampton; Will Warner of Hansell; Mrs. Will Beach and Mrs Ed. Burrows of Dows; and Wava Beach of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Relatives here received word this week that Miss Nell Sullivan would leave yesterday from Phoenix, Arizona, on the last stretch of her journey to California. Miss Sullivan, accompanied by Miss Houge of Dows, went to Phoenix a week ago Saturday, on her way to the coast. She will remain in California for about six weeks, enjoying the many pleasures and delights of that state.

The old Lathrop building is now being dismantled by the Belmond Auto Co., preparatory to the construction of the fire proof addition which will be erected this spring.

One of the best prices received for blooded hogs this year was that received by Roy Jenison at the Combination Sale last Saturday. Mr. Jenison had a number of spotted Poland brood sows on sale which averaged $95.95. Naturally Roy was pretty well pleased.

J. H. Nourse left Tuesday to join his wife at Fox Lake Wisconsin, where she had been called by the illness of her father, who passed away Monday of this week.

WANT ADS

Two cents per word first insertion; one cent per word ensuing insertions.

FOR SALE

For Sale—Bronze turkeys, young hens and toms. Samuel Crabtree. Clarion, Ia. 14.4pd

For Sale—Brood sows for sale. Due to farrow in April. Cholera immune. Will sell by weight. Inquire.—M. Halfwassen. Meservey Ia 14tfc

For Sale—Single Comb White Leghorn eggs for hatching from best laying strain of full blood stock. $4 per hundred. phone 2112.—Mrs. C C. Parks, Belmond. 153*

For Sale—A residence property in north part of town.—J. R. Thayer. Belmond. 154c

For Sale—Hatching eggs from Narrow Barred Rocks. $4 per 100. Phone 1104.—Mrs. J. F. Henn. 173*

For Sale—A fine five year old mare, and a quantity of choice hay. Inquire at this office. 163c

For Sale—Baby chicks of the Barred Plymouth Rock breed. Inquire of Mrs. J. H. Fetrow. Phone 332. 162c

Good Hay for sale. $11 per ton. Inquire of M. Halfwassen. 162c

For Sale—Eggs, S. C. B. Orpingtons; heavy winter laying flock, culled. $1.00 per 15, $5.00 per 100. —Mrs. L. E. Titzell.

For Sale—Pure bred Black Langshan eggs for hatching. $1.50 per 15; $4.00 per 50; $7.00 per 100.—Chas L. Richards, Rowan, Iowa. 174*

For Sale—One high grade Ayshire bull, coming 2 years old. Also 3 yearling calves. Phone 2906.—J. B. Spitler. 17tfc

For Sale—Good bunch of Fall pigs.—U. J. Cooper, Meservey Iowa, 15tfc

For Sale—Rhode Island Red cockerels, Rose and single comb. W. J. Hartfelder, Meservey, Iowa. tfc

For Sale—One black mare, 3 coming 4, weight 1400. Priced right. Phone 3318.—Ira Christie. 172*

For Sale—Davenport, round extension table with end legs, kitchen cabinet, cupboard, dressers, comodes beds, rugs.—Mrs. B. H. Allen. 172c

WANTED

Wanted—Old magazines and books —American Legion Auxiliary, Rowan, Iowa 163*

Wanted—Girl for general house work. Inquire at Independent. 16tfc

Wanted.—Horses and cattle to pasture for the season on the Hal Luick farm.—J. W. Kaufman. Phone 141. 172c

LOST AND FOUND

Lost—Scoop shovel. Has new handle. Finder please notify Roy Jenison. 171*

MISCELLANEOUS

Dead animals removed from your premises FREE.—Belmond Rendering Works. Phone 2119. 48tfc

BELMOND MARKETS

Hens	16c
Smooth Springs	14c
Roosters	07c
Stags	10c
Leghorns	08c
Geese	08c
Ducks	10c
Turkeys	21c
Old Toms	16c
Eggs	18c
Cream	45c
Cream, test under 28	41c
Dairy Butter	40c
Creamery Butter	58c
Corn	58c
Oats	36c
Hogs	$7.00 to $7.50
Cattle	$4.00 to $8.00

LIBERTY

For You
And Your Family

A savings account in this strong Bank will give you liberty, freedom. You can be free from worry, and have liberty to do as you please in your old age. You will be prepared for opportunity or misfortune, if you have a well tended savings account here. Today is the time to start—for tomorrow never comes.

Belmond Savings Bank

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the friends and neighbors, the Masonic lodge, the Order of Eastern Star, the Ladies Aid society and all who helped and assisted us in the illness and death of our wife and mother.

Peter Stacy and children.

Sam Lieuwen has accepted a position with the beet sugar company at Green Bay, Wisconsin, and has left to take up his new duties. He was accompanied by H. J. Holt of the company, formerly of the Belmond company, who had been here greeting old friends a day or two.

Mr. and Mrs. Lem Rowen, of Rowan, were visitors at the home of Mrs. P. J. Peterson last Saturday.

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John Heuerman has been entertaining the grippe the past week but is recovering nicely.

ROWAN NEWS

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ner spent Sunday at the Stumph home.

Mrs. E. R. Ballou is running seven incubators at the present time. These contain about fifteen hundred eggs. Mrs. Ballou is a very successful poultry raiser.

Miss Carrie Haven accompanied Miss Hillyard to Dows, Friday evening, to spend the week end, and also to have some dental work done.

Mrs Shirley Ketchum was ill with the grippe the first of the week, and unable to teach. Letha Gunderson taught in her place.

Miss Dooly Riley is teaching the spring term of school in the Peterson district, where Mrs. James Groome taught.

Theo. Hansen is in Chicago this week buying goods for spring.

Mrs. Etta Carr came home from Latimer Tuesday morning where she had been spending several days at the Henry Miller home.

The annual school election was held last Monday in Brooks hall. T. S. Streveler was elected director to succeed Theo. Hansen.

The W. C. T. U. will hold their next meeting, Wednesday, March 21st, at the home of Mrs J. E. Thomas. Mrs. E. R. Ballou has charge of the lesson and will review chapters one and two of the text book "Citizenship." Mrs. W. R McCallum, who was a delegate to the state Executive meeting at Des Moines will give a report at this meeting. The losers in the recent contest for membership are to entertain the winners at this time also.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuller Bailey of Belmond spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mrs. Esther Andrews was in Dows between trains last Friday.

The Iowa Township Farm Bureau held an all day meeting at the J. C. Simon home, Tuesday, March 6th. A picnic dinner was served at noon. A short program was given; Mrs. Hall sang a solo, Mrs. Lem Rowen gave a reading and Mrs. Chas Richards gave a reading. Prof. Cornell from Ames gave an interesting talk on landscape gardening. After this, a Mrs. Hall presided over a short business meeting in which plans were made for the next meeting to be held on the last Friday in April at the Ed Haupt home. Poultry will be the subject for discussion.

Mrs. T. B. Sheldon spent several days the first of the week visiting relatives and friends at Iowa Falls, Dows and Galt.

Supt. Holliday and Grace were dental callers in Belmond last Thursday.

Miss Izetta Fletcher begins the spring term of school in the Treese district next Monday. She intends to board at the Spurgoen Barber home.

The Standard Bearers met with Miss Gladys Whitten last Thursday with Hazel Utz as leader. The hostess served refreshments after the meeting.

Mrs. Henry Rietz received word that her sister, at Meservey was quite ill.

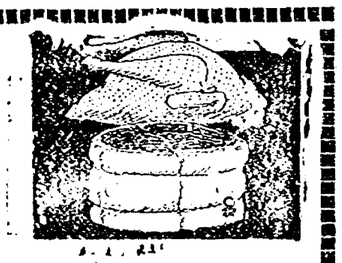
Born to Herb Lester and wife a fine baby boy early Tuesday morning, March 13th

A number of the friends and neighbors of I. C. Aldirch surprised him on his birthday last Monday night.

Buy your milk and cream from T. B. tested cows, milk 10c qt., 5c pint; cream 60c qt., 30c pint, delivered. phone 1205.—Kurtz Dairy. For sale at Robinson's and Cash Market.

Order your baby chicks now.—Earl Martin. Phone 2908 166c

Mrs. Pat Dillon returned yesterday from Williams, where she had been visiting relatives since Saturday.



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You can be sure of the finest meats and poultry when buying from us.

Always kept fresh in our sanitary ice box. That's why most people who enjoy good, tasty food prefer ours—that's why our market is so popular.

They know it's more economical too.

Fresh fish every Friday.

City Meat Market

NISSEN & HARBISON, Props.

Phone 207

Easter Comes On April 1st

Don't be fooled out of your Easter Suit or Top Coat. We have all the latest weaves and styles in up-to-date Tailored Clothes.

Prices from $10.00 Up. Order Early.

New Belmond Tailor Shop

Phone 28 F. J. Tuffree, Prop.

Where Will You Be At 50?

WILL you be working daily for your food, shelter and clothing, fearful of losing your job, dreading a siege of sickness, wondering how long you can keep it up?

Or will you be working in peace, ready for whatever comes, living in ease of mind, knowing that you are prepared for any emergency and secure for the years that follow?

It will all depend on you! If you have money in the bank you will rest easy---if you have only your daily wage, you won't.

START NOW!

Prepare for the years to come, while you are young, strong and healthy.

Save today, that you may be saved tomorrow. We will be glad to show you how, and to help you. A savings account will deny you nothing for your own good. Set aside a certain portion of your income, deposit it regularly in this strong bank, at 5 per cent interest, and

Watch It Grow!

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AMERICAN LEGION LECTURE FRIDAY NIGHT

Basket Social Is Enjoyable Affair

Attendance Not As Large As Expected Due to Condition Of The Roads.

MANY HAILED INTO COURT

The Community Club basket social held at the library basement Tuesday evening was a huge success altho, owing to the condition of the roads, the attendance was not as large as had been expected. Fifty-six baskets were sold, and something over $86 realized. This money goes to the club to be used in civic work for the betterment and improvement of Belmond.

The program given was greatly enjoyed, and a very amusing time was had. The high school orchestra furnished music for the evening, which was thoroly enjoyed by the crowd.

A delightful folk dance was given by Kathleen Barry and Lola Harrison.

The cullud ministrels, consisting of Messrs. Gfeller, Wm. Nelson, Nordschow and Varland, pleased their audience with several selections, and then court was opened.

Judge M. C. Barry heard the evidence on a number of cases of violation of community laws, with prosecuting Attorney Pals as the representative of the community. C. O. Fitts and Earl Martin, acting as police, arrested the offenders, and Bayliff H. F. Luick kept order in court. The witnesses swore to tell everything that had no bearing whatsoever on the truth, which they faithfully did. Among others Gfeller was accused of stealing a chicken, and the evidence found on him. Cato Griesy was accused of stealing business from the bus line, and the evidence convicted him. M J. Thoe, accused of having booze, denied the charge, but a bottle was found on him. Marshal Fitts, Judge Barry and Attorney Pals tested the evidence, and after doing so, the case was dismissed because of lack of evidence.

It was a hilarious affair, and hugely enjoyed thruout the entire program by the audience. The Community Club wishes the Independent to thank, on their behalf, all those who helped make the affair the success it was, and the auctioneers for their kindness in selling the baskets.

DISTRICT COURT NEWS NOTES

Monitor.—Mrs. Irene Angnos wife of Steve Angnos, proprietor of the Olympia Candy Kitchen at Eagle Grove, has filed a $2,500 damage suit against John Mulligan, William Cotton and Joe Horn. For cause of action plaintiff alleges tha the defendants above named came into their place of business on the evening of February 12th and started a "rough house" by using loud and abusive language and tipping over a table and breaking the dishes; that when the proprietor attempted to quiet them they knocked or pushed him over while he was gathering up the broken dishes; that when Mrs. Angnos went to her husband's assistance they called her vile names, struck her in the side, bruised and injured her and that she was compelled to call a doctor and remained in bed several days; that at the time above mentioned a party of about thirty persons were being served a lunch following a dance; that the loud, profane and indecent language caused them to leave and for that reason plaintiff's business has been damaged.

The First National bank of Bode has filed suit against L. K. Larsen to collect the sum of $2,057.60, being amount due on his $2,000 note.

Webster City Savings bank asks to foreclose a mortgage given by E. J. and Hazel Rood in the sum of $4,765.35. The real estate is

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REAL BLIZZARD HITS WRIGHT COUNTY SUNDAY

Old man weather sprung a good one Sunday, when after waiting all winter and leading us to think that Spring was coming along soon, he dumped a real nice blizzard down on us. Beginning late Saturday afternoon, snow and a high wind was the portion of this community all Saturday night and Sunday, until about five o'clock Sunday afternoon when the skies cleared. The snow was light and drifting into banks packed hard. Train service was completely shut off Sunday, not a train getting thru until Monday morning. All three roads were blocked. Road travel was practically impossible for anything but sleighs, and in parts even sleighs were unable to negotiate the snow banks until a pathway had been shoveled thru. The mercury dropped to a claimed 18 below Sunday night. The storm was the hardest this vicinity has experienced in years. Stock in some sections is reported to have suffered more or less, and the early robins, of which there were a number, were badly chilled. It is a lucky thing for Belmond that no fire broke out during the storm, for with the high wind, and the snow banks thru which the truck would have had to be pushed, a building would have burned to the ground before the fire company could get to the scene. "They say" this is the last of the season and everybody is sincerely hoping so.

BELMOND SCHOOL NOTES

Division 2 of the Literary gave a program Friday afternoon. They were not able to give their farce as the snow prevented some of the cast from getting in.

Saturday, evening the coaches of the girls and boys basket ball teams entertained the teams at dinner. The party was held at the home of Miss Sharon. A delicious dinner was served after which the evening was spent in playing games. Everyone had a most enjoyable time.

Donald Baker visited Mrs. Hogenson's room Monday and Tuesday.

Viola Mull entered the seventh grade Tuesday.

Mrs. Parker's pupils are returning after being absent on account of illness.

Merle Mull entered the fourth grade Tuesday.

A great number are absent from the fourth grade on account of illness.

Mrs. Chris Enger and Master Billy were kindergarden visitors last week.

A large number are absent from Miss K's room on account of illness.

There were sixteen absent from Miss Murphy's room Thursday on account of the storm.

Josephine Studebaker is absent from the fifth grade on account of the whooping cough.

Ruth Knudson is wearing the gold medal for proficiency in typing for the second week.

THANK OFFERING POSTPONED

The Thank Offering service, scheduled for last Sunday at the Methodist church, was postponed until this coming Sunday, March 25, on account of the stormy weather. The entire service as given in last week's Independent will be given next Sunday.

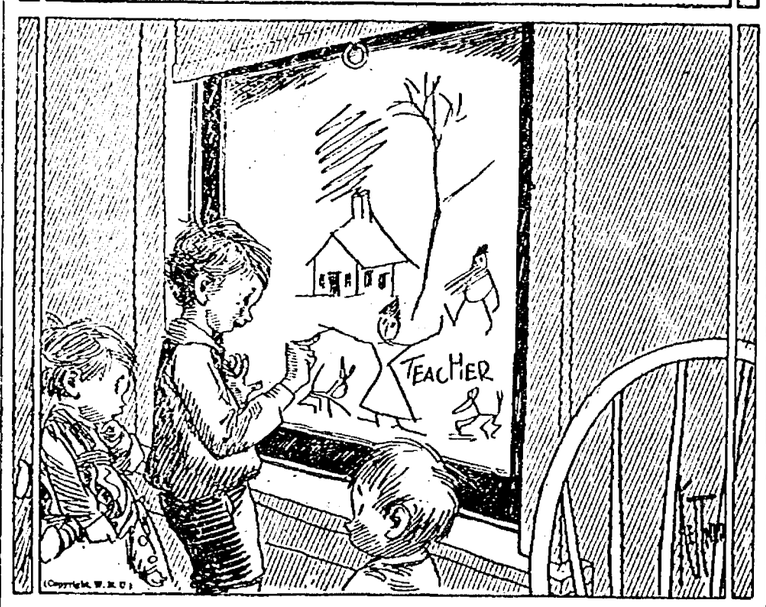
ANNUAL ELEVATOR MEETING

The annual meeting of the Farmer's Co-operative Elevator company will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, March 24, in the city hall, at which time Mr. M. L. Soeth, president of the Farmers Co-operative Elevator at Wallingford, Iowa, will deliver an address.

Mr. Soeth comes highly recommended as a fluent speaker and a man thoroly familiar with the elevator business, and it is desired that all stockholders, patrons and friends come out and hear him.

Miss Kathrine Barrows, English teacher of the high school went to Mason City, Saturday, to spend the week end. Owing to the blockade of trains she was unable to return, and Mrs. M. C. Barry taught for her Monday.

When the Frost Is on the Window



SOLDIER BONUS TO BE PAID IN APRIL

Supreme Court Upholds Act As Constitutional And Payments Start Soon

The Supreme Court of Iowa has handed down a decision declaring the soldier bonus bill constitutional, and it is expected to make the first payments of the bonus direct to the ex-service men about April 15.

The decision was unanimous, all judges agreeing. The bill provides for payment to every Iowan who was in the service during the world war a bonus of 50 cents a day for the time he was in, providing that the total amount to any one person shall not exceed $300. The average amount on the applications which have been made is a little over $200. To pay this bonus, a bond issue of $22,000,000 was voted by the legislature, and confirmed by the people at large in the general election last fall, the vote being better than 2 to 1. The case before the supreme court was a test case to make sure of the legality of the bonds.

The bonds will now be advertised for 20 days, exclusive of Sundays, and the sale of same held probably between April 5 and April 10. Payments in cash will then begin about the fifteenth of April, on the first few thousands of applications.

BIG FARM FIRE AT SPENCER

A recent fire on the farm of A. E. Myrick, near Spencer, resulted in a very heavy loss to that gentleman, and illustrates the foolishness of not carrying adequate insurance. The big barn on Mr. Myrick's property caught fire, from some unknown cause, and the blaze destroyed the barn entirely, together with ten head of horses, 20 head of cattle, a number of head of hogs and sheep, some farm tools and a large quantity of hay. Only about $2000 insurance was carried. The barn was one of the largest structures of its character in Iowa.

HAVE YOU THE LIBRARY HABIT?

"Destined to toil in the rear;
Too busy to reach for the help that was near.
An hour with a book would have brought to his mind
The secret that took him a whole year to find.
The facts that he learned at enormous expense
Were all on the library shelf to commence.
Alas for our hero, too busy to read,
He was also too busy, it proved, to succeed.
We may win without credit or backing or style,
We may win without energy, skill or a smile,
Without patience, or aptitude, purpose or wit.
We may even succeed if we're lacking in grit.
But take it from me as a mighty safe hint—
A civilized man cannot live without print!"

FOUR FARMERS BUY PURE BRED CATTLE

Fine Addition Is Made To Dairy Herds By Wright County Farmers.

C E. Bell of Clarion, A. E. Martin and Hauge Bros. of Belmond made a joint purchase of a purebred two year old Holstein bull at the dairy cattle sale which was held at the dairy cattle congress sale pavilion in Waterloo last Thursday, March 15th.

This animal is a purebred registered two year old individual and is a son of the great K. P. O. P. that made such a record at the state dairy cattle congress last fall, also at the national dairy show at Minneapolis. This animal is a decendant from some very high class dairy animals and will no doubt make a record for his purchasers.

The bringing of such high class purebred animals into our county is a step in the right direction toward increased dairy production and the establishment of herds of purebred dairy cattle in our county. There are those who say that dairy production has no place in our Wright county system of farming but the purchase of such high class dairy animals seems to indicate that the interest in dairy production is increasing.

TELEPHONE FIGHT ON

A big fight is said to be on in the state legislature on the Bell telephone company, a bill having been introduced to regulate the rates of telephone companies, and aimed at the Bell concern. We do not know much about the Bell system of rates, except that they are higher than those charged by the Belmond Telephone Co. Another bill calls for act prohibiting women or girls from being employed to work over eight hours. If this passes, we are informed by Mr. Davenport that it will cause the doing away with night service in the smaller exchanges, as the offices will not produce sufficient revenue to main a triple shift of eight hours each. It looks as tho the author of the bill is rather over-reaching himself, inasmuch as girls now employed in various industries at more than eight hours per day, could be, and probably would be replaced by men if the work required the longer hours; and if not, then a serious reduction in public service would have to be made. Regulation is a good thing, if not carried to extremes which cause an injustified hardship.

GUTHRIE RE-ELECTED

The board of Education at their meeting Monday evening, re-elected W. J. Guthrie as Superintendent of the Belmond schools for next year. Teachers have not been elected yet. Mr. Guthrie has made a good record the past year, and the board's decision will meet with general approval.

TRAIN STUCK NEAR ROWAN

H. L. Hadley, salesman for the Belmond Auto Co., informs us that the "Ping Pong," a Great Western train running from Hampton to Clarion, became stalled in a snow bank a mile and a half east of Rowan Saturday night, and was there until Mondy. The crew and about half a dozen passengers were compelled to stay in the train until Sunday. The fireman attempted to get to a nearby farm house, but had to turn back, as he could not see thru the storm. The engine was kept alive until the water ran out, when the engine was "killed," and passengers had only a small stove in the car to keep warm by. They suffered severely from cold. Among the passengers was a three year old girl, and by wrapping her in overcoats she was kept warm. A farmer finally got to them with some food, and later another started to Rowan with them in a sleigh. He got into a tremendous drift, the horses went down, and help from another farmer and team finally landed the passengers, cold and hungry at the Rowan hotel. A snowplow started from Clarion but it became stuck between towns, and the track was not cleared until late Monday.

TRINITY CHURCH NOTES

Prayer meeting Thursday evening at the home of Henry Anderson.

Saturday at 10:00 o'clock the class meets at the church.

Sunday morning. Sunday School at 10:00 o'clock. Very small attendance last Sunday; let us make up for it this Sunday. No morning service. At 3:00 o'clock the lay people conduct a service in the Norwegian language. In the evening at 7:30 a Communion service will be conducted in the English language, for as many as feel the need of the Lord as their Saviour. We need Him in Communion, if we are His children. On Good Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock a Communion service will be conducted in the Norwegian language. Please note the time. Don't forget that the same rule applies at the Norwegian as at the English service. "Let us judge ourselves, that we be not judged with the world."

ST OLAF CHURCH NOTES

English service will be conducted at 1:00 o'clock next Sunday. Let us have a good attendance. Tell your neighbor and invite him to come. Those who feel the need of going to the Lord's table on that day may do so.

Good Friday at 11:00 o'clock Communion service will be conducted in the Norwegian language.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Do not miss the meeting of the Ladies Missionary Society on Thursday. A family supper and stereoptican lecture in the evening. Bring a silver offering and a good big one to help the women meet their apportionment.

Service next Sunday at the regular hours. Come.

The quarterly business meeting next Tuesday afternoon. Easter Communion and reception of members Easter Sunday.

SCHOOL ELECTION EXCITING

The election of school directors and treasurer last week Monday was a very exciting affair, 23 ballots being cast. Of these, one was spoiled, leaving 22 good ballots. A. L. Luick and Wallace Ramsay were re-elected as directors, and C. O. Fitts as treasurer.

CONGREGATIONAL SUPPER

The Congregational Missionary Society will serve a supper in the church basement, Thursday, beginning at 5:30, until 7:00 o'clock. After the supper a program will be given, including an illustrated lecture, "China's Great Day." A free will offering for Missions will be received. A very cordial invitation is extended to all to attend this supper and program.

Geo. W. Robb To Give Address

"The Growing Menace" Is Subject of Lecture on Violations Of Liqour Laws.

GOING TO BE VERY GOOD

The lecture by Geo. W. Robb, scheduled for last Wednesday evening, was postponed until Friday evening of this week, owing to the inclement weather. Mr. Robb will deliver his address Friday evening in the high school auditorium.

Mr. Robb is a brother of the famous Sheriff Robb, and was head of the Polk county Booze Squad. As such, he became acquainted with all the angles and evils of the illicit liquor traffic, and his talk deals largely with this and the need of a great change in our judicial system as at present conducted. He has some stirring tales to relate of his experiences in trying to arrest and convict bootleggers and other criminals. To the few who were present last Wednesday evening he gave a short talk, and those who heard him are urgent that all who can, attend Friday evening. The Independent very strongly endorses this lecture, and urges that all its readers who possibly can, be there to hear Mr. Robb. The affair is under the auspices of the American Legion Post here.

BELMOND BALL TEAM RECEIVES HIGH HONOR

Coach Pals of the Belmond basket ball team received an invitation last week from the authorities of the Kansas State Agriculture college at Manhattan inviting the Belmond team to attend and participate in a five-state tournament held there on March 23 and 24.

A very careful survey was made of the records of teams in Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, and Missouri, and only those teams which made an exceptional record were invited. In Iowa the teams invited were Belmond, Mason City, Jessup Marshalltown, West Waterloo, Washington and Grant of Cedar Rapids, Osage, Union, Burlington, Keokuk, Oskaloosa, Valley Junction, Ottuwa, Monroe, Shenandoah, Council Bluffs, Spirit Lake, Boone, Fort Dodge, Alton, Vail, and Sioux City.

The winner of this tournament will be invited to compete in the national tournament held in chicago, the first week in April. All teams will be entertained and cared for without expense during their stay in Manhattan.

The Belmond team, altho greatly desiring to go, were forced to decline owing to too many other school activities already arranged for, but the honor is one of which they, and all Belmond, is proud.

FARM RESIDENCE DESTROYED

W. H. McDougall of Kanawha was in Clarion Tuesday looking after his real estate interests, reported the loss of a residence on one of his farms in Norway township. It was destroyed by fire Friday noon. The Harris family was moving off his place, and the J. W. Young family moving onto it, and all household goods were out of the house at the time the blaze was discovered.

Mr. McDougall carried $500 insurance, and estimates his total loss will be around $2,000. He will rebuild the home in the early spring. —News

The city of Eagle Grove could pay every cent of its indebtedness if it were desirable to run the funds so low in the various accounts. The report to be published soon will show a balance on hand of $22,000 with all current expenses paid, including retiring the regular improvement bonds. During Mayor Baker's administration, the last of the water works bonds were paid and several thousand taken off the city hall debt. There is hardly another city in Iowa in as good financial condition as Eagle Grove.—Eagle.

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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

The Legal Aid Society of New York City has issued Ten Rules, or Commandments, for wives to follow, that their wedded life may be long and happy. The ten are:

1. Do not be extravagant. Upon the proper and careful expenditure of your husband's income depends his willingness to exert himself for the maintenance of your home. Nothing appeals more strongly to a man than the prospect of acquiring that independence of which a bank account is the guarantee.

2. Keep your home clean. Nothing is more refreshing to the eyes of the tired, nerve racked worker than the sight of a well tidied home.

3. Do not permit your person to become unattractive. A slovenly wife makes a truant husband.

4. Do not receive attentions from other men. Husbands often are jealous and some are suspicious without cause. Do not supply the cause. Friendly attentions from others may be received in a spirit of perfect innocence. When reported by the busybody they become distorted, often criminal, in character.

5. Do not resent reasonable discipline of children by their father. Many mothers assume that all chastisement of a child by its father is severe and unjustifiable. Even just men consider such interference an impertinence. It may easily engender connubial hostilities.

6. Do not spend too much time with your mother. In such case you may easily spend too little at home for the proper administration of your own domestic affairs.

7. Do not accept advice from the neighbors or stress too greatly even that of your own family concerning the management of your domestic affairs. Think for yourself. Have a plan of your own for the solution of home problems. In all cases consult freely with your husband. Much advice of the wrong kind is worse than none.

8. Do not disparage your husband. Your ill advised opinion of him, uttererd in a moment of petulance, may be eagerly seized upon by others as the true measure of his character and abilities. Ideas often become entities.

9. Smile. Be attentive in little things. The smile is an antidote to the toxic effects of ill humor. Consideration for your husband's feelings makes him respectful of yours. An indifferent wife is often supplanted by an ardent friend.

10. Be tactful. Be feminine. Men in last analysis, are but overgrown children. They do not mind coaxing but they resent coercion. Most men prefer their opposites. Femininity attracts and compels them. By the same token masculinity in the female repels.

No rules are given for the party of the second part in the partnership, to-wit, the husband, so we append hereto ten commandments to go with the foregoing:

1.—Do not be stingy. No wife, regardless of how loving she may be, will long endure the task of prying a dollar loose with a crowbar, or of listening to "where's that 50 cents I gave you last week?"

2.—Keep yourself clean. Nothing is harder on the nerves of a woman than the sight of a tobacco streaked chin and finger nails in mourning.

3.—Do not permit yourself to look like a hobo. A rusty husband makes a sharp wife.

4.—Do not flirt with the flappers. Platonic friendship is a ship often wrecked in the sea of matrimony.

5.—Do not punish the children thru a hasty temper. Pick on somebody your size.

6.—Do not spend too much time with the boys. Your wife may have to introduce you to your children Sunday morning.

7.—Do not let the neighbors boss your affairs. If you haven't any mind of your own, the state furnishes a home for you.

8.—Do not make fun of your wife. The chances are you're a great deal funnier yourself.

9.—Smile. If nothing else, it's good for the face.

10.—Be tactful. To bawl out your wife because the beans are burnt won't make 'em taste any better.

A Chicago judge has decided that a man and wife being partners, the wife has a right to go thru her husband's pockets while he is asleep. The men will now begin carrying mice in their pocket.

The folks who have much sidewalk to shovel have been snowed under with work the past week.

It was a mean trick of the weather man to let the robins think spring was here.

SOCIETY

Community Club—
The Community Club's regular meeting will be held next week Thursday, March 29, instead of on the regular meeting day, Friday. The change was made owing to next Friday being Good Friday. Mrs. Van Patton of Fort Dodge will give an address her subject being "The Spirit of the Home." Mrs. Van Patton is a very good speaker, as those who heard her address at the County Federation here last fall will testify. Those attending next Thursday will have a treat in store for them.

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Progress—
The Progress club met at the home of Mrs. C. I. Williams on Tuesday afternoon of this week. A summary of the work studied during the past few months was the order of the meeting, Mrs. Ted Townsan leading.

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Kensington—
Mrs. Harry Bohning was hostess Monday afternoon to the members of the Kensington club. This meeting was supposed to have been held yesterday, but was held earlier owing to the Eastern Star School of Instruction held yesterday. A two-course luncheon was served and a social afternoon enjoyed.

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Party—
About 45 friends enjoyed a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. W Luick last Friday evening. The evening was spent in dancing and card playing. Refreshments were served. A very good time was had by everyone present.

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Delphian—
Mrs. Earl Madsen was hostess to the Delphian club members on Monday evening of this week. The lesson was a study of Hawthorne and his works, and was highly interesting. The lesson was led by Miss Adeline Sharon. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

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School of Instruction—
The district instructor of the Eastern Stars, Mrs. Jessie Wheeler of Nora Springs, was here all day Wednesday instructing the members of that order in their ritualistic work. At the close of the evening session refreshments were served.

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Idle-A-While—
The members of the Idle-a-While club and their husbands were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Nissen last Friday evening. Refreshments were enjoyed and a social evening spent. The hostess were Mrs. Nissen and Mrs. Tom Finn.

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Party—
Miss Adeline Sharon entertained the girls' basket ball team, and Mr. Pals the boys' basket ball team, at the home of Miss Sharon, Saturday evening. The two teams enjoyed a delicious 7:00 o'clock dinner, after which the evening was spent in various games and stunts. A very delightful time was enjoyed.

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Party—
Neighbors of Mrs. Hugh Berry gave a party in her honor last Thursday evening, at the home of her mother, Mrs Ora Case. About 20 were present and a very fine time was enjoyed. The neighbors brought refreshments with them, and all enjoyed a bountiful spread. Mrs. Berry left Friday for Chicago.

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Party—
A dancing party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brewer, in the Barry addition, on last Wednesday evening. Some two dozen young people were present, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

Priscilla Banquet—
One of the finest social events of the season was the banquet of the ladies of the Priscilla club to their husbands, last week Wednesday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Morse. About 40 members and guests were present at this annual event.

At seven o'clock the three course dinner was served by Mrs Pat Dillon, assisted by the daughters of the club members. The table decorations were pink and green.

The evening was spent in various kinds of entertainment planned by the committee in charge. A very good time was enjoyed by everyone.

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Chain of Ten—
Mrs. Sarah Zook was hostess Monday afternoon of this week, to the ladies of the Chain of Ten.

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Aid Division—
The Northwest Division of the Ladies Aid of the M. E. church meet this afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. R. Ramsay.

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Glee Club—
The Morningside Glee club will give an entertainment next Wednesday evening, March 28, at the M. E. church. Everyone is invited.

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To Entertain—
Mrs. Clyde Jennings will entertain the Priscilla club at her home on next Thursday, March 29, instead of on Wednesday as had been planned.

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Belmond Visitors at Klemme
Boyd Hake, of Belmond, was visiting in Klemme yesterday.

Mrs. W. F. Missman and Mrs. Ely, went to Belmond Saturday for an over Sunday visit, returning Monday.

Mrs. Hake went to Belmond Tuesday for a short visit with her parents.

The Misses Iris Trumbell and Nettie Benson, of Belmond, visited with Klemme friends from Monday until Tuesday evening.

George Ell. of Belmond, was a Klemme caller Monday.

Ben Swalve was a business caller at Belmond Tuesday.

Chas. Busch was a business caller at Belmond Tueday.

W. E. McAlpin, of Belmond, was a Klemme visitor Tuesday.—Times.

Joe Urich says that until last week he had the oldest team of horses in Hancock county, but we suppose the Corwith Hustler will claim that some one down that way can beat Joe's story. Joe had a team of horses that was given to him by his mother when he was married 18 years ago, and one of them was 31 years old this spring and the other was 32. One of them had to be shot last week. Joe's father raised the team, and he said for years that his mother always insisted that he drive this team when she rode with him.—Garner Leader.

We noticed in a recent issue of the Livermore Gazette that at a meeting of their Commercial Club the subject of uniting Corwith, LuVerne, Bode, Kanawha and Livermore with an electric lighting and heating plant was discussed. Outside speakers of authority on the subject were present and discussed the matter with them. The Bode council was also present at the meeting and before disbanding it was planned to call representatives of the five towns together to see if plans could not be formulated for the organization. The poor service we have been receiving is causing the business men of all these towns to look about them for relief and no doubt something will be done this year to insure better service.—Kanawha Reporter.

Mrs. Louis Luick of Belmond came Thursday for a visit at the home of her daughter Mrs. Ross Farmer.—Monitor.

There are but two papers in Northwest Iowa in the same class of excellence attained by the Humboldt Republican, both of which are published in Wright county.—Eagle Grove Eagle.

(One of them of course is the Eagle—but why leave the other seven in suspense?)

Albert Judd. Jr. and Ross Eggers autoed to Belmond, Sunday where they spent the day with friends.—Kanawha Reporter.

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This Paper

Belmond Local News

Geo. W. Robb on "The Growing Menace," high school auditorium, Friday night, March 23. Come!

Mrs. Martin Lewis, of Mason City was a visitor with relatives and friends here a day or two last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ahlstrom and family expect to leave this week Friday on their trip to Sweden.

The Legion held their business meeting at the Legion hall on Monday evening.

Mrs. Hugh Berry left last week Friday for Chicago, where she joined her husband.

Mrs. Floyd Doctor from Clarion was visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Slining last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Stadtlander were visitors at the home of his sister, Mrs. Joe Sprenzel, the first of the week. Mrs. Sprenzel is reported as being quite ill at this writing.

Mrs. Asa Legge of Kanawha was in Belmond last Saturday doing some shopping.

SHERIFF SALE

STATE OF IOWA, Wright Co. ss.
To Christien Sorenson, Sena Sorenson and W. S. Hayer.

You are hereby notified that by virtue of a special execution, to me directed, and issued out of the office of the Clerk of the District Court of Iowa, within and for Wright county, upon a judgment rendered in said Court in favor of Nellie Luick and against Christien Sorenson and Sena Sorenson for the sum of ($1371.35) Thirteen Hundred Seventy One and 35 Dollars debt, and ($27.55) Twenty Seven and 55 dollars costs, and ($53.71) Fifty Three and 71 dollars attorney's fee, I have levied upon the following described Real Estate, to-wit:

The lot No. four (4), in Block No. One (1), in the Original Town of Belmond, Wright County Iowa, and that on the 6th day of April 1923, at 10:00 o'clock a. m., at the front door of the Court House in Clarion, Wright County, Iowa, I will proceed to sell the same in satisfaction of said execution, together with all legal costs accruing.

Dated at the Sheriff's office, in Clarion, this 7th day of March 1293,

HENRY LANG
Sheriff of Wright Co. Ia.
W. E. Bullard, Attorney.
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BELMOND TRAIN SCHEDULES

(Corrected to date.)

ROCK ISLAND
Going North
Passenger, daily ------ 8:15 a. m.
Freight, daily ------ 10:55 a. m
Combination, daily ------ 2:15 p. m.
Going South
Passenger, daily ------ 6:28 p. m.
Freight, daily ------ 1:10 p. m.
Combination, daily ---- 11:58 a. m.

M.& ST. L.
Going West.
Combination, daily ---- 8:30 a. m
Going East
Combination, daily ----- 3:35 p. m.

GREAT WESTERN
Going North
Motor, daily ------ 9:24 a. m.
No. 16, pass., D & S ---- 1:35 p. m.
No. 12, pass., D & S ---- 1:26 a. m.
Local Freight ------ 7:55 a. m.
Going South
No. 11, pass., D & S ---- 1:26 a. m.
No. 15, pass., D & S ---- 3:40 p. m.
Motor ------ 5:19 p. m.
Local Freight ------ 3:20 p. m.

WALL PAPER

Don't Delay and Get Caught In the Rush!

All indications point to a "rush" decorating season this year. It is beginning now. Many people are getting their work done before the grand scramble.

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FARM BUREAU NOTES

Interest in Club Work Grows

The interest in the boys' and girls' club work in Wright county seems to be on the increase. The organization of the Baby Beef club, Poultry club, and the Purebred Gilt club and the prizes offered in these clubs, seems to have created considerable interest among the youngsters of Wright county.

There are at present at the county agent's office about seventy applications for enrollment in the Poultry club and about sixty-five purebred gilt entries, also a number of applications for enrollment in the girls' garment club. The club work in Wright county has grown to such an extent that the county agent is beginning to be concerned as to how his club work can be carried on successfully along with the general work of the farm bureau. It is hoped that with the cooperation of the parents of these youngsters as well as others who are interested in our boy and girls that the work can be carried on successfully and the boys and girls be given an opportunity to get the most out of their club work. Club work is becoming one of the important phases of the farm bureau work throughout the state.

On a tour of the county just completed the county agent found that the baby beeves which are on feed in the baby beef club are in fine condition and that the boys and girls doing the feeding work are highly pleased with the results they are getting in the feeding work. Each boy and girl is keeping a monthly record of all feed consumed by the calf as well as the cost of the feed and in this way the youngster is able to figure the costs per pound of the gains put on during the month. The average gains that have been made by the calves on feed is about two and a half pounds per day and the highest gain which has been reported is three pounds per day for a month period.

Dairy Feeding School Valuable

Prof Offringa of the dairy section of the experimental station at Ames spent two days in Wright county last week conducting the dairy feeding and management schools. The two afternoon meetings which were held in the county, one at Belmond and the other at Clarion were very well attended and intense interest was shown in the work presented.

According to Mr. Offringa too many of the farmers consider the dairy production work as a side line and do not make a study of dairying feeds and feeding. According to his statements a great many of the farmers are feeding dairy cows at a loss because they do not make a study of the balanced ration for the dairy production.

Mr. Offringa is a firm believer in the organizations of Cow Testing associations and spent considerable time in explaining the various problems connected with the cow testing work. He seemed to feel that the organization of the cow testing association is a great forward step in the direction of improvement of the dairy industry in our county. According to Mr. Offringa, Wright county has conditions favorable to In all of his work in the county he urged that more attention be given to the proper feeding of dairy cattle in order that larger and more profitable returns may be realized by those who are milking cows.

Guard Against Oat Smut

Farmers should guard against the sowing of oats which are affected by the common oats smut. The smut is caused by a spore which lives from one season to the next in the oat hull and unless the oats are treated the grain will start out with the handicap of being affected with the smut spores.

It is a very easy matter for any farmer to treat his oats for the common smut by using a solution of one pint of formaldehyde in 40 gallons of water and soaking the oats for ten minutes before draining off the solution. A convenient way of treating oats and then place the bags in about one-half barrel of the formaldehyde solution. The oats should then be spread out upon a floor and covered with blankets or canvass and allowed to stand for from 18 to 24 hours, after which it should be worked over and allowed to dry before seeding.

Test Your Seed Corn

This is the time of year when every farmer should be thinking about the germination qualities of his seed corn. The farmer who has carefully selected his seed corn and stored it properly usually figures that it is not neccessary to test his seed for the coming season.

Experience has shown that the farmer who has the best stand of corn and who produces the largest yield from year to year, is the one who tests his seed corn carefully before planting by giving an individual ear test to determine the germination qualities. Many farmers are content to test their corn by throwing a few kernels into a box of dirt and getting the germination test by the hit-or-miss system in this way, but the farmer who has the best yield of corn is the one who gives attention to the individual ear selection. The kernel of corn which sprouts does not always produce a good strong, vigorous, stalk of corn because often times it lacks the vitality to produce a good stalk and for this reason alone, an individual ear test should be made.

A simple way of testing one's seed corn is by using the "rag doll" method. All that is necessary to prepare a rag doll tester is to take a strip of muslin or other cheap cloth about four feet long and six or eight inches wide and block it off by running one line throught the center of the entire length of the strip and cross marks at intervals of about three inches and numbering the blocks. By using this strip of cloth, three kernels from each ear can be placed in each of the blocks with a number to correspond with the number of the ear. The kernels should be taken one from near the tip end of the ear, one from the center, and the other from near the butt end and in this way insure a representative test of the entire ear. The rag doll should then be rolled up and a rubber band placed about the center and one at each end and the doll then placed in a pail of warm water and set in a warm place from twelve to eighteen hours. The rag doll should then be taken from the water and placed in a warm place with the empty pail covering it. The test can be read in two or three days.

Hen's Feed Affects Hatching

The hatching percentage of eggs can be materialy increased by the proper feeding of the laying hens. Hens whose eggs are to be used for hatching purposes should be fed plenty of green feed and milk.

"Either fresh buttermilk or skim milk is all right," says H. A. Bittenbender, head of the poultry husbandry department at Ames. He suggests the following ration: One one hundred pounds of ground oats red pounds of middlings or shorts, one hundred pounds of ground corn, one hundre pounds of ground oats and sixty pounds of fresh buttermilk or skim milk. Where dried buttermilk is used, forty pounds is sufficient.

Such a ration may be placed in the hopper of the self-feeder and kept before the birds all the time. If the mash is moistened with hot water or with hot buttermilk toward the middle of the morning, the egg production will be increased noticeably during the winter months.

Green feed is another egg producer and should be fed heavily at this season of the year. Mr. Bittenbender gives the following directions for the sprouting of oats on the farm, where an oats sprouter is not available:

1. Soak the oats in a pail for twenty-four hours near some source of heat.
2. Sqeeze out the surplus water and pour the oats into another pail.
3. Turn the oats twice daily until oats sprout and show a growth of half an inch or more.

Treated in this way, the oats will sprout in from three to four days. Start a new bucket to soaking each day. The sprouts should be fed to the hens each noon at the rate of about one pound to every fifteen birds. Mold may be prevented from growing on the oats by using a teaspoonful of formalin to each pail of water or by turning the oats more often.

HOME SWEET HOME HAS ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

London, March 21.—(Associated Press)—One hundred years ago next May 8, "Home Sweet Home" was sung in public for the first time. The melody came in the second act of an opera called "Clari. Or the Maid of Milan" produced at Covent garden. The libretta was written by a wandering American actor, John H. Payne, and the music was composed by Sir Henry Bishop.

The opera died and was soon forgotten but the centenary of the imperishable song it bequeathed to the English speaking world is to be observed here.—Des Moines Register.

Bilkens showed up with a set of hand-carved features that resembled the field after Chateau Thierry.

"Pete's sake!" gasped a friend. What happened to your face? Been in an accident?"

"Nope," returned Bilkens sadly. A deaf and bumb barber shaved me and he was feeling chatty."

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The Cemetery Aid Society will hold their Annual Easter Gift and Food sale on Saturday March 31st, in Hill's Jewelry store.

If it's a good used car you want, we have it. All makes. Make your own terms—Belmond Auto Co.

J. N. Fetrow has been ill the past week, suffering from an attack of appendicitis. He is getting along very well.

C. C. Johnson of Alexander was a business caller in town on Saturday of last week.

C. M. Morse was a caller with Thornton friends over Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Ole Scott has been visiting the past week at her old home at Huxley, Iowa. She returns home this week.

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Miss Mildred Gealow came down from Meservey, Saturday, to spend the week end with home folks. Owing to no trains, she was unable to return until Tuesday.

There are a couple of farmers near Belmond who have over 300 chicks now, which in a few weeks will be spring fries, worth close to 50 cents a pound "on the hoof." We aren't giving the names, because 300 toothsome springs worth 50 cents a pound might tempt someone to take a chance, but doesn't this strike you as a good way to make money with chickens, raising early spring fries.

Mrs. W. E. Stevens moved her Gift Shop Monday, from the H. N. Hill building to the Greenfield building, which she recently purchased, and the Gift Shop will be located there from now on.

Enemies Are Evidences of Duties Well Performed

J. A. Zavadil is publisher of the Democrat at Humphrey, Neb. He contributes an editorial page that is a delight to newspaper men and an uplift and an inspiration to his readers. Here is a sample:

"You say you have no enemies. If this is a fact, then you should be ashamed of yourself, for you have never stood up for right against persecution. Had you done these things you would have made enemies. Even if you had done none of these things, but achieved a little more success in your business than your neighbor, if your children were a little brighter in school or a little better behaved out of school, you woud have made enemies, for failure hate success. The man who has no enemies should be ashamed of himself."

You Can't Beat Logic.

Demon Reformer: "Don't you know tobacco shortens lives?"

Smoker: "I've smoked for sixty-five years and I'm eighty years old now."

D. R.—"Well, if you hadn't smoked you would probably be ninety now."

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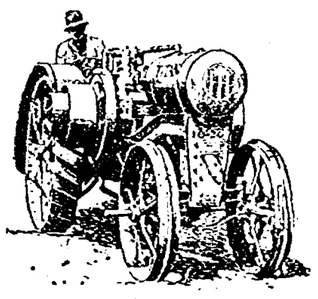

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MESERVEY SECTION

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JOE SUNTKEN
16tfc Alexander, Iowa.

It was a hard matter to get news enough to fill our sheet this week. The reporter was ill, as were others, making it impossible for many to leave their homes or to get out of town long enough to make a news item. We are expecting to feel better soon, and may be able to furnish a better variety of news for next week.

You are cordially invited to attend the JOHN DEERE 999 planter demonstration at our store

MARCH 21, 1921

Do not forget your card for souvenir.

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Meservey, Iowa

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REFORMED CHURCH NOTES

Sunday school at 9:30, English. German preaching 10:30. Young peoples meeting at 7:15 p. m. Evening service at 8.

The Central College Glee Club will be with us next Thursday evening, March 22, at 8 o'clock, and a silver offering will be taken to defray expenses. We promise that the boys will give us a fine musical treat. The Glee club is a musical organization of Central College, Pella, Iowa. The club is strictly high class, a group of christian young men of noble purpose, high asperation and lofty ideals who can be depended upon to give an excellent program. Everybody is cordially invited to hear them and enjoy a good entertainment.

The Sunday school pupils are kindly requested to bring their mission boxes next Sunday morning. Let us make this a banner year!

Next Sunday morning preparatory services will be held; after the service opportunity will be given to unite with the church, either on confession of faith or by letter.. Friday at 2 o'clock there will be preaching service on Good Friday and the celebration of the Lord's supper

H. Pannkuk, Minister

Miss Hueneman was on the sick list Saturday and Sunday.

Dale Smith and Frank Sprau accompanied a big consignment of stock to the Chicago markets last Saturday. This shipment was made thru the Shipping Association of this place, and consisted of a fine bunch of cattle and hogs sent out by Wm. Messelheiser, Frank Guth, and others, we did not learn of.

A. J. Nissen was sick several days the latter part of last week and fore part of this, being unable to be at his desk at the bank, but is back to work again, at this writing.

Dr. Agler was confined to his home several days last week due to illness.

Miss Maggie Fischer of Freeport Ill., visited at the H. Fischer home several days. She departed the fore part of this week for different points in Minnesota to visit other relatives.

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COMMUNITY PROGRAM

The Community program which was to have been given last Friday evening, will be held on Friday of this week, beginning at 7:30 p. m. The program appeared in last week's issue, and will be quite interesting, we believe. You are cordially invited to attend.

Word was received here by Joe Stattlander that Joe Spenzel of Belmond, formerly of this place, is in a critical condition with cancer of the liver. No hopes are held out for his recovery. The men are brothers-in-law, and those who know him will be grieved to hear of his suffering.

Misses Hawthorne and Andersen were Mason City shoppers last Saturday.

The W. C. T. U. program will be postponed indefinately owing to so much sickness in the various families who were to take part. Announcement will be made later as to when this program will be given also the program will be published in due time.

The "S. O. S" Boys Sunday School class met with Bernard Brater on Tuesday evening, March 13th for their monthly meeting. All present report a pleasant time.

The King's Daughter's class and the Friends class met at the Wm. Koehler home on Tuesday evening of last week. A pleasant evening is reported.

Miss Mildred Gealow spent Sunday with home folks, and on account of the trains being tied up, she was compelled to spend Monday at Belmond also, not being able to report at the bank till Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Blewitt and son of Thornton returned to their home last Tuesday after a short visit at the J. F. Hartfelder home.

Con. Bier had the small house which he rents out, papered last Friday. Mr. Zimmerman of Sheffield assisted by his son Victor did the work. Albert Wendell and wife will occupy the house some time this week.

Miss Jeanette Lauen returned home after a three weeks stay with her aunt Mrs. Ed. Backman and family helping them them to get settled in their new home near Garner, having moved from Klemme, recently.

CENTRAL GLEE CLUB TO SING

The Glee Club of Central College at Pella, will give a concert at the Reformed church Thursday evening March 22nd. This promises to be a rare treat to music lovers and a cordial invitation is extended to all. A silver offering will be taken up to help defray the expenses for traveling etc.

Geo. Langlitz was very ill several days the latter part of last week, but is better at the present writing.

The la grippe still prevails in this community and quite a number are absent from school.

Bonita Muller was sick all last week with the grippe.

Mrs. A. E. Muller was unable to leave the house several days owing to a spell of la grippe.

Mrs. Clyde Smith and niece Ruth Smith of Mason City spent a few days with the former's grandmother, Mrs. Mary Butz.

Mrs. Glen Enabnit and Mrs. Robert Enabnit returned from Iowa City last Friday where the former was receiving medical treatment, and came back much benefited in health.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Sunday school 9:45 followed by regular services at 10:45 a. m. E. L. C. E. devotional 7:30 p. m. Sermon 8:00.

Wednesday German prayer meeting at 2 p. m. Thursday English class prayer services 7:30 followed by choir rehersal at 8:30 p. m. Friday Workers Training classes 6:45 and 7:30p. m. Saturday Catechetical instruction 2 p. m.

Only 2 weeks remain to complete Conf. reports. Please.

A. W. Schlesselman, Pastor.

US FOR HIM

Give me the every-day sort of a man.
The feller who laughs when he is glad.
Give me the open-faced, big-hearted man
The fellow who weeps when he is sad.
Give me the man who says what he thinks,
The feller whose word is pure gold;
Give me the man who can always be found,
The feller who's not bought and sold.
Give me the man who stands up to the rack,
The feller whose spirit never bends;
Give me the man who is there with the goods,
The feller who stands by his friends.—Exchange.

If you have anything you want to sell, or if you want to buy something, need help or have something to trade, try an Independent want ad.

KUHLERS-WENDELL

Last Wendesday March 14th at the Evangelical parsonage occured the marriage of Miss Reaka Marie Kuhler to Mr. Henry Wendell, both of this place, the Rev. Schlesselman officiating. Only a few of the immediate relatives were present to witness the ceremony, which joined two of our worthy young people in holy wedlock. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Heiko Kuhlers and is much beloved for her sweet and amiable disposition, which adds so much to woman's charm, and will make a desirable helpmeet for him who has chosen her. The groom is the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Wendell and is honored for his steady habits and congeniality, and we think he deserves the love of the one of his choice. We join in wishing these young people a successful journey thru life. They will be at home to their many friends in the near future, on the Theo Wendell farm, the groom having rented the place from his father.

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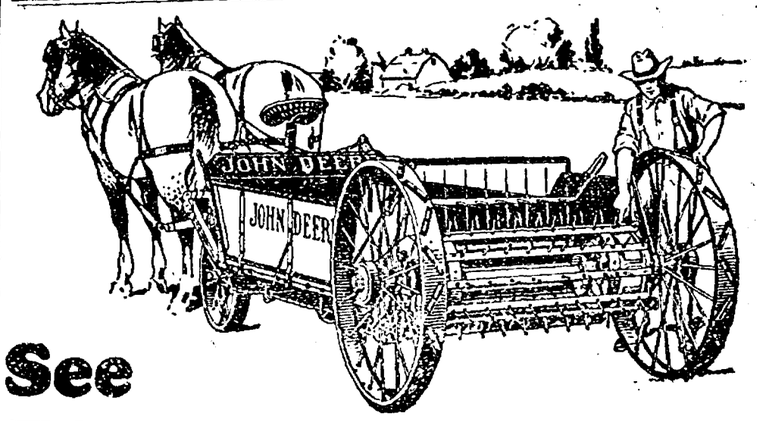

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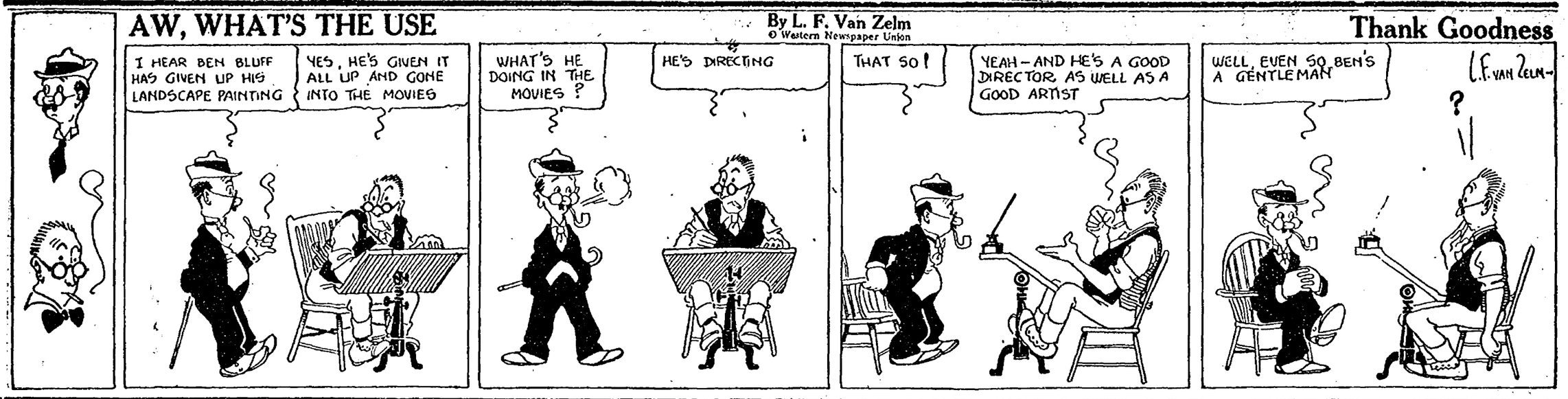

MESERVEY SCHOOL NOTES

3rd and 4th grades

Those having perfect spelling lessons during the past week in the third grade are Harold Pals, Esther Dorenkamp, and Ivadel Wickersheim. In the fourth grade the perfect spellers are Mervin Morris, Raymond Pals, Lu Vern Butz, Lincoln Paul, Gwethalynn Wenzell, Loena Koenen, Phyllis Agler, Naomi Schlesselman, Lydia Pals, and Thora Sprau.

Many of the children from our room have been absent during the past week, due to illness.

Grammar Room

Orvis Schlesselman, Bonita Muller Ruby Quandt and Aralene Janssen have been absent this week due to illness.

Those having 100 in spelling this week are Ruby, Gilbert and Harry in the eighth grade.

The seventh and eighth grades divided into two teams for a ciphering contest Friday afternoon, with Harry as captain of one and Bernard Bracter of the other. Bernard's team won by a score of 15 to 9.

Primary Room

The entire second grade had perfect spelling lessons all this week. Those who had 100 all week in first grade were Ruth Schlesselman, Kenneth, Marcele, Avery, Louise, Ardell, Otis, Florence, Ruth Prillip, Ivan, Opal, Ruth Pals, and Anto Paul.

Nineteen pupils were absent from this room on Thursday, leaving an attendance of only eighteen.

Anto Paul went into the Busy Bee division of the first grade this week.

Fifth and Sixth Grades

Those receiving a perfect deportment star each day the past week are Nellie Frey. Marie Pals, Lydia Pannkuk, Virgil Schluter, Lydia Groen and Harry Lauen.

Mildred Janssen, Edna Koenen, Fredona Lemke, Emma Boelman, Arne Winthers, Iva Bier, Grace Meints, Laura Bier, Edna Koehler, Alma Dorenkamp and Herman Meints have been absent from school duties some time the past week.

We are planning on having Fredona Lemke play our march for us next week.

Harry Lauen's story. was voted the best in sixth grade language Thursday.

Many of the students passed the six week examinations with excellent grades. Many who were not doing their best the first semester have shown their better work.

The fifth grade spent much of Friday afternoon in making milk posters. Hygiene seems to have become a favorite subject in the class.

The sixth grade finished the study of South America this week. So they celebrated by drawing a large map of the continent tinting each country with a bright color.

Wednesday morning we entertained our classmates by talking on Current Events. Many of us have always read the papers and some of us show that we shall soon have the habit.

Our memory gem for this week is:
Do not look for wrong or evil
You will find them if you do
As you measure to your neighbor
He will measure back to you.

The following community program will be given at the M. E. Church on Friday evening, March 23:

Farce: "The Blind Attachment," by Grace Pals, Jennie Meinders, Mildred Gealow, Wilhelmina Loats, Ollie Pals.

Song: High school students.

Farce: "The American Beauties," by Eva Sprau, Anna Pals, Evelyn Thomas, Thelma Thomas, Agnes Fischer, Elma Witt.

Farce: "And the Lamp Went Out," by Bert Groen, Grace Groen, Mildred Kochler, Peter Koenen, Eva Schluter.

GOODELL NEWS NOTES

Mr. Stockwell of Sheldon, Iowa, visited his grandmother, Mrs. Africa last week.

Attorney Blackstone of Garner was in Goodell Tuesday of last week on business.

Fred Chase is very sick at this time. The doctors pronounced his case sleeping sickness. On Monday he was thought to be some better.

Howard Ruka is at Colfax again for treatment.

Farmer Cordes, who is at Colfax, is improving.

Miss McCormick was called home last Thursday and expected to return Monday.

Henry Griffin, who has been section foreman on the C. R. I. for three years, resigned his work on March 15th and has moved onto the Fuller place northeast of Goodell. We understand a man from Estherville will take the position.

On March 15th the Hughes-Kennedy garage went out of business. At this time these gentlemen have not decided what line of work they will engage in or where they will locate. Mr. Monaghen is now ready to take care of auto troubles.

Earl Clark of Garner spent Sunday in Goodell.

Miss Mattie Brass came down from Garner on Saturday and spent Sunday with her mother on the farm.

In spite of the bad roads on Saturday a large number of farmers attended the annual sale of Mr. Wesenberg. There were so many teams in town that the farmers had difficulty in finding a place to hitch their teams.

The roads were so bad that a number of the country schools were not in session, Monday.

Saturday night Wm. Deiger went to Hampton to spent Sunday with Mrs. Deiger, who is in the hospital. Mrs. Chris Deiger stayed with the children.

Prof. O. Nelson was in Belmond between trains on Saturday on business.

Mrs. John Ahrenkiel visited her brother, Wm. Nelson of Belmond, last week.

Mr. and Mrs . James Schneider went to Garner on Monday afternoon. Mr. Schneider is on the grand jury this term of court.

Dr. Tice of Mason City was called to consult with Dr. Snearly last Tuesday, on Mr. Chase's case.

U. B. CHURCH NOTES

Pre-Easter services will be held every night next week except Saturday night. All Christians are requested to attend and be helped by these services.

Easter Sunday will be Communion day. Plan to be present.

This week the Ladies . Aid was entertained by Mrs. Burgess and Mrs. Earl Ruka at the home of Mrs. Burgess.

ALEXANDER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Murphy and sons Raymond and Donald spent the first of the week with relatives at Hampton.

Miss Emma Eickmeyer spent Saturday and Sunday visiting at the Fred Greenfield home.

Miss Anna Beenen visited with friends at Hampton the fore part of the week.

Miss Marjorie Flynn, Mary Kernen and Oralee Brooks spent Saturday and Sunday at their respective homes at Belmond.

Mrs. Ellen Peck and Mrs. Carrie Reed visited with friends at Latimer the first of the week.

Mrs. L. S. Reed and children visited with her parents at Belmond last Saturday.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. Louie Peters who has diptheria is much improved at this writing.

Mrs. Oscar Hensel and sons Carrol and Donald Paul spent several days last week visiting her sister Mrs. E. E. Butler at Hampton.

George Polmateer of Belmond is visiting at the home of his brother Henry Polmateer and family here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Reed entertained the school faculty to a six o'clock dinner on Tuesday evening A very enjoyable time was spent.

The Medicine Show which was here last week was greeted with a good attendance, Mrs. Alfred Anderson recieved the most votes on the popular lady contest and was presented with a set of silverware, Little Fay Blau recieved the most votes on the Baby contest and was presented with a gold ring.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Sunday School 2:00 o'clock.

Preaching and Holy Communion in the German language 2:45 o'clock.

The Ladies Aid society meets with Mrs. A. B. Arends Tuesday afternoon the 27th. All are cordially invited.

C. J. Barth, pastor.

116,080 FORDS FOR FEBRUARY

Detroit, Mich., March 22.—With 116,080 Ford cars sold at retail in February a new record for the shortest month in the year has been established. February sales exceeded those of January by more than 15,000 and marked the eleventh month in which Ford sales have topped the 100,000 line.

This sales record bears out predictions made at the opening of the year that an acute shortage in Ford cars is certain and this shortage is expected to be felt within next two months with the increased volume of car buying which is always attendant upon the spring months.

Even the high production schedule set at the Ford Motor Co's factory here, which will reach 6,000 cars and trucks a day about April 1st, will be unable to meet the apparent demand for Ford products.

Anticipating a great increase in the demand for Ford cars during the present year the factory here laid plans for increasing production to the 6,000 cars a day schedule and since January 1st had been constantly speeding up manufacture to reach this figure. Demand so far has been of such great proportions as to absorb nearly all production, and stocks in hands of dealers are at present the lowest they have been in months.

February sales of 116,000 cars were made in the face of unfavorable weather conditions in many sections of the country which tied up freight traffic and prevented many deliveries. This was particularly true thruout the northwest, the northern tier of states and in New England. In California, too, cold weather during a part of the month had its effect upon car sales.

Yet with even these unfavorable conditions, the February sales topped those of January by 15 per cent and set a new high record for midwinter selling.

With February the eleventh month in which Ford car sales have gone over the 100,000, the total for this period is close to 1,250,000 cars.

Peak car sales usually are reached during the summer months with drops in the fall and winter. This feature of automobile absorption by the buying public has been completely changed during the last few months thru the activities of the Ford dealer organization which has raised the "peak" line to include every month in the year.

THE FARMER'S WIFE

Appropriate Dress-Women are often tempted to wear colors unsuited to their type because of the popularity those colors.

1. Black or dark brown hair, brown, gray or blue eyes can usually wear blue of all shades, cream, ivory, golden and tan in browns, dark red, blue gray, all other shades of gray and mustard and amber yellow.

2. Olive skin, brown or black hair, blue or gray eyes, black, only when worn with cream collar or touch of color; chestnut and golden brown, navy blue, warm shades of gray, crimson, old rose.

3. Dark sallow type. She must wear the dark and dull shades with touches of bright colored trimming, as rose, flame, orange.

4. Auburn hair with blue or brown eyes takes black, especially in thin materials, rich shades of brown, dull and dark greens, violet, pearl and dove gray, navy, peacock or gray blue.

5. Sallow blondes must be careful in choosing their colors, but they can wear soft gray combined with rich tones, as rose or brunt orange, dark red, navy blue, creamy white, rose.

6. Black hair, brown eyes and dark skin take golden brown, black with touches of color, dark green, pale or dark blue, clear red or crimson, coral, pale or old rose, any yellow.

7. The golden haired girl with fair skin and blue eyes wears black, white, very dark brown, all shades of blue, delicate yellow, pale pink or old rose, warm shades of gray and green.

8. The elderly woman with gray hair should choose for her colors black, if trimmed in color, creamy white, dark blue and violet.

The fleshy figure ought to wear "reticing" colors, as blue greens, blue, brown gray and black, while thin figures need the "advancing" colors, red, yellow, orange, rose and bright blues to increase the size.

If you redecorate your kitchen and pantry walls or woodwork this spring, remember that enamel paint is a little more expensive but it lasts longer and is more easily cleaned because it can be washed quickly with a damp cloth.

GARNER GETTING ALL RILED UP OVER JUICE RATE

A recent meeting of the Commercial club of Garner considered many different things for civic betterment, and in noting the event among other things the Garner Leader says:

The big event of the evening, however, was the report of the club's special committee on electric lighting. This committee was manned by Mayor Pritchard, M. N. Zeiger, Bankers F. M. Hanson and Isaac Sweigard and George. B. Lawhorn. This committee had visited Nora Springs, Mason City and other points and learned considerable about light franchises and rates, all of which they reported to the club Monday evening. There is going to be something doing in the electric light and power business in Garner. This committee found that at Nora Springs users of electric current paid the following rates: Business houses, 10c per KW, residence 12c per KW, power rates 6 and 4c per KW. The distributor of the juice at Nora Springs buys his electricity from Mason City at 4½ cents per KW. Despite the much talked of line loss, operating cost, investment retuhns, taxes, interest, etc., the gentleman who owns and operates the distribution of juice in Nora Springs, is able to maintain a winter home on the Florida beach and a summer home in the vicinity of the Northern lakes, so he must be making something out of the business. The outcome of the committee's report was that the secretary was instructed to etxend an invitation to John Reed, one of the head men of the Iowa Falls Electric Company, to visit Garner and appear before the next meeting of the club for the purpose of explaining why Garner should be required to pay 15 cents per KW for the first 25 KW and 12c thereafter. The business interests of Garner are at this time united into a common mass, and something is going to happen, and that shortly.

THE MISSION OF A NEWSPAPER

A newspaper has a distinct mission to fulfill. This mission to record the news of the community in which the paper is published as faithfully and as accurately as is humanly possible, without bias and without fear.

There are times, it is true, when this mission brings the editor face to face with a disagreeable task. He must either fulfill his obligation to his readers and print all the news or he must adopt a policy of printing only what he thinks they should read. In the latter case he has cut out for himself the most hopeless task imaginable, for when one man sets himself up as the judge of what should be printed and what should not be printed, when he undertakes to say what is news and what is not, when he appoints himself as a sort of unofficial censor of all that is good and bad in his community there will be no end to his troubles.

He will have to suppress all divorce news, all criminal news and all court proceedings. If boys drink hooch in the town he must never mention the fact for that would be unfavorable publicity. If Mrs. Jones shoots her husband and runs off with another man he must not mention the incident for it might create talk over the state and give his town a black eye. If gambling is going on all around him he must shut his eyes, fold his hands and write an editorial on the beauties of nature lest some innocent boy or girl read his paper and decide to go into the business of gambling right away. He would be overwhelmed with requests to "keep our names out of the paper" every time a couple got divorced or a jag party was staged. He would be told that to print these items would hurt the town.

On the other hand he can have a policy of printing all the news no matter what it is or whom it hits, but he can disclaim the responsibility for creating the news. If lightning strikes John Jones' house it is not the editor' fault. He simply records the fact. His paper is the medium through which people learn of the happenings in their community.

If the editor had his own way, all news would be good news. He would have only the Sunday school parties and the ice cream socials and the weddings and such things to record for there would be none of the other kind ever happen, but editors do not have the say about what happens and so the best they can do is to record what does and let it go at that, good, bad or indifferent as the case may be.

As so far as unfavorable pulicity is concerned, there is nothing to it. All publicity is favorable. If good, let us rejoice. If bad, let us change the cause, but the glaring light of true publicity on the acts of mankind have ever been a beneficial thing and should be safegarded and endorsed by everyone.—Exchange.

DISTRICT COURT NEWS NOTES

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subject to a prior mortgage of $20,000.

An unpaid note for $375 is cause of suit brought by Emil Dahlgren of Belmond against J. J. McAlpine. The amount now due with interest is $423.98.

Geo. Coburn of Cornelia vs Grant Whipple is a suit to collect on a note for $102.89.

Sandwich Mfg. Co, of Illinois asks judgment against W. W. Frakes in the sum of $330.86, being balance due on two notes.

Cedar Rapids Life Insurance Co., seeks to collect the sum of $1471.68 from H. J. Sellers and R. B. and Anna Sellers of Galt and Eagle Grove on their promissory note.

F. A. Peterson of Dows was brought to Clarion Friday for examination as to his mental condiaction plaintiff alleges that the dehim to the state institution at Cherokee for treatment, to which place he was taken Saturday by Deputy Johnson and C. E. Hemingway of Dows. Mr. Peterson who is 71 years of age is an old time resident of the Dows neighborhood and a brother of F. H. Peterson. He has been gradually growing worse for the past few months. He had thrown things at Mrs. Peterson and otherwise frightened her for some time past.

Engineer Hilton and his assistant, C. C. O'Connor, as well as the several members of the board of supervisors are in attendance at the tenth annual conference of road officials now holding a three days' session at Ames. Mr. Hilton is to appear on the program his topic being "Road Maintenance."

Treasurer Allen reports about 150 delinquent auto owners having paid their 1922 license since the first of the year. There are still about 300 delinquents. Those not paid by May 1st will be advertised and later sold by Sheriff Lang. Parties using cars without a 1923 number are subject to a $100 fine.

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High Tension Lines To Link All Properties

Line Between Boone and Nevada Will Tie Up Electric Power Plants Of 7 Cities

The last link which will hook up all the properties of the Iowa Railway & Light company, the Iowa Electric company, and the Iowa Falls Electric company will be completed this season when the high tension electric line between Nevada and Boone will be built.

The line will be approximately twenty-eight miles in length and will consist of steel towers and an aluminum line. This lead will go directly north out of Nevada and thence west around the city of Ames and into the Boone plant from the north side of Boone.

When this is completed it will tie Nevada up with the Cedar Rapids, Marshalltown, Boone, Perry, Grundy Center and Iowa Falls power plants and give the company a complete circuit over the state in the various towns where they furnish juice for light and power.

The approximate cost of this improvement will be $75,000 and will be one of the most important pieces of improvement in the way of service provision that has been attempted by the company for some years.—Adv.

LEGISLATORS NOW IN DEAD EARNEST

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Legislative matters are now speeded up to near the limit, and the next week will see some of the important matters brought to a decision in both houses. The flood of bills since the March vacation has reached about the usual proportions and committees have now acted upon many matters with their approval or disapproval. The house and senate Journals are now filled with committee reports, and the calendars carry enough work to occupy more time than can be given to general legislative action every day.

Some agitation in official circles was caused late last week when news from the executive session of the Senate, leaked out, to the effect that State Treasurer Burband's office was under investigation. Later details confirmed the first reports and now an expert accountant is employed and at work in the state treasurer's office to ascertain how the books and records are kept and why the balances required under the law have not been kept up each day. The Senate departmental affairs committee evidently ran onto something not exactly to their liking in the treasurer's office, with the result stated. To quiet the rumors and get things straightened out the governor took immediate action by appointing the expert to investigate. Affairs between State Treasurer Burband's office and other state departments have not been as harmonious and agreeable as they might have been, it is said, and the treasurer has been largely "doing it alone."

To Consolidate Some Departments

By slow process of legislative enactment it is possible that at last a few of the minor departments of our state government may be consolidated into one large department. This may possibly result in some economy of operation, and ought to at least result in more efficiency and better results. The Committee on Departmental Affairs worked out the proposition and reported recently in favor of a bill to create the Department of Agriculture in this state. Iowa is one of the few states not having a department of agriculture although it has almost everything else. A head to this department will be called the secretary of agriculture and for the first term he will be appointed by the governor, but at the next general election he will be elected by the people of the state and will be on an equal with the other major state officials. Under this secretary of agriculture, then, it is proposed in the bill to consolidate the present horticultural association, the weather and crop service, the commission of animal health, state veterinarian, the corn and small grain growers' association, beef producer's association, state dairy association, state dairy and food commission, state poultry association, forestry commission, geolopical survey, state oil inspector, board of conservation, inspector of weights and measures, hotel, cafe, ice cream, bakery and other inspectors now swarming the state treasurer's office once a month to draw their pay for trifling service.

Naturally the birth of such a new department comes through much labor, and the Senate spent some hours considering the matter, finally eliminating the geological survey and the conservation board from the provisions of the bill. These two departments are at present handled by men who serve without pay, and do much work for the benefit of the state as a duty they owe to their state.

When the consolidation of these many small departments is finally completed, as it is predicted it will be by this General Assembly, the system of handling all these various state matters ought to be simplified and made at least businesslike.

Eliminate R. and R. Committee

Many experienced members of House and Senate were stunned last week when the Senate voted to eliminate the Retrenchment and Reform Committee, which has been the one state authority to have checking and regulating authority over all state matters during the time the legislature is not in session. This committee has been active in probing some matters, has often reduced or adjusted salaries of employees, authorized employment of help in emergencies, stopped some bad practices that were started, and has even been a check on the governor, the secretary of state and other officials by reason of its connection with the General Assembly. Members of this committee are named from the membership of both houses and heads of the most important committees. They serve without pay other than expenses. Now to do away with this committee, while it may be glorifying to some, stirs many of the experienced members to protest if not rebellion against such action by the Senate. They will make an attempt to prevent the House following the Senate lead in this matter, even if it delays and kills a lot of more important legislation.

New Bills Stop Now

After Tuesday of this week no more new bills can be introduced in either house except bills that originate in the committees and come in as committees bills. Almost every interest in the state will thank Providence for the passage of this time and for speeding the day when a sifting committee will be empowered to sift out the bills that are worthy of final attention and action by this General Assembly, and kill the others.

In the meantime new bills are being dumped into the hopper right along. Usually they cover minor matters and are not essential to the welfare of the state. Occasionally a Code Commission bill is reported out of a committee, but rarely, and there is no change for action on many more of these. Code revision is now an obsolete and by-gone proposition, some members say. There can never be anything done to the remaining Code Commission bills except by another Code committee revising and going through the entire Code and all the supplements and session laws.

Taxation Committee Bills

After working for weeks and spending many hours in considering all points involved, the Ways and Means committee of the Senate has passed out three of the important bills regarding taxation reform in this state. While the vote of the committee was against these bills, still they deemed it fair to place them on the Senate calendar and let the whole body consider them. One of the bills is what is called the administration bill, providing for the administration of the new tax laws. This bill would create a county and state board of review. The others provide for a state budget to be made up each year before the tax levy is fixed and for county and local budgets in the smaller districts.

While this taxation bill is along constructive lines and has been worked over and thought out carefully for two years by able men, yet it is hardly thought it will be adopted in either house of this General Assembly. The discission however, will be enlightening and of future value in taxation matters, and the committee working it out be entitled to the thanks of the people.

Several more highway bills and bills affecting the state highway commission have appeared since last week. One is by Senator Buser and Representative Napier calulated to limit the expenditures of the highway commission to $200,000 a year. The effect would be to cut out most of the engineering work done all over the state.

The House pased the McIntosh bill providing for confiscation of vehicles which may be carrying liquor contrary to law. Also the Buser bill requiring that a large part of the state tax money be kept in the counties until called for by the state treasurer when state funds are reduced to $1,500,000.

Both the House and Senate committees on banks and banking have introduced their measures for regulation of banking business in this state. One provides that the state superintendent of banking shall act as receiver for defunct banks without compensation, and another requires all state banks to accumulate a surplus equal to 20 per cent of the capital stock. A third bill would make it necessary for all new state banks to have a capital stock of at least $50,000 in towns over 3,000 population and $25,000 in towns under 3,000.

Fackler Bill Creates Consternation

When the bill of Representative Fackler of Adams county passed the House several weeks ago, it created quite a contest over the matter of using primary road fund money with which counties might purchase right-of-way, or "for other purposes." The bill passed the Senate last week with an amendment by Senator Gilchrist of Pocahontas county which made it retroactive, authorizing counties which have used other funds for the purchase of right-of-way to reimburse such funds from the primary road funds. The full purport of this amendment was not realized until after the bill was passed, when it was discovered that counties would take an average of thirty thousand dollars each of primary road fund to relenish the county and other road funds, or three million dollars in the whole state. It would be such a lift to county and secondary road funds to have this thirty thousand dollars now that this year's primary road funds would be half used up in the repayment. Thus much road work planned and authorized would be either delayed or stopped entirely. The House, however, promptly accepted the Senate amendment and the bill will become a law on signing by the governor.

The passage of this bill marks the first real victory of the anti-highway commission contingent and they are tickled to death over it.

Many of the populous counties of the state are greatly agitated because of the passage of the Tuck bill limiting their expenditures to the actual cash on hand. It is that many counties have spent large sums more than they have had funds on hand, and have as a result issued warrants that are held at interest until the funds can be replenished from new taxes. The Tuck bill now limits the use of the new taxes so that if the old outstanding warrannts are paid off these counties will have little or no money with which to pay this year's expenses—and they cannot issue more warrants to be held over. A violent protest was made by legislators from many larger counties when the bill passer, but to no avail. Now Senator Holdoegel of Calhoun county has introduced a bill to relieve this situation by making it lawful for these counties to fund and refund their outstanding indebtedness by issuing bonds to cover, and this takes in all indebtedness to 1924. It may be this bill will pass and relieve the situation.

Auto Fees For Big Counties

Coming right back or a bigger share of the automobile license money, these larger counties have introduced a bill through Olson of Clinton county which would permit all counties to retain fifty per cent of the automobile license fees collected. The remainder would be distributed to counties of the state as at present, on the basis of their road mileage. But, as in Polk, Scott, Woodbury, Black Hawk, Linn and some other counties. it would mean thirty to fifty thousand dollars retained by them instead of being distributed equally to the counties of smaller population where fewer automobiles are registered. It is anticipated there will be a deadlock between the House and Senate over this bill.

A most unpopular measure was brought to a vote in the House Monday, when the bill by Ontjes of Grundy county, which would repeal the laws giving exemptions to old soldiers of the civil war, veterans of the Spanish-American war and the World War of part of their taxes. The debate waxed hot and furious, and the author tried to hedge by including an amendment to take away many other tax exemptions now granted under state laws. The bill as originally drawn was forced to a vote by its enemies, and a "call of the House" was put into effect to require every member to be present and vote. Except for those who had been regularly excused all members voted. Only three—Blume, Buffington and Ontjes—voted for the bill, and 97 against it.

Soldiers' Bonus Upheld

A prediction in these letters two weeks ago, that a favorable decision of the Iowa supreme court on the soldiers' bonus law would end the litigation regarding the validity of the law, has now come to pass. On Tuesday the supreme court handed out a unanimous decision upholding the validity of the law under which about $22,000,000 is to be paid to Iowa ex-service men of the late war, based on the lenght of service of each soldier. It is stated by those most intimately connected with the test case that was brought that there will be no appeal from this decision. The state treasurer may go ahead and advertise the bonds for sale and pay out the money to accredited soldiers entitled to the same on warrants to be issued by the state auditor. It is further stated that about April 10th will be the first date possible to pay out any of this money, provided there is no further hitch in the proceedings.

Too Much.

Peter—Look here, my dear—I don't mind you sitting up late with that young man of yours—but I do object to him walking off with my morning paper!

Would Do Her Best.

Dealer (bargaining for the cow) —How much milk does she give?

Farmer (warily)—I don't rightly know, sir. But she be a darned good natured cow, and she'll give all she can."

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The BLIND MAN'S EYES

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Gabriel Warden, Seattle capitalist, tells his butler he is expecting a caller, to be admitted without question. He informs his wife of danger that threatens him if he pursues a course he considers the only honorable one. Warden leaves the house in his car and meets a man whom he takes into the machine. When the car returns home, Warden is found dead, murdered, and alone. The caller, a young man, has been at Warden's house, but leaves unobserved

CHAPTER II.—Bob Connery, conductor, receives orders to hold train for a party. Five men and a girl board the train. The father of the girl, Mr. Dorne, is the person for whom the train was held. Philip D. Eaton, a young man, also boarded the train. Dorne tells his daughter and his secretary, Don Avery, to find out what they can concerning him.

CHAPTER III.—The two make Eaton's acquaintance. The train is stopped by snowdrifts.

CHAPTER IV.—Eaton receives a telegram addressed to Lawrence Hillward, which he claims. It warns him he is being followed.

CHAPTER V.—Passing through the car, Connery notices Dorne's hand hanging outside the berth. He ascertains Dorne's bell has recently rung. Perturbed, he investigates and finds Dorne with his skull crushed. He calls a surgeon, Dr. Sinclair, on the train.

CHAPTER VI.—Sinclair recognizes the injured man as Basil Santoine, who, although blind, is a peculiar power in the financial world as adviser to "big interests." His recovery is a matter of doubt.

CHAPTER VII.—Circumstances point to Eaton as Santoine's assailant.

CHAPTER VIII.—Eaton is practically placed under arrest. He refuses to make explanations as to his previous movements before boarding the train, but admits he was the man who called on Warden the night the financier was murdered.

CHAPTER IX.—Eaton pleads with Harriet Santoine, to withhold judgment, telling her he is in serious danger, though innocent of the crime against her father. He feels the girl believes him.

CHAPTER X.—Santoine recovers sufficiently to question Eaton, who refuses to reveal his identity. The financier requires Eaton to accompany him to the Santoine home, where he is in the position of a semi-prisoner.

CHAPTER XI.—Eaton meets a resident of the house, Wallace Blatchford, and a young girl, Mildred Davis, with whom apparently he is acquainted, though they conceal the fact. Eaton's mission is to secure certain documents which are vital to his interests, and his being admitted to the house is a remarkable stroke of luck. The girl agrees to aid him. He becomes deeply interested in Harriet Santoine, and she in him.

CHAPTER XII.—Harriet tells Eaton she and Donald Avery act as "eyes" to Santoine, reading to him the documents on which he bases his judgments. While walking with her, two men in an automobile deliberately attempt to run Eaton down. He escapes with slight injuries. The girl recognizes one of the men as having been on the train on which they came from Seattle.

CHAPTER XIII.—Santoine questions Eaton closely, but the latter is reticent. The blind man tells him he is convinced the attack made on him on the train was the result of an error, the attacker having planned to kill Eaton. Santoine tells Harriet she is to take charge of certain papers connected with the "Latron properties," which had hitherto been in Avery's charge.

CHAPTER XIV.—Avery seeks to influence Harriet, as his wife to be, to give the papers to him. She refuses. Harriet is beginning to feel that her love belongs to Eaton.

CHAPTER XV.—At the country club Eaton reveals a remarkable proficiency at polo, seemingly to Avery's gratification. Eaton induces Harriet to allow him to leave the grounds for a few minutes that night.

CHAPTER XVI.—That night Eaton invades Santoine's library, seeking the papers he is determined to possess. There he finds two men, one of whom he recognizes with bewildered surprise, on the same errand. The three men engage in a pistol duel.

Eaton fired back at this—he was prostrate on the floor now, and whether he had been hit or not he did not yet know, or whether the blood flowing down his face was only from a splinter sprayed from the table behind which he had hid. He fired again, holding his pistol far out to one side to confuse the aim of the others; he thought that they too were doing the same and allowed for it in his aim. He pulled his trigger a ninth time—he had not counted his shots, but he knew he had had seven cartridges in the magazine and one in the barrel—and the pistol clicked without discharging. He rolled over farther away from the spot where he had last fired and pulled an extra clip of cartridges from his pocket.

The blood was flowing hot over his face. He made no effort to staunch it or even to feel with his fingers to find exactly where or how badly he had been hit. He jerked the empty cartridge clip from his pistol butt and snapped in the other. He swept his sleeve over his face to clear the blood from his brows and eyes and stared through the dark with pistol at arm's length loaded and ready. Blood spurted over his face again; another sweep of his sleeve cleared it; and he moved his pistol-point back and forth in the dark.

Surely now the sound of firing in that room must have reached the man in the room above; surely he must be summoning his servants.

Eaton listened; there was still no sound from the rest of the house. But overhead now, he heard an almost imperceptible pattering—the sound of a barefooted man crossing the floor; and he knew that the blind man in the bedroom above was getting up.

CHAPTER XVII

Under Cover of Darkness.

Basil Santoine was oversensitive to sound, as are most of the blind; in the world of darkness in which he lived, sounds were by far the most significant—and almost the only—means he had of telling what went on around him; he passed his life listening for or determining the nature of sounds. So the struggle which ended in Eaton's crash to the floor would have waked him without the pistol-shots immediately following. That roused him wide-awake immediately and brought him sitting up in bed, forgetful of his own condition.

His hand went at once to the bell-board, and he rang at the same time for the nurse outside his door and for the steward.

Santoine did not consider the possibility of robbery of plate or jewelry long enough to have been said to consider it at all; what he felt was that the threat which had been hanging vaguely over himself ever since Warden's murder was being fulfilled. But it was not Santoine himself that was being attacked; it was something Santoine possessed. There was only one sort of valuable article for which one might enter that room below. And those articles—

Santoine pressed all the bells again and then got up. He had heard absolutely no sound outside, as must be made by anyone escaping from the room below; but the battle seemed over. One side must have destroyed the other.

The blind man stood barefooted on the floor, his hands clasping in one of the bitterest moments of his rebellion against, and defiance of, his helplessness of blindness. Below him—as he believed—his servants had been sacrificing life for him; there in that room he held in trust that which affected the security, the faith, the honor of others; his guarding that trust involved his honor no less. And particularly, now, he knew he was bound, at whatever cost, to act; for he did not doubt now but that his half-prisoned guest, whom Santoine had not sufficiently guarded, was at the bottom of the attack. The blind man believed, therefore, that it was because of his own retention here of Eaton that the attack had been made, his servants had been killed, the private secrets of his associates were in danger. Undoubtedly there was danger below; but that was why he did not call again at the other door for some one else to run a risk for him.

He put his hand on the rail and started to descend the stairs. He was almost steady in step and he had firm grasp on the rail; he noticed that now to wonder at it. When he had aroused at the sound of firing, his blindness, as always when something was happening about him, was obtruded upon him. He felt helpless because he was blind, not because he had been injured. He had forgotten entirely that for almost two weeks he had not stirred from bed; he had risen and stood and walked, without staggering, to the door and to the top of the stairs before, now, he remembered. So what he already had done showed him that he had merely again to put his injury from his mind and he could go on. He went down the stairs almost steadily.

The blind count stairs, and he had gone down twenty-one—and realized fully his futility; but now he would not retreat or merely call for help.

"Who is here?" he asked distinctly. "Is anyone here? Who is here?"

No one answered. And now Santoine knew by the sense which let him feel whether it was night or day, that the room was really dark—dark for others as well as for himself; the lights were not burning. So an exaltation, a sense of physical capability, came to Santoine; in the dark he was as fit, as capable as any other man.

He stepped down on the floor, and in his uncertainty as to the position of the furniture, felt along the wall. There were bookcases there, but he felt and passed along them swiftly, until he came to the case which concealed the safe at the left side of the doors. The books were gone from that case; his bare toes struck against them where they had been thrown down on the floor. The blind man, his pulse beating tumultuously, put his hand through the case and felt the panel behind. That was slid back, exposing the safe; and the door of the safe stood open. Santoine's hands felt within the safe swiftly. The safe was empty.

He recoiled from it, choking back an ejaculation. The entry to this room had been made for the purpose which he supposed; and the thieves must have succeeded in their errand. The blind man, in his uselessness for pursuit, could delay calling others to act for him no longer. He started toward the bell, when some scrape on the floor—not of the sort to be accounted for by an object moved by the wind—sounded behind him. Santoine swung toward the sound and stood listening again; and then, groping with his hands stretched out before him, he left the wall and stepped toward the center of the room. He took two steps—three, four—with no result; then his foot trod into some fluid, thick and sticky and not cold.

Santoine stooped and put a fingertip into the fluid and brought it near his nose. It was what he supposed it must be—blood. He could hear now someone breathing—more than one person. From the house, still shut off by its double, sound-proof doors, he could hear nothing; but someone outside the house was hurrying up to the open window at the south end of the room.

That one came to, or just inside the window, parting the curtains. He was breathing hard from exertion or from excitement.

"Who is it?" Santoine challenged clearly.

"Basil!" Blatchford's voice exclaimed his recognition in amazement. "Basil; that is you! What are you doing down here?" Blatchford started forward.

"What brought you here?" Santoine demanded instead of reply. "You were running outside; why? What was out there? What did you see?"

"See? I didn't see anything—except the window here open when I came up. But I heard shots, Basil. What has happened here?"

Santoine felt again the stickiness at his feet. "Three or four persons fought in this room, Wallace. Some—or one was hurt. There's blood on the floor. There are two here I can hear breathing; I suppose they're hurt. Probably the rest are gone. Get help. I think those who aren't hurt are gone. They must be gone. But—get help first, Wallace."

"And leave you here?" Blatchford rejoined. He had not halted again; the blind man heard his cousin still moving along the wall. The electric switch clicked, and Santoine knew that the room was flooded with light. Santoine straightened, strained, turning his head a little better to listen. With the flashing on of the light, he had heard the sharp, involuntary start of Blatchford as he saw the room; and, besides that, Santoine heard movement now elsewhere in the room. Then the blind man heard his friend's cry. "Good God!"

"What is it?" Santoine cried.

"Good God! Basil!"

"Who is it, Wallace?" the blind man knew now that his friend's incoherence came from recognition of someone, not alone from some sight of horror.

"Basil! It is—it must be—I know him! It is—"

A shot roared in front of Santoine. The blind man, starting back at the shock of it, drew in the powder-gas

A Shot Roared in Front of Santoine.

with his breath; but the bullet was not for him. Instead, he heard his friend scream and choke and half call, half cough.

"Wallace!" Santoine cried out; but his voice was lost in the roar of another shot. This was not fired by the same one who had just fired; at least, it was not from the same part of the room; and instantly, from another side, a third shot came. Then, in the midst of rush and confusion, another shot roared; the light was out again; then all was gone; the noise was outside; the room was still except for a cough and choke as Blatchford—somewhere on the floor in front of the blind man—tried again to speak.

Basil Santoine, groping with his hands, found him. He was still conscious. Santoine knew that he was trying his best to speak, to say just one word—a name—to tell whom he had seen and who had shot him; but he could not.

Santoine put his hand over a hand of his cousin. Blatchford's fingers closed tightly on Santoine's; they did not relax but now remained closed, though without strength. The blind man bowed and then lifted his head. His friend was dead, and others were rushing into the room—the butler, one of the chauffeurs, Avery, more menservants; the light was on again, and amid the tumult and alarms of the discoveries shown by the light, some rushed to the windows to the south in pursuit of those who had escaped from the room. Avery and one or two others rushed up to Santoine; now the blind man heard, above their cries and alarms, the voice of his daughter. She was beside him, where he knelt next the body of Blatchford, and she put back others who crowded about.

"Father! What has happened? Why are you here? Oh, Father, Cousin Wallace!"

"He is dead," Santoine said. "They shot him! They were three, at least. One was not with the others. They fired at each other, I believe, after one shot him." Santoine's hand was still in Blatchford's. "I heard them below." He told shortly how he had gone down, how Blatchford had entered and been shot.

The blind man, still kneeling, heard the ordering and organizing of others for the pursuit; now women servants from the other part of the house were taking charge of affairs in the room. There had been no signal heard, Santoine was told, upon any of the bells which he had tried to ring from his room. Eaton was the only person from the house who was missing.

"They came, at least some of them came"—Santoine had risen, fighting down his grief over his cousin's death—"for what was in your safe, Harriet."

"I know; I saw it open."

"What is gone?" Santoine demanded.

He heard her picking up the contents of the safe from the floor and carrying them to the table and examining them.

"Why—nearly all the formal papers seem to be gone; lists and agreements relating to a dozen different things."

"None of the correspondence?"

"No; that all seems to be here."

Santoine was breathing quickly; the trust for which he had been ready to die—for which Blatchford had died—seemed safe.

"We don't know whether he got it, then, or not!" It was Avery's voice which broke in upon him; Santoine merely listened.

"He? Who?" He heard his daughter's challenge.

"Why, Eaton. It is plain enough what happened here, isn't it?" Avery answered. "He came here to this room for what he was after—for what he has been after from the first—whatever that may have been! He came prepared to force the safe and get it! But he was surprised—"

"By whom?" the blind man asked.

"By whoever it is that has been following him. I don't attempt to explain who they were, Mr. Santoine; for I don't know. But—whoever they were—in doing this, he laid himself open to attack by them. They were watching—saw him enter here. They attacked him here. Wallace switched on the light and recognized him; so he shot Wallace and ran with whatever he could grab up of the contents of the safe, hoping that by luck he'd get what he was after."

"It isn't so—it isn't so!" Harriet denied.

Her father checked her; he stood an instant thoughtful. "Who is directing the pursuit, Donald?" he asked.

Avery went out at once. The blind man turned to his daughter.

"Now, Harriet," he commanded. She understood that her father would not move till she had seen the room for him.

"There was some sort of a struggle near my safe," she said. "Chairs—everything there is knocked about."

"Yes."

"There is also blood there—a big spot of it on the floor."

"I found that," said Santoine.

"There are bullet marks everywhere—above the mantel, all about."

"How was the safe opened?"

"The combination has been cut completely away; there is an—an instrument connected with the electric-light fixture which seems to have done the cutting. There is a hand-drill, too—I think it is a hand-drill. The inner door has been drilled through, and the catches drawn back."

"Who is this?"

The valet, who had been sent to Eaton's room, had returned with his report. "Mr. Eaton went from his room fully dressed, sir," he said to Santoine, "except for his shoes. I found all his shoes in his room."

During the report the blind man felt his daughter's grasp on his arm become tense and relax and tighten again. Then, as though she realized she was adding to his comprehension of what she had already betrayed, she suddenly took her hand from her father's arm. Santoine let the servants, at his daughter's direction, help him to his room. His daughter stood beside him while the nurse washed the blood-splotches from his hands and feet. When the nurse had finished, he still felt his daughter's presence; she drew nearer to him.

"Father?" she questioned.

"Yes."

"You don't agree with Donald, do you?—that Mr. Eaton went to the study to—to get something, and that whoever has been following him found him there and—and interrupted him and he killed Cousin Wallace?"

Santoine was silent an instant. "That seems the correct explanation, Harriet," he evaded. "It does not fully explain; but it seems correct as far as it goes. If Donald asks you what my opinion is, tell him it is that."

He felt his daughter shrink away from him.

The blind man made no move to draw her back to him; he lay perfectly still; his head rested flat upon the pillows; his hands were clasped tightly together above the coverlet. He had accused himself, in the room below, because, by the manner he had chosen to treat Eaton, he had slain the man he loved best and had forced a friendship with Eaton on his daughter which, he saw, had gone further than mere friendship; it had gone, he knew now, even to the irretrievable between man and woman—had brought her, that is, to the state where, no matter what Eaton was or did, she must suffer with him! But Santoine was not accusing himself now; he was feeling only the fulfillment of that threat against those who had trusted him with their secrets, which he had felt vaguely after the murder of Gabriel Warden and, more plainly with the events of each succeeding day, ever since. For that threat, just now, had culminated in his presence in purposeful, violent action; but Santoine in his blindness had been unable—and was still unable—to tell what that action meant.

CHAPTER XVIII

Pursuit.

Harriet Santoine, clad only in a heavy robe over her nightdress and in slippers, went from her father's bedroom swiftly down into the study again; what she was going to do there she did not definitely know. She heard, as she descended the stairs, the steward in the hall outside the study calling up the police stations of the neighboring villages and giving news of what had happened and instructions to watch the roads; but as she reached the foot of the stairs, a servant closed the study doors. The great, curtained room in its terrifying disorder was brightly lighted, empty, absolutely still. She had given directions that, except for the removal of Blatchford's body, all must be left as it was in the room till the arrival of the police. She stood an instant with hands pressed against her breast, staring down at the spots upon the floor. Was one of them Eaton's?

Something within her told her that it was, and the fierce desire to go to him, to help him, was all she felt just now. It was Donald Avery's and her father's accusation of Eaton that had made her feel like this. She had been feeling, the moment before Donald had spoken, that Philip Eaton had played upon her that evening in making her take him to his confederate in the ravine in order to plan and consummate something here. Above her grief and horror at the killing of her cousin and the danger to her father, had risen the anguish of her guilt with Eaton, the agony of her betrayal. But their accusation that Eaton had killed Wallace Blatchford, seeing him, knowing him—in the light—had swept all that away; all there was of her seemed to have risen in denial of that. Before her eyes, half shut, she saw again the body of her cousin Wallace lying in its blood on the floor, with her father kneeling beside it, his blind eyes raised in helplessness to the light; but she saw now another body too—Eaton's—not here—lying somewhere in the bare, wind-swept woods, shot down by those pursuing him.

She looked at the face of the clock and then down to the pendulum to see whether it had stopped; but the pendulum was swinging. The hands stood at half past one o'clock; now she recalled that, in her first wild gaze about the room when she rushed in with the others, she had seen the hands showing a minute or so short of twenty minutes past one. Not quite a quarter of an hour had passed since the alarm! The pursuit could not have moved far away. She reopened the window through which the pursuers had passed and stepped out onto the dark lawn. A half mile down the beach she heard shouts and a shot; she saw dimly through the night in that direction a boat without lights moving swiftly out upon the lake.

Her hands clenched and pressed against her breast; she stood straining at the sounds of the man-hunt. It had turned west, it seemed; it was coming back her way, but to the west of the house. She crossed the lawn toward the garage. A light suddenly shone out there, and she went on.

The wide door at the car driveway was pushed open, and someone was within working over a car. His back was toward her, and he was bent over the engine, but, at the glance, she knew him and recoiled, gasping. It was Eaton. He turned at the same instant and saw her.

"Oh; it's you!" he cried to her.

Her heart, which almost had ceased to beat, raced her pulses again. At the sound she had made on the driveway, he had turned to her as a hunted thing, cornered, desperate, certain that whoever came must be against him. His cry to her had recognized her as the only one who could come and not be against him; it had hailed her with relief as bringing him help. He could not have cried out so at that instant at sight of her if he had been guilty of what they had accused. Now she saw too, as he faced her, blood flowing over his face; blood soaked a shoulder of his coat, and his left arm dangling at his side; but now, as he threw back his head and straightened in his relief at finding it was she who had surprised him, she saw in him an exultation and excitement she had never seen before—something which her presence alone could not have caused. Tonight, she sensed vaguely, something had happened to him which had changed his attitude toward her and everything else.

"Yes; it's I!" she cried quickly and rushed to him. "It's I! It's I," wildly she reassured him. "You're hurt!" She touched his shoulder. "You're hurt! I knew you were!"

He pushed her back with his right hand and held her away from him. "Did they hurt your father?"

"Hurt Father? No."

"But Mr. Blatchford—"

"Dead," she answered dully.

"They killed him, then!"

"Yes; they—" She iterated. He was telling her now—unnecessarily—that he had had nothing to do with it; it was the others who had done that.

He released her and wiped the blood from his eyes with the heel of his hand. "The poor old man," he said, "—the poor old man!"

"You're Hurt!" She Touched His Shoulder.

She drew toward him in the realization that he could find sympathy for others even in such a time as this.

"Where's the key for the battery and magneto—the key you start the car with?"

She ran to a shelf and brought it to him; he used it and pressed the starting lever. The engine started and he sprang to the seat. His left arm still hanging useless at his side, he tried to throw in the gears with his right hand; but the mechanism of the car was strange to him. She leaped up beside him.

"Move over!" she commanded. "It's this way!"

He slipped to the side and she took the driving seat, threw in the gears expertly, and the car shot from the garage. She switched on the electric headlights as they dashed down the driveway and threw a bright white glare upon the roadway a hundred yards ahead to the gates. Beyond the gates the public pike ran north and south.

"Which way?" she demanded of him, slowing the car.

"Stop!" he cried to her. "Stop and get out! You mustn't do this!"

"You could not pass alone," she said. "Father's men would close the gates upon you."

"The men? There are no men there now—they went to the beach—before! They must have heard something there! It was their being there that turned him—the others back. They tried for the lake and were turned back and got away in a machine; I followed—back up here!"

Harriet Santoine glanced at the face of the man beside her. She could see his features only vaguely; she could see no expression; only the position of his head. But now she knew that she was not helping him to run away; he was no longer hunted—at least he was not only hunted; he was hunting others too. As the car rolled down upon the open gates and he strained forward in the seat beside her, she knew that what he was feeling was a wild eagerness in this pursuit.

"Right or left—quick!" she demanded of him. "I'll take one or the other."

"Right," he shot out. "There are their tracks!" He pointed for her.

"How do you know those are their tracks?" she asked him.

"I told you, I followed them to where they got their machine."

"Who are they?"

"The men who shot Mr. Blatchford."

"Who are they?" she put to him directly again.

He waited, and she knew that he was not going to answer her directly. Suddenly he caught her arm. The road had forked, and he pointed to the left; she swung the car that way, again seeing as they made the turn, the tire-tracks they were following. The car raced up a little hill and now again was descending; the headlights showed a bridge over a ravine.

"Slow! Stop!" her companion commanded.

She raced the car on; he put his hand on the wheel and with his foot tried to push hers from the accelerator; but she fought him; the car swayed and all but ran away as they approached the bridge. "Give it to me!" she screamed to him and wrenched the car about. It was upon the bridge and across it; they they skidded upon the mud of the road again, they could hear the bridge cracking behind.

"Harriet!" he pleaded with her.

She steered the car on, recklessly, her heart thumping with more than the thrill of the chase. "They're the men who tried to kill you, aren't they?" she rejoined. The speed at which they were going did not permit her to look about; she had to keep her eyes on the road at that moment when she knew within herself and was telling the man beside her that she from that moment must be at one with him. For already she had said it; as she risked herself in the pursuit, she thought of the men they were after not chiefly as those who had killed her cousin but as those who had threatened Eaton.

"What do I care what happens to me, if we catch them?" she cried

"Harriet!" he repeated her name again.

"Philip!"

WHITE
Buys
Cream and Eggs

MICKIE SAYS—

Belmond Local News

O. H. Gartin was on the sick list the forepart of the week.

If it's a good used car you want, we have it. All makes. Make your own terms—Belmond Auto Co.

A. L. Luick was among those on the sick list the latter part of last week.

Earl Martin went to Waterloo last Wednesday, where he bought a number of full blood Holstein cattle for his farm. He returned Friday.

Geo. W. Robb on "The Growing Menace," high school auditorium, Friday night, March 23. Come!

Mrs. Leslie Reed of Alexander, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Flynn, the latter part of the week.

David Luick arrived home from Ames last week.

Miss Alma Ericson, Miss Johnson and Miss Naomi Baldridge, of Kanawha, were shopping in town between trains last Saturday.

Mrs. Wm. Legge of Clarion, was a caller in Belmond last week Saturday.

The Hat Shoppe Millinery Opening and display of spring hats will take place Friday and Saturday of this week.

W. C. Tyrrell went to Excelsior Springs, Missouri, last week to visit Mrs. Tyrrell, who is taking treatment there for her health.

Mrs. T. A. Davenport is reported on the list of sick folks this week.

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Mrs. Rosecrans arrived at the home of her daughter Mrs. C. E. Barnes at Garner Monday. She expects to be here the last of the week for the spring opening of the Hat Shoppe.

Mrs. Ahrenkeil of Goodell was visiting in Belmond several days last week and this.

Miss Jennie Gealow of Belmond, who is attending college in Des Moines, together with Miss Agnes Rikansrud of Kanawha, spent the week end at their respective homes.

Lee W. Stacy, foreman for the Independent, was in the southern part of the state the latter part of last week on a business trip for the Independent. He was accompanied by Irl Sands.

Chris Friesleben was visiting friends and relatives in Belmond last week and the first of this. He is now living at Manson and Pomeroy, with his two daughters, Mrs. (Rev.) Meier and Mrs. Fred Pletch, respectively.

Henry Smith and family are moving to Missouri, where they will make their future home. They resided there before coming to Belmond. He recently sold his home here to Mrs. Ella Cleveland.

Mrs. Eugene Kinney is reported as being quite ill at this writing.

T. A. Hereim is the owner of a new Chevrolet touring car, purchased from the Belmond Motor Sales Co.

WRITES OF OLD BLIZZARDS

Editor of Independent:

The blizzard of yesterday was the worst seen in this locality for 30 years. We old settlers remember of bad snow storms like the one of January 29, 1909, and the one of March 16, 1902. In that particular storm John Delano, a well known resident of this locality, froze to death in North Dakota, attending to his sheep but not since January 12, 1888 have I seen a blizzard worse than the one of yesterday. It was on Thursday; the weather was very mild and the snow was wet, and the storm came very suddenly, with terrific wind and great fall of temperature. It struck the Dakotas about noon and many school children lost their lives on their way home. Some lost their lives in the west part of this state but the storm arrived too late here to catch anyone at school. In fact most everyone were at their homes, but all live stock outside were driven for miles and then perished. I remember I removed the hides of many of them in the spring when the snow left. Some of our cattle were driven as far as Latimer where they found shelter and were alive when found. There were few groves on the open land and the buildings consisted mostly of straw sheds.

The storm of January 12, 1888 was much colder than the one of yesterday, but much on the same order. They both had plenty of wet snow and wind to work with and they both had a way of packing your clothes with wet snow on the inside as well as on the outside, and for that reason were so hard to resist.

J. C. Arends, Alexander, Iowa.

BASKET SOCIAL

There will be a basket social held at the District No. 9 school one mile west of Morse Lake, on Friday, evening, March 23. A good program will be given. Ladies please bring baskets.

Beatrice Mellgren, teacher

172c

The New Four-door Ford Sedan is now on display at the Belmond Auto Co. Look this car over, because it is a beauty and bound to please the most exacting.

Miss Agnes Dillon, who is teaching at Corwith, spent Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillon.

Mrs. Maurice Dillon and Miss Agnes Dillon were Mason City callers last Saturday.

C. M. Morse is the owner of a new Chevrolet Coupe, purchased of the Belmond Motor Sales Co.

Theodore Smogard of Huron, South Dakota, spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Snyder.

Mrs. Duran Nagle of Clarion came Tuesday to visit her mother, Mrs. Eugene Kinney, who is quite ill.

Miss Dorothy Purcell visited her cousin, Miss Doris Bailey, at Iowa Falls, last week.

In the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Wright County.

IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of LIZZIE R. HUNTINGTON Deceased.

Notice of Appointment as Administrator.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as Adinistrator of the estate of Lizzie R. Huntington, late of Wright County, Iowa, deceased. All persons in any manner indebted to said deceased or her estate will make payment to the undersigned; and those having claims against said deceased or her estate will present them in manner and form as by law required, for allowance and payment.

Dated this 20th day of March, A. D., 1923.

C. M. JACKSON,
Administrator of said estate.
J. M. Jensen,
Attorney for estate

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Glad to see so many out last Sunday in spite of the storm.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society will hold its Thank Offering program, that was to have been given last Sunday, at 11:00 o'clock Sunday morning. Let us boost for a fine crowd at this program.

Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m. Epworth League at 6:30 p .m Evening service at 7:30.

The Northwest Division of the Ladies Aid meets with Mrs. W. R. Ramsay, Thursday afternoon, at 2:30 p. m.

WANT ADS

Two cents per word first insertion; one cent per word ensuing insertions.

FOR SALE

For Sale—Brood sows for sale. Due to farrow in April. Cholera immune. Will sell by weight. Inquire.—M. Halfwassen. Meservey Ia 14tfc

Eggs for hatching, from good laying strain of full blood Barred Rocks. 75c per setting, $4. per 100. —Easton & Fetrow. Phone 2009. 182*

For Sale—A residence property in north part of town.—J. R. Thayer, Belmond. 154c

For Sale—Hatching eggs from Narrow Barred Rocks. $4 per 100. Phone 1104.—Mrs. J. F. Henn. 173*

For Sale—A fine five year old mare, and a quantity of choice hay. Inquire at this office. 163c

Order your baby chicks now.—Earl Martin. Phone 2908 166c

For Sale—Good Wild Hay. Phone 2015.—Pink Trees. 182c

For Sale—Eggs, S. C. B. Orpingtons; heavy winter laying flock, culled. $1.00 per 15, $5.00 per 100. —Mrs. L. E. Titzell.

For Sale—Pure bred Black Langshan eggs for hatching. $1.50 per 15; $4.00 per 50; $7.00 per 100.—Chas L. Richards, Rowan, Iowa. 174*

For Sale—One high grade Ayshire bull, coming 2 years old. Also 3 yearling calves. Phone 2906.—J. B. Spitler. 17tfc

For Sale—White Rock hatching eggs. 50 cents a dozen. Phone 2707.—Mrs. J. M. Sampson. 182c

For Sale—One black mare, 3 coming 4, weight 1400. Priced right. Phone 3318.—Ira Christie. 172*

For Sale—Davenport, round extension table with end legs, kitchen cabinet, cupboard, dressers, comodes beds, rugs.—Mrs. B. H. Allen. 172c

WANTED

Wanted—Old magazines and books —American Legion Auxiliary, Rowan, Iowa 163*

Wanted—Girl for general house work. Inquire at Independent. 16tfc

Wanted.—Horses and cattle to pasture for the season on the Hal Luick farm.—J. W. Kaufman. Phone 141. 172c

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THE BEST
Wm.H.Wolle
ALL BRANCHES

Wanted—Girl for general house work on farm. Inquire at this office. 181*

FOR RENT

For Rent—Five room house, modern, five blocks north of Schultz Jewelry store.—F E. Christie, Phone 2202. 181*

LOST AND FOUND

Lost—Strayed or Stolen Boston Bull Dog known as Duke. Where is he? Missing since March 12th. —Joe S. White. 182c

MISCELLANEOUS

Dead animals removed from your premises FREE.—Belmond Rendering Works. Phone 2119. 48tfc

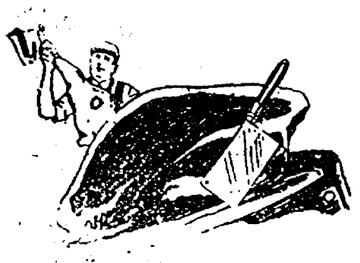
If it's a good used car you want, we have it. All makes. Make your own terms—Belmond Auto Co.

Weaving Rag Rugs, size 33x58, at 75cents. Send rags by parcels post.—Mrs. Geo. Kessler, Klemme, Iowa. 172c

Buy your milk and cream from T. B. tested cows, milk 10c qt., 5c pint; cream 60c qt., 30c pint, delivered. phone 1205.—Kurtz Dairy. For sale at Robinson's and Cash Market.

BELMOND MARKETS

Hens, Heavy	16c
Smooth Springs	14c
Roosters	08c
Stags	10c
Leghorns	08c
Geese	08c
Ducks	10c
Turkeys	21c
Old Toms	16c
Eggs	17c
Cream	45c
Cream, test under 28	41c
Dairy Butter	40c
Creamery Butter	53c
Corn	59c
Oats	36c



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When company sets down to your table you don't want to be embarrassed by giving them tough or unsavory meat. You won't if you get it of us, because our meats are fit for company always.

Fresh Fish for Friday

City Meat Market
NISSEN & HARBISON, Props.
Phone 207

Easter Comes On April 1st

Don't be fooled out of your Easter Suit or Top Coat. We have all the latest weaves and styles in up-to-date Tailored Clothes.

Prices from $20.00 Up. Order Early.

New Belmond Tailor Shop
Phone 28 F. J. Tuffree, Prop.

Kinseth's Store News

Spring is here! It arrived—officially—on the 21st of March. In fact, well, it's better than we have been having at any rate, and makes us feel more bright and cheerful. You'll be cheerful when you see the bargains we have for you.

—K—

Got some dandy fresh Pineapples, nice ones for a dime, this week, and Friday and Saturday we'll have fresh strawberries for you. Always have fresh fruits of all kinds. Fruit is good for anyone, and you can get it of us at eatable prices.

—K—

Now is the time for you to get those overalls you're going to need this summer. And while you're here, take a look at our shoes for men, boys and children.

—K—

And every day in every way our dry goods are coming in. The latest patterns, the best of materials, and a wide variety of choice.

—K—

Gold Dust 29c; corn a dime; yeast 8c. peas 10c; oranges 27c a dozen, and some of that good jam at 28c. Oh yes, lettuce for Friday and Saturday too.

—K—

So be a wise one—trade at the store on the corner, save your money and start a bank account. 19 is our phone. It means service.

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First Ball Game Of Season Friday

Belmond Tackles Dows Team on The Local Diamond at Four O'clock—Be There.

MEET CLARION ON MONDAY

The baseball season opens Friday with a game with Dows to be played at four o'clock. This will be an interesting game. Every one should be out to see the boys win their first game.

Monday evening the boys play the Clarion high school baseball team here. We have a number of good baseball games this season. The entire schedule to date follows:

April 20, Dows at Belmond.
April 23, Clarion at Belmond.
April 27, Garner at Garner.
May 4, Sheffield at Belmond.
May 9, Clarion at Clarion.
May 18, Britt at Belmond.
May 25, Dows at Dows.

Practice starts this week on the Senior class play "Daddy-Long Legs," This is one of the cleverest plays now available for amateur production and will be enjoyed by every one.

Friday afternoon at 2:35 Division 2 of the Literary society will give the following program:

Piano Solo—Ethel Thompson.

Indian Drill: Rena Groen, Vivian Pech, Elma Wilkinson, Viola Peterson, Mildred Allen, Gladys Eliason, Sophia Foss, Agnes Hinman, Luella Rabey, Margurite Studebaker, Beatrice Weatherford.

Chorus: Reaka Bushman, Elmer Chapman, Viola Menenagn, Lloyd Finn, Ethel Luick, Alvin Hauge, Aurelia Kernan Henry Kassler, Pearl Bohning, Lyle Lathrop, Cecelia Holtzbaur, Alfred McNutt.

Farce: "In Spring a Young Man's Fancy."

Mrs. Jack Hilliard—Vivian Courtney
Jean Laurens—Everill Thompson.
Jacqueline Vance—Ruth Hill.
Jo Struthers—Alpha Johnson.
Julia Osborne—Ruth Veeder.
Janet Mason—Erma Maland.
Marie—A maid—Lola Harrison.
Dicky Trent—The young man—Alfred Wilkinson.

Last Saturday evening the Eighth grade had their semester party in the gymnasium.

Miss Hill the music supervisor was ill Tuesday.

This week ends the second six-week period of the semester. Report cards will be out next week.

WE'LL TRADE TWO SHARES OF UNITED MFG. STOCK

Livermore Gazette—Humboldt is taking the matter seriously about there being a lake of oil under their town, and one of their citizens has already contracted for the first barrel of oil, agreeing to pay a dollar a gallon for it. They have also organized a "Humbodt Oil and Development Company." Some of our Livermore citizens are inclined to make light of Humboldt's enthusiasm, and others think that Humboldt should be even more enthusiastic than she is over the rosy prospect. Butcher Wilson authorizes us to state officially that he will raise the ante two bits on the man's bid for that first barrel of oil, and St. L. station agent Millett insinuates that Humboldt capitalists are going to hog all the stock and not allow outsiders in, whereas he has some shares of monkey-wrench, or safety-razor stock, or some such thing that he is anxious to trade in for a slice of that oil stock.

AGITATE PARK ROAD TO PILOT KNOB PARK

The Forest City "Summit" last week carried an article agitating a decent wagon and auto road along the county line to Pilot Knob park. It says that a good road means nothing at all "in the young lives of the members of the board of Supervisors of Hancock county. The Summit inquires why a couple of days could not be taken this spring and such a road fixed by donated labor on the part of business men and citizens of Forest City. Pilot Knob is quite a sight, but until a decent road is arranged to it, sightseers are apt to be few and hardy.

DEMONSTRATION AT ALDRICH FARM

A poultry and orchard demonstration was held at the R. E. Lee Aldrich farm south of town on Monday forenoon. Mr. Johnson, of the State College at Ames, spoke on orchards and S. W. Henn, of the college, on poultry. A good sized crowd was in attendance and pronouced it a fine meeting.

DISTRICT COURT ITEMS

Monitor—Judge Thompson of Webster City opened the April term of the district court on Monday. It is probable that a large amount of business will be transacted as it is the last term until fall.

The grand jury organized by electing the first named as foreman: T. Shillington, Richard Rompf, Ben Suiter, J. E. Richardson, A. C. Reitz Martin Olson, George Elder. Their session will be short unless some new cases come to light. Bootleggers constitute the main business.

Two cases have been assigned for next week, as follows: Andrew Jorgenson vs. Lewis Moe; Arthur W. Hanson vs. George Aldrich.

Leo Prince, who is confined in the county jail, was allowed to go home to Belmond last week to attend the funeral of his new born babe. Deputy Johnson accompanied him.

F. A. Peterson of Dows, who was taken to Cherokee a short time ago, passed away at that instituion Sunday night. He was an old time resident of his home locality where he will be buried Wednesday.

A marriage license was granted to Raymond Sebby of Eagle Grove and Marry Bell of Clarion.

Howard Hutchinson was brought before Judge Thompson Tuesday, charged with the theft of a sum of money. The court sentenced him to the reform school at Eldora, suspending sentence during good behavior. The lad was paroled to Attorney Hill, to whom he must make regular reports of his conduct. This case should be a good object lesson to other fathers and mothers, who allow their children too much freedom.

The supreme court has sustained the ten months jail sentence recently meted out to Herbert Bige for his part in the Woolstock-Goldfield robberies a couple of years since.

Ted Crawford, a more or less undesirable citizen of Clarion, is serving thirty days in the county jail at the request of Mayor McCreery.

The Worrick-Kellogg juvenile case from Clarion has been continued a day. A stiff dose of judicial advice should be administrated in this case if one would comply with public sentiment.

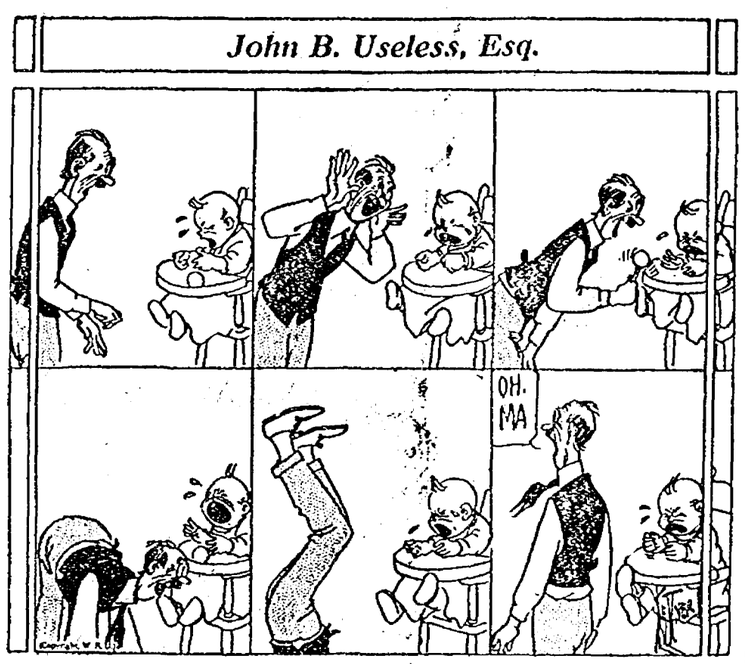
Through an error this paper last week stated that supervisors Mehl and Evans were opposed to the graveling of the east and west mile of primary road No. 10 near Clarion. At Tuesday's board session the entire matter was corrected and all five of the supervisors voted to go thru with the proposition as soon as possible. Mr Mehl further states that he has always favored this improvement. We also got the "saddle on the wrong horse in speaking of the Wilson highway and No 60 south of Eagle Grove. The former is to be graveled and the latter graded and drained.

STEAL SILKS AT VENTURA

Unknown thieves broke into the C. E. Kluver store at Ventura recently, and stole all the silk goods they could carry away. Goods to the amount of $300 were taken. Entrance was gained thru the front door, which was pried open. After gathering up the silks, the robbers twisted the handle of the safe door open, filled the crevice up with explosive, and blew open the safe. There was no money in the safe, however, and the thieves then made their getaway in a car. No trace has been found of them.

LATIMER WOMAN SUICIDES

Mrs. Jeffrey Pearse of Latimer took her own life last week by swallowing strychnine, which she had purchased at a drug store, giving as the reason for the purchase the excuse that she wanted to poison some rats. She was 55 years of age, and the only reason known for her act is grief for a son, who died in 1915, which it is thought affected her mind. She had been in good health.



Much New Building Now In Progress

A Number Of New Buildings Now Being Constructed Indicate Good Year Here.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS TOO

Spring opens in Belmond with a considerable amount of new building and improvements started or in prospect. From present indications, this year will witness a greater amount of building and improving than for some years past.

Among the building operations now going no, are those of the Belmond Auto Co. who have started pouring the concrete on their new addition, where the Lathrop produce house formerly stood. C. Schmelz has begun the erection of his new fireproof building on the corner opposite the Belmond Auto Co., the concrete work being started. Fitts and Hanson have started the construction of a concrete block building on their lot next the Jacobson store, which will be occupied by the Swift Produce Co., with John Zook as manager. A. W. Hill is constructing a temporary building on his lot where his garage stood, and later contemplates extending the building to the front line of the lot. E. H. Sands is progressing nicely in the erection of his new building. W. H. Wolle expects to rebuild his office destroyed in the fire, and C. N. Reese has under consideration a new building on his lots, formerly occupied by the Townsan Hardware. L. M. Simerson may rebuild his property destroyed in the fire, this summer. There are rumors of other buildings this summer, including dwelling, while a considerable amount of improvement is being and will be made. The pendalum seems to have started again on the upward swing, and Belmond by mid-summer should present a big improvement.

HUMBOLDT TO STAGE BIG 4TH OF JULY AFFAIR

Humboldt has taken the start in the field and announces that the grand and glorious Fourth will be properly observed at that city this year. The Commercial Club, American Legion and the Humboldt Farm Bureau are all co-operating in the celebration, and plans are being made to make it a big time. The American Legion will dedicate their new memorial building on that date as part of the festivities. Arrangements are already being made for band, speakers, etc.

GARNER THINKS MAYBE LOWER RATES COMING

The Garner Leader in an article last week tells of a visit and address made there by John Reed, of the Iowa Falls Electric Co., and declares that there is an expectation of securing lower juice rates as a result. Mr. Reed addressed the Commercial Club of Garner on the rate question, there having been some agitation for lower rates which brought Mr. Reed there. The Klemme Times also states that as a result of a visit there by Mr. Reed, they are anticipating lower rates.

Hold Sunday School Convent on Sunday

Immanuel Church East of Town to Be Scene of Wright County Convention.

AFTERNOON AND EVENING

The Belmond District of the Wright County Sunday School association meets at the Immanuel Reformed church Sunday afternoon and evening. The various churches have made arrangements for transportation, so that no one will remain home on that account. The following program has been arranged:

Afternoon meeting at 2:30 Rev. Leinbach: "Echoes of the International Conference." Rev. J. F. Jamison: "The Spiritual Life of the Teacher."

Evening meeting at 7:30. H. F. Luick: "The Need of A Teachers' Training Class in Every School." Rev. J. M. Jensen: "The Aim of the Sunday School Teacher."

The choir of the Immanuel church will furnish the music, accompanied by piano and pipe organ. The gravel is in fine shape really tempting. Try it out and stop over at the church both afternoon and evening.

A. W. Waalkes, Dist. Pres.

MESERVEY AGAIN AFTER NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

The much "cussed and discussed" question of a new school building for Meservey is again bobbing up. The board of directors recently sent out a questionaire asking the patrons of the school what their desires were in the matter; whether they wanted to build a new building which would bring the school district $750 a year in state aid, or make the present building do a while longer and let the state aid go. Some of the Meservey high school graduates are attending other schools, at the cost of the school district, which must pay their tuition. Senument in and about Meservey is strongly divided; the people are either outspokenly for or flatly against, a new school building. Previous elections have resulted in the defeat of the project.

HAMPTON WILL HAVE FINE COUNTRY CLUB

A number of Hamptonites who are badly afflicted with the golf bug, got together last week and organized a Country Club. Ground has been secured on the W. L. Robinson farm two miles north of Hampton, where a nine-hole golf course will be laid out at once. A modest club house will erected for the present, altho a more pretensious structure is anticipated later on. Much enthusiasm is being displayed by the Hampton golfites, particularly among business and professional men of the city.

An alarm of fire last week brought the fire company to W. T. Gfeller's garage, where his car was blazing merrily. The blaze had been pretty well extinguished before the company arrived. Damage was negligible.

EAGLE GROVE RAISES $1,500 FOR BASE BALL TEAM

The business men and sportsmen of Eagle Grove are determined to have the best base ball team in this neck of the woods this summer, and to that end have raised a purse of $1,500 to finance such a team. It is expected that even more will be raised. Wilson, the star heaver of that country, will be their main star in the box, and only one man, a catcher to hold the pitcher, is to be hired. Much enthusiasm is being shown.

EAGLE GROVE DOWNS THE SUNDAY MOVIES HARD

The election held at Eagle Grove, Saturday over the question of Sunday movies, was defeated by an overwhelming vote. The total vote was around 1,500, and the question was downed by a 2 to 1 vote of the Eagle Grove citizens. The ministers preached against it Sunday, and a monster parade of the Sunday school children, led by the Boy Scouts, was staged to arouse interest and bring out the voters. The cost of the election was stood by the manager of the Princess theatre of Eagle Grove. This will probably decide for good the question of Sunday movies, which has been brewing there for the past year or more.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Sabbath school at 10:00 a. m.
Morning worship at 11:00.

There will not be any evening services on account of the District S. S. convention which will be held at Rev. Waalkes' church at 2:30 and 7:30.

Plan to be present at all these services. Get out in the country in the afternoon and night and enjoy the free air and Christian fellowship. Help to make next Sunday a big day.

TRINITY CHURCH NOTES

Choir practice at the church at 7:30.

Thursday evening prayer meeting will be held at the home of Axel Johnson. You are welcome and asked to come.

Saturday morning at 10 o'clock the class meets at the church.

Sunday morning Sunday school and Bible classes at the usual hour 10 o'clock. Service in the Norwekian language at 11 o'clock. English services at 8 o'clock. You are welcome to each and all of the services.

The Trinity Ladies Aid supper last Thursday evening was well patronized, for which the Aid extent to the public grateful appreciation. The supper netted $112.

ST. OLAF CHURCH NOTES

Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 the class meets at the church.

Wednesday afternoon the North Ladies Aid meets at the home of Mrs. Guy Barton. Wednesday evening cottage prayer meeting at the home of August Johnson at 8 o'clock. You are welcome.

Next Sunday at 10:30 Sunday school will be conducted. All must be present and on time. Take an interest in the work and the work will interest you.

The South Ladies Aid meets at the home of Mrs. John Mehus on Thursday afternoon, April 26.

KLEMME IMPROVING STREETS

The new city administration at Klemme is starting out with a vim to improve the town and live up to what is expected of them. The city last week purchased a Fordson tractor to be used in grading and dragging the streets, as the first step. The fire department of the town is after more equipment and better facilities for fire fighting, and the council is expected to purchase this. A chemical truck similar to Belmond's is under consideration.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us in the death of our father, Peter Stacy, and to the members of King Solomon Lodge No. 210, for their help and services.

The Children.

Grim Reaper Claims Three More Here

Ida Blond Tyrrell and Mrs. H. D Reese, Well Known Citizens, Die Last Week.

INFANT CHILD DIES FRI.

IDA BLOND TYRRELL

Ida Blond Tyrrell was born at Oxford Junction, Iowa, January 4, 1883, and died in the hospital at Mason City, April 13, 1923, aged 40 years, three months and nine days.

Miss Tyrrell received her education at the Oxford Junction schools, after which she taught for eight years. She professed faith in Christ, and united with the Free Will Baptist church when she was 18 years old, and held her membership in that church until she moved to Belmond with her parents, about 11 years ago. She then placed her membership in the Congregational church. This was her church until her membership was transfered to the church above. Miss Tyrrell was ever ready to do what she could in the work of the church, and was president of the Ladies Aid Society for two years. She was also a member of the Rebekah lodge and was active in all its work.

Five or six months ago Miss Tyrrell felt an affliction coming on, which gradually grew worse, altho all that medical knowledge and surgical skill could do, was done, until at five o'clock Saturday morning death relieved her from the suffering of the body.

Miss Tyrrell had been in the millinery business here for the past eight years. During her life here she made many friends by her jolly ways and cheerful disposition. Funeral services were held Sunday, at the Congregational church, with the pastor, Rev. Leinbach in charge, assisted by Rev. Waalkes. The Rebekah lodge had charge of the services at the grave. Interment was made in Franklin Grove cemetery.

Those from out of town who attended the funeral services were:

Dr. Melburn Brink and wife from Boyden, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Tyrrell of Sioux Rapids, Jas. DuBois and wife of Oxford Junction, Clifford Field of Cedar Rapids, Mrs. Philgraf from Spencer, Mr. ward Kent and wife of Olin, and Mrs. Ed Ballous of Rowan.

MRS. H. D. REESE

Mrs. H. D. Reese was born in Warran county, Ohio, July 16, 1855, and died at her home southwest of Belmond on Friday, April 13, 1923. She was married at Sandwich, DeKalb county Illinois, on January 4, 1880, to Homer D. Reese, who preceded her a year ago. Five children were born to them: Charles, of Fort Dodge; Gertrude, of St. Cloud, Minn. Lida, of Hickory Grove, Iowa; Harry who was with his mother until the time of her death; and Mary Frances deceased. Besides her children, she leaves to mourn her loss three brothers and one sister, one sister-in-law, Sarah A. Reese, and a host of friends and neighbors. Mrs. Reese was a very friendly woman, and thought a great deal of her neighbors, who returned the affection. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Methodist church in Belmond, Rev. Wilkinson in charge, and interment was made in Franklin Grove cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the death of our beloved mother and sister, and to the friends and relatives who brought flowers.

Charlie D. Reese
Gertrude G. Busse
Lida E. Kruse
Harry Reese
Sarah Reese

HAKE BABY DIES

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hake mourn the death of their infant child, which died last Friday. The little one was born on Tuesday of last week, living but the few days.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Shaffer returned last week from their winter's sojourn in Oregon, where they were visiting their daughter, Mrs. Ed. Ziska.

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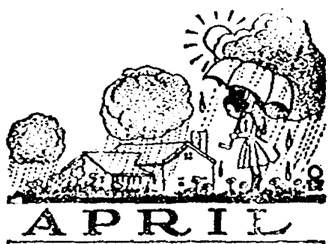

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EDITORIAL

IT'S NOT YOUR NATIONALITY

A few years back there was a popular song, "It's Not Your Nationality, It's Simply YOU." There is a lot of truth in that. It's not nationality, or creed, or politics, or ancestors, it's what are you? Because a man was born in the old country does not signify that he is none the less a man. Because a man believes in one creed and you in another does not hinder him from being a gentleman. Because a man had an ancestor who was hung for stealing horses is no sign that the man is a horse thief. Or if his ancestors were blue-blooded and occupied the places of the mighty is no sign that he, himself because of those back numbers, is entitled to any more respect or admiration than Bill Brown, the street sweeper. It's not what your folks were—it's what are you?

There are some people who dote on blue blood; unless your ancestors came over in the Mayflower and were descended from the chief of the Ape tribe, you are a distant spot on the horizon—if, indeed, you can be seen at all. How they figure it is beyond us. What difference whether your great-great-great great-grand aunt's cousins' sisters' were ladies in waiting to the Duke Whoosus at the court of King Kutemup, that cuts no ice with you. If you behave yourself, attended to your own business and live a decent life, you're as good as the next fellow; and if you're a scalawag your ancestors won't make you anything else. It's not what they were, but what you ARE. Maybe your grand father was a pirate or a highway robber; it doesn't go to show that you are, or that because of him you are going to be.

Give a person credit for what they are, good, bad or indifferent. If a person has hit the high spots, but has seen the error of the way, then give him credit for what he is, not for what he was. What he may have been is nothing compared to what he is, particularly if he has demonstrated that he means to stick. If you have a million, the fact doesn't alter your character—how did you get it? If you haven't a dime, you still can be as much a gentleman as the man with the million. Or the fact that a man has a million doesn't mean he can't be a gentleman.

"It's Not Your Nationality, It's Simply You!" is a song that ought to be sung more often.

PHYSICAL TRAINING

The Iowa general assembly has passed a bill requiring compulsory physical training and health instruction in all schools, elemetary and secondary, after July 1, 1923, in each grade to the extent of 50 minutes a week. When Gov. Kendall signs it, it becomes a law. The Independent believes this is a wise law. Physical training for all is something which the American schools have long needed. Athletics benefits the few rather than the many, and by that statement do not infer that this paper is against athletics—far from it! But giving each student training, it must be conceeded, is better than giving it to a few. Athletics should continue; they are a mighty good thing for any school in more ways than one. Our schools have too long concentrated upon drilling the mind, to the detriment of the body. A strong body means a better equipped mind. All the education in the world will do no good unless there is the health to utilize and enjoy it. If it were a choice between education and health which would you take? As the Independent understands the new law, a manual of training will be outlined by the state school department for each grade, so that the proper training will be given according to age. With the American youth receiving proper physical attention from the start, America can expect a better, stronger race in the coming generation.

SOCIETY

Progress—
The Progress club ladies were entertained by Mrs. C. H. Thompson in her new home on fifth Avenne, last Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Dr. Wallace led the lesson from the Old Testament of the Bible. The Club will meet with Mrs. Herman Schultz next week.

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Delphian—
The Delphian Club members met at the home of Miss Adeline Sharon last Monday evening. The lesson this week was about Emmerson and his works. Miss Hazel Thomas was leader of the lesson.

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Kensington—
Mr. E. W. Luick was hostess to the Kensington club Wednesday afternoon. A two course luncheon was served by the hostess at the close of a pleasant social afternoon.

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May Supper—
The Congregational Ladies Aid will serve their annual May supper on Tuesday, May 1. These affairs always prove well worth attending and doubtless this year's will be well patronized.

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Supper Success—
The supper served by the Ladies Aid of the Trinity church last Thursday was a decided success, being very well patronized. The ladies cleared $112.00.

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Priscilla—
The Priscilla club will meet at the home of Mrs. Rufus Morse on Wednesday of next week.

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Light Bearers—
The Light Bearers will meet Saturday of this week at the home of Mrs. Crawford.

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M. E. Aid—
The Ladies Aid society of the M. E. church will be entertained today at the home of Mrs. Clyde Jennings.

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Royal Neighbors—
The members of the Royal Neighbor lodge met at the home of Mrs. Peter Kaufman on Saturday last, for their monthly meeting. A very pleasant time is reported by those present.

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Attend Convention—
Mesdames Joe S. White, Ernest Stapley, Wallace Ramsay, E. Purcell, and Wilkinson attended the W. F. M. convention at Clear Lake on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Belmond Local News

When Better Automobile are built, Buick will build them. Call and see them, open and closed models.—Belmond Motor Sales Co.

Mrs. J. N. Johnson went to Fort Dodge last Friday to meet her daughter Marie, who came home to spend the week end.

Mrs. Fred Mortimer visited with relatives at Minneapolis a few days last week. While there she visited Rev. Burress and family, formerly of Belmond. The Burress family are very much pleased with their new home.

Atty. J. M. Jensen and family drove to Forest City on Sunday, where they visited relatives.

Among the Neighbors

Miss Gertrude Ely of Belmond, came Friday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. W. F. Missman.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cline of Belmond were shopping in this city last Friday.—Times.

Mrs. Harry Brooks went to Belmond last Wednesday evening for a few days visit with her folks.—Times.

Mr. H. F. Kellogg, manager of the Iowa Falls Electric Co., of Iowa Falls, was in town on business yesterday. He stated that the Company are going to reduce the rate on light current in Klemme and will go back to the old rate. That sounds fine.—Times.

Ed. Carlston, of Belmond, spent Monday here transacting business and visiting at the home of his brother Roy, and with friends.—Reporter.

Mrs. I. H. Benson of Belmond spent Tuesday here at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ross Eggers, and husband.—Kanawha Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Wright of Belmond visited at the Summer Trumbel home one day the past week. Iris Trumbel, a sister of Summer, accompanied them—Times.

Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Meyer returned Saturday from a three months stay in California where they went for a visit with Mrs. Meyer's mother and other relatives. While away they spent a goodly portion of their time at Los Angeles, Long Beach and other points of interest in the Golden State and had the pleasure of meeting many old friends and acquaintances who formerly resided in Belmond or Hampton. Dr. Meyer says that while he enjoyed the outing he did not fall in love with California and that good old Iowa looks better to him now than ever.—Hampton Recorder.

Belmond Local News

Mrs. L. E. Hall of Alexander was a businss visitor in town Monday of this week.

Henry Groen, returned last week from his trip to points in southern Illinois, where he was looking after business interests. Henry says the farmers there are all thru seeding, and the cows are in the pasture.

Vet Luick returned Sunday from Lincoln, Nebraska, where he has been spending the winter. Mr. Luick says the wheat there is up five inches, nice and green, and gardens all made. At no time this winter did the temperature go below zero. He was staying with his daughter, Mrs. Shaffer.

Mrs. Ed Johnson, who has been quite ill at the home of her son, George T. Johnson, is reported gradually improving.

The many friends of E. N. Erickson, who some time ago suffered a slight stroke of paralysis, will be glad to hear that he is improving nicely

R. H. Klemme went to Fort Dodge last Thursday, where he secured and drove back his new Studebaker car.

Saturday Special—Delicious peanut rolls.—Belmond Bakery.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Elder drove to Fort Dodge yesterday. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. Duran Nagle of Clarion spent Sunday here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kinney.

"Wow! A Ringer!" is again heard upon the breeze. The horseshoe pitching fraternity have started the season at the old stand.

Mrs. I. H. Benson was a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Ross Eggers at Kanawha one day last week.

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Clarence Townsend of Belmond, was a business caller here Saturday.—Times.

Mrs. F. E. Snyder of Belmond was a Clarion business visitor on Thursday.—Monitor.

Mrs. Ray Morris of Belmond was visiting friends here the latter part of last week.—Reporter.

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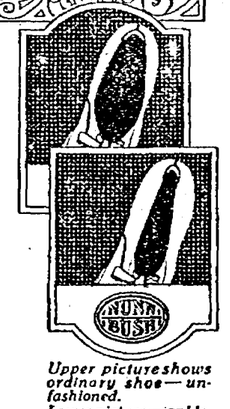

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FARM BUREAU NOTES

Poultry Association Meets.

A meeting of the Wright county Poultry asociation was held at the county agent's office Thursday afternoon and about twenty poultry breeders from various parts of the county were in attendance. This meeting was called for the purpose of making plans for the Wright County Poultry show, which will be held sometime next fall.

President A. R. Thorpe of Clarion was authorized to appoint a committee to plan and organize the show for next fall. Secretary E. R. Ballou was instructed to get in touch with the directors of the various towns of the county and determine which town of Wright county would offer the best accommodations and most attractive premiums for the Wright county show next fall.

The Wright County Poultry association is back of the boys and girls poultry club of the county as is evidenced by the special prizes to the youngsters who become members of the poultry club, which is carried on in connection with the county agent activities. A number of the breeders have agreed to furnish a setting of eggs, free of charge, to the first boy or girl who applies, the only requirement being that the birds be shown at the Wright County Poultry show next fall. Those in atendence at the meeting were as follows: President A .R. Thorpe,Secretary E. R. Ballou, Clarence McBride, C. A. Dahlgren, Harry Tague, W. H. Bray, Geo. Turk, J. G. Freese, O. J. Peterson, Earl D. Mickelson, Mrs. C. McBride, Mrs E. E. Wolf, Mrs. E. R. Ballou, Mrs. H. E. Rogers.

Poultry Specialist Coming.

Prof. L. E. Heifner, of the poultry department of the extension service at Ames will be in Wright county April 19th and 20th to assist the county agent in the organization work in connection with the Wright County Poultry show.

Mr. Heifner, in cooperation with the county agent, will make definite plans for conducting the poultry club work for the 1923 season. The membership in the poultry club has grown to such an extent that it has been felt that a definite schedule of work should be outlined in order to make the work most effective for the youngsters. With the assistance of Mr. Heifner, who is an authority on poultry club activities, the county agent hopes to arrange a very definite program of work for the 1923 poultry club season.

Seed Corn Survey.

A complete survey of the seed corn stituation of Wright county is being made by the county agent with the view of determining the germinating qualities of the seed corn of our county.

Word has been received from the extension department at Ames that a number of counties have seed corn which is affected by the dry rot mold and other diseases which affect the germinating qualities of the seed. Since corn is the "money crop" of Wright county, it has been deemed advisable to make a survey of the county to determine what per cent of the corn of Wright county will germinate and produce good vigorous stalks of corn.

The general plan which will be followed in making this seed corn survey of Wright county will be as follows: About ten to fifteen samples of corn from the same number of farmers in each township representing 100 ears from each farm, will be collected by the county agent and a germination test will be run of these samples from each of the sixteen townships of the county. By making a germination test of these samples of corn from each township, it will be possible to arrive at a reasonably accurate estimate of the seed corn situation in Wright county.

Corn Yield Experiment Plots

The corn yield experiment which were conducted during the 1922 growing season and the results which are familiar to most Wright county farmers will be conducted again this year. Samples of corn are being collected for this experimental work and will be grown in different sections of the county.

The general plan of carrying on this experimental work will be the same as last year, that is, about eight or ten samples of seed corn consisting of ten ears each will be collected from each township in the county and each of these ten ear samples will be planted in one of four experiment plots located in different parts of the county where soil conditions vary to some extent. The object of the experiment will be to determine the variety of corn which is best adapted to this section of our sate and to show incidentally, the variety which yields the highest, all conditions being equal. Each sample which is contributed will be planted in four rows by itself and a check plot of four rows will be left between this and the next sample which is planted in the same field, thus allowing no chance for a mixing of the samples which are planted nearby one another.

Keen interest seems to have developed in connection with this corn yield experiment and a number of samples have already been received at the county agent's office to be used in this experiment. A small registration fee of 25 cents is being charged each farmer who enters the contest, this money to be used as an entrance fee in the 1924 state yield test for the winner of the Wright county contest. Those who are interested in taking part in this county corn yield experiment should either bring or send a ten ear sample of their best seed to the county agent's office not later than May first.

Soy Bean Experiment Plots.

The county agent has arranged to conduct a series of experiments this year on the use of soy beans on our Wright county farms. The object of these experiments will be to determine the value of soy beans as a general crop; determine the varieties of soy beans best adapted to our county conditions and to distribute seed from the most profitable varieties.

These experiments will be conducted in cooperation with the Farm Crops Section of the Extension Service at Ames, and specialists from that department will assist the county agent in carrying on his work. Three pounds of seed of each of ten standard varieties of soy beans have been secured from the Extension Departmetn and will be used in as many experiment plots. The beans will be planted in corn leaving four rows of corn without beans between different plots so as to keep the varieties separated. The experiment will be used to determine the merits of soy beans for both silage and hogging down purposes.

The use of soy beans in Wright county is more or less in an experimental stage and it is hoped that by conducting experiments of this kind, the value of the soy bean on our Wright county farms will be definitely determined. A great many of our farmers have grown the soy bean during the past two years but there seems to be nothing very definite as to which variety gives best results under our soil and climatic conditions. A great deal is claimed for the soy bean as a soil builder and as a feed which is very high in protein and if ths crop is to be grown extensively in our county, we should have the facts concerning its growth under our local conditions.

OUR SERVICE TO YOU

From time to time, thru the Independent, it is our desire to tell you about the Service we are prepard to give in our Automobile Repair Department. We are equipped to handle Ford and Fordson work in a way which you probably do not realize, with machinery and tools built especially for Ford and Fordson work, equipment you will find in only the authorized Ford Service Stations. With this equipment you get a job that is done RIGHT, that lasts and gives satisfaction. We want you to know just what we can do, and this week we want to tell you about our

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The function of the burning in stand is to make it possible for the mechanic to fit the bearings perfectly by the process of "burning in". That is to say, he can wear the bearings to fit the shaft, by placing the motor with its new bearings installed in the stand and running it at various speeds. While doing so he makes the necessary adjustments by tightening the bolts holding the bearings in place until such parts are worn smooth and fit exactly all over.

The machine can also be used to test out motors, since, by placing the motor in the stand before it is worked upon, defects, in the bearing or crankshaft parts become readily apparent. We therefore use the burning in stand for a two fold purpose. First, to find trouble in the motor bearings and second, to insure accurate workmanship in turning out repair jobs.

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Griesy's Store News

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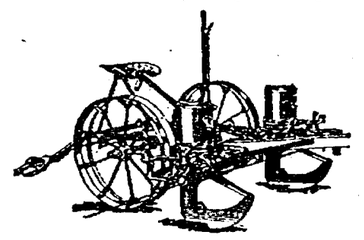
Your soil may be rich, your seed bed in A-1 shape, the weather favorable and your seed of the very best, yet you are likely to have a poor stand unless your planter puts



every hill in its place and makes every hill a full hill. Before you can get planter profits you must have a planter you can absolutely depend on. The International No. 8 is such a planter. It is designed and built with just one end in view—to drop accurately and to check evenly—to place every hill where it belongs and to make every hill a full one. Accuracy—that's it—and it spells planter profits for you. Buy and use an International No. 8 Corn Planter this year. We sell 'em.

Time to repair those implements you are going to use this year.

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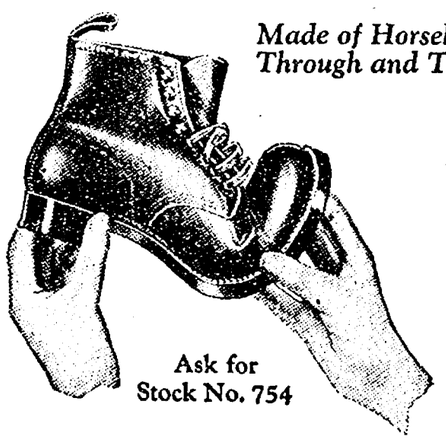

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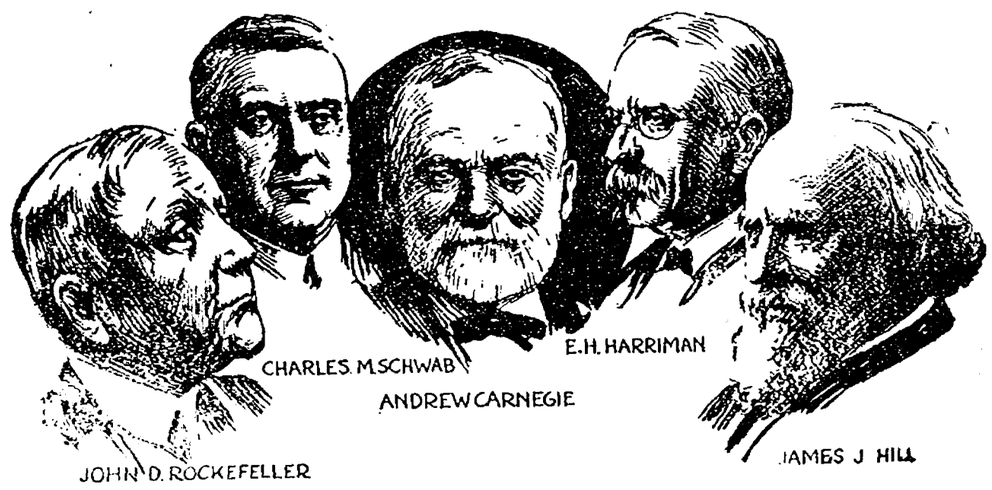

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MESERVEY SECTION

MESERVEY SCHOOL NOTES

Third Grade

The perfect spellers for the past week in the third grade were Ivadel Wickersheim and Ethel Bier. Those children missing only one word were Vona Weaver, Henry Rieckens, Tillie Rieckens, Norman Muller, Harold Pals, and Harm Dirks. Naomi Schlesselman and Benjamin Sunken had perfect spelling lessons during the last week. We hope there will be many more next week.

Eleanor Muller visited our room last week.

Tuesday and Friday we had perfect attendance in our room.

Grammar Room.

Those receiving 100 in spelling Friday were the following Bernard Butz, Grace Boleman and Bonta Muller.

In the eighth grade Tena Pals, Gilbert Koehler and Louie Pals for the entire week. Louis Dirks has dropped school due to spring work.

Tena Pals, Vilhem Winther and Arloene Janssen were absent Friday.

Primary Room

Kenneth Kolb was absent from school all of last week on account of illness.

Those who missed words in spelling this week were Theodore, Viola Sunken, Arlo, Arthur, Jens, and George. All of the second grade with the exception of Tena and Lorenzo had 100 all week.

The second grade have been having speed contests in number work to see how rapidly they can give the combinations. So far Julia Fry has the best record, giving the 45 combinations in twenty-eight seconds.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Sabbath School 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship 10:45 a. m.
E. L. C. E. Sunday 7:30 p. m.
Preaching services 8:00 p m.
Prayer meeting (German) Wednesday 8 p. m.
Prayer meeting (English) 7:30 p. m. followed by choir rehearsal.
Workers Training class Friday 7:30 p. m.
Catechitical Instruction Saturday 2:00 p. m.

A. W. Schlesselman, Pastor.

NOTICE GRADUATES

All graduates of the Meservey high school either before or after consolidation are cordially invited to be present at a meeting to be held at the high school Friday evening April 20th when plans will be made to form an alumni association. All who are interested please attended.

WEDDING BELLS

Cards were received here last week announcing the marriage of Miss Amanda Raecker to Mr. H. Fischer. We understand the wedding took place at the home of the former's brother Rev. H. Raecker at Gilbert who performed the ceremony. The happy couple are expected here the latter part of this week and will be at home to their friends after June 1st.

For Sale—Rose Comb Brown Leghorn Eggs for hatching, from pen of old stock. Price $4.50 per 100, $1.00 per 15. Phone 1718.—Mrs. S. H. Schmalle, Thornton, Iowa. 224*

The American Legion play put on by local talent here, was repeated at Thornton last Wednesday evening and met with success. Proceeds amounted to some $50 00.

Miss Billy Loats spent Sunday at the home of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Firkens of Sherbourne Minn., are visiting at the A. D. Brogan home. They spent a few days with friends at Mason City.

The Cemetery Society met at the Evangelical church basement on Tuesday of last week for the annual meeting and election of officers, which resulted as follows: Pres. Mrs. Theo. Wendell, Vice Pres. Mrs. C. Bier, Sec. Mrs. E. G. Thomas, Treas. Mrs. Carl Quandt. Refreshments were served by Mrs. C. Bier and Mrs. Thomas.

The program given under the direction of the W. C. T. U. last Friday evening was largely attended and enjoyed by all who were present. The offering amounted to $11.55 which will be placed in the treasury of the local union.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wendell are enjoying a visit from the latter's sister and husband of Minnesota.

A CORRECTION

The correspondent who writes the Meservey News for the Independent, misrepresented things just a little last week when it was stated that "Mrs. Mel Smith and baby of Mason City visited relatives and friends in town several days last week." The facts are that the over-night call at the home of Mr. and Mrs M. A. Smith was not a visit alone, but mostly a business transaction. And as the parties were divorced over a year ago, and the same is a matter of record in Mason City objection comes from both parties as to the above use of the name in the item, which should have read, "Mrs. Carolyn B. Smith.

Respectly
Meservey, Iowa M. N. Smith

Pasture for rent. Room for 250 head of horses and cattle. See Henry Kuhler, Thornton, Iowa. 22tfc

Mrs. H. K. Pals was in Mason City last Thursday.

Word was received from Fred Rieper last Thursday announcing the birth of a daughter born to them on April 11th. They have named her Miriam Lucile. All concerned doing nicely and it is needless to say they are supremely happy. Congratulations.

Miss Fannie Bruns visited around Palsville last week from Wednesday until Sunday.

Mrs. Bert Lauen spent a few days fore part of this week with her mother and sister at the Central office.

H. F. Reif was a business caller at Mason City last Thursday.

G. Gobeli and A. J. Nissen transacted business at Allison last Thursday driving across in the former's car.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wendell were passengers to Mason City last Friday, where Mrs. Wendell entered the Park Hospital for several week's medical treatment. C. J. returned home the same day.

Rev. Schlesselman was unable to leave the house several days on account of illness. At the present he is slightly improved.

Mrs. A. J. Nissen and children were Mason City callers last Thursday.

Mrs. Wm. Gealow and daughter Barbara returned last Monday from a few days visit with friends at Belmond.

A. E. Muller left Saturday on the midnight train for Harlan for a short visit at the home of his mother.

Mrs. H. Meinderts returned Saturday from a few days visit at the home of her daughter at Klemme.

Joe Stattlander and wife motored to Mason City Monday spending the day on business.

Otto Strassburg went to Mason City last Monday where he was called on jury duty.

FISCHER-RAECKER

On April 12th Mr. Herman Fischer was married to Miss Amanda Raeckqr at the home of Rev. H. M. Raecker, Gilbert Iowa, a brother of the bride, who also performed the ceremony. The ring ceremony was used.

After the ceremony a three course wedding breakfast was served by Mrs. H. M. Raecker. The pink and white color scheme was used thruout the house. The party was then taken to Ames where they boarded a train for Chicago and other points in Ill. They expect to be home to their many friends June the first.

Mr. Fischer is a successful merchant of Meservey, Iowa, being a member of the Evangelical church at that place, in which he holds various offices of importance.

Miss Amanda Raecker is a daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. H. Raecker of Waverly, formerly pastor at Meservey. She also is a member of the Evangelical church and has taken an active part for many years in church work. She is a very capable and talented young lady.

Their many friends with whom the Independent joins, wish them a happy and prosperous wedded life.

Miss Mildred Gealow returned last Monday from Des Moines where she spent several days with her sister who is attending H. P. College.

Miss Humke spent the week end with home folks at Ackley, returning Monday.

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Protect your porch furniture and steps with Acme Quality Veranda Floor Paint.

C. J. WENDEL

Meservey, Iowa

MESERVEY LOCALS

H. F. Reif was a Thornton business caller last Monday between trains.

Mrs. H. C. Barger and baby arrived home last Monday from Hampton where they had been visiting at the Typer home for two weeks.

The books for the Senior Class play arrived last week, and members of the class are making preparatrons for rehearsals.

Mrs. Geo. Wessels and sons came Sunday for a few day visit at the L. Wessels home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bier spent last Tuesday in Mason City.

G E Raecker and Ferdinand Lemke transacted business in Mason City last Tuesday.

C. J. Wendell called on his wife at the Park Hospital last Tuesday. He reported her not quite so well that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wendell Mrs. Theo. Wendell and Mr. and Mrs. Nels Faburg motored to Mason last Friday on business.

Some people don't lie they simply forget their promises. A sermon on this, occassionally, might prove beneficial.

Miss Marie Lauen of Belmond spent a few days with her grandmother Mrs. Meinderts, the fore part of the week.

A few signs that seem like harbingers of spring have at last made themselves manifest, altho we still cling to the winter wrap or at least have them in a convenient place.

Louie Tokman of Belmond was a business caller in town Monday.

K. C. Ruigh is the possessor of a new Ford Sedan, which he and his family expect to enjoy soon as roads are a bit smoother.

For Sale—Guernsey bull calves. Price $10.—Peter H. Pals, Meservey, Iowa. 22tfc

ROWAN NEWS

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Dr. J. J. Bushnell will occupy the pulpit at both services next Sunday.

The regular meeting of the American Legion was held last Monday evening when several matters of importance were discussed.

The members of the school are getting ready for their concert on Tuesday evening.

F. B. Sheldon was over to Clarion last Friday for the naturalization ceremonies. Charles Peddle of Rowan receiving his full papers.

Herb. Hadley is making good with his Ford agency, securing a sale every day last week.

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Tomkinson Constance and Joan, and Mrs Avard were entertained at a six o'clock dinner last Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Patton entertained Mr. and Mrs. Tomkinson and Mrs. Avard last Thursday evening.

The Rowan Tennis association held their annual meeting last Friday evening and presented the medals to the winners, and also elected officers for the coming season. Nearly sixty dollars was subscribed for the work of the new year.

A farewell reception was held in the M. E. church on Monday evening in honor of Rev. Tomkinson and family. The church was well filled with members and friends who gathered to bid these goodly people farewell. An excellent program, consisting of readings, solos, and several selections given by the school orchestra was rendered.

In a few well chosen words, Prof. T. K. Holliday presented them with a beautiful electric lamp, and a purse of money from the company. The Ladies Aid society also presented Mrs. Tomkinson with a fine quilt. At the close of the program coffee and cake were served in the basement. Rev. Tomkinson has accept the call to the Congregational church of Clarion, and what is Rowan's loss will be Clarion's gain. While his many friends in Rowan are regretting his leaving, yet we all wish him success in the work which he has undertaken.

Miss Dorothy Steffens went to Fort Dodge last Tuesday.

Mrs. Elmer Burt returned the first of the week from Kanawha, where she had been helping to care for a little nephew who underwent an operation for the removal of adenoids and tonsils.

Mrs. Charles Lamb of Iowa Falls spent Friday visiting at the home of her brother Clarence Lindsay.

Rev. and Mrs. Halbert went to Eldora, Tuesday, to attend the spring convention of the Webster City association of their church.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Harris attended the funeral of a relative at Belmond Monday.

D. W. Whitten and wife were Dows callers on Monday.

Miss Carrie Haven went to La Porte City Friday, remaining until Sunday with relatives there. Frances Farran taught the second and third grade Friday.

Miss Sarah Field a returned missionary will speak in the Congregational church on Monday evening, April 23rd. Miss Field spent five years in Japan, being connected with Kobe college as Domestic Science teacher. She is a graduate of Ames college and during her year of furlough is taking a post graduate course. The delegates from the local church who attended th state conference in Ames last fall had the pleasure of hearing Miss Field and report her an extremely interesting speaker, a young woman of more than ordinary ability; a vivacious speaker one who is worth your time to hear.

Mrs. Hathaway came Saturday to spend several weeks visiting her daughter Mrs. Will Azeltine and friends.

Mrs. L. T. Pascoe and two children came over from Eagle Grove last Friday evening, to spend the week end at the Herb Hadley home.

H. H. Barker arrived in Rowan Monday morning to spend a few days with his family.

I. J. Knuths received word from Salem, Oregon, last Thursday that his brother, Frank, had passed away.

Chas Martin reported for jury duty at Clarion the first of this week.

G. W. Whitten and wife were Dows callers last Thursday.

Miss Amy Azeltine was on the sick list and unable to attend school part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Liming attended the Telephone Operators school Belmond last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sellers of Dows were in Rowan last Tuesday.

Miss Thelma Hicks, telephone operator at Latimer, and Miss Pearl Peel, operator at Alexander came down from Belmond, where they had been attending Operators school, Tuesday evening. Miss Hicks went to Coulter on the evening train and Miss Peel remained until Wednesdays, visiting at the home of her uncle Henry Hanson.

Mrs. Alt Hackley and son Loran, and Miss Dorothy Steffens were in Dows between trains last Thursday.

A. J. Azeltine does not improve in health very rapidly. He is staying at the home of his son, J. W. Azeltine, at the present time.

Mrs. George Wessels and three sons went to Mason City Saturday, to visit her daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Young.

The W. C. T. U. meeting this week was postponed from Wednesday until Friday afternoon. It will be held at Mrs. Lou Hoke's home with Miss Chrystina Callison of Britt in charge of the meeting.

Mrs. Wes. Azeltine went to Latimer last Friday to help care for the new baby boy born to Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Azeltine.

Mr. and Mrs. Jens Kjar went to Sheffield. Saturday.

Mrs. Wm. Tresidder received word last Friday from St. Louis, Missouri that her aunt, Mrs. Simons, had passed away.

Mrs. M. J. McCormick and baby came from Latimer Saturday, to spend Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Azeltine.

Mesdames Clint Kercheval and Eddie Haupt reported at Clarion, Monday for jury duty.

Carl Emerson stepped on a rusty nail Sunday, injuring his foot quite badly, and was unable to attend school the first of the week.

Darrell Farran was absent from school the first of the week on account of a sore eye.

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ALEXANDER NEWS NOTES

EVANG. LUTH. ST. JOHN'S

Sunday School 2 o'clock.

Preaching in the German language 2:45 o'clock.

The Ladies Aid meets with Mrs. Ben Arends Tuesday afternoon April 24th. You are requested to be present.

C. J. Barth, Pastor.

Throdore Beenen was a caller at Dows last Sunday.

Mrs. Anna Pekerak and daughter Josephine visited with her parents at Hampton several days the past week.

A. M. Jones who has been seriously ill for the past week is reported to be somewhat improved at this writing.

Lloyd Green was a Hampton caller the first of the week.

Melvin Jones of Waverly was here last week to visit his father who has been seriously ill.

Miss Lillie Cornwell of Dows spent the last of the week with friends at Alexander.

Mrs. William Winwood and Mary and Arthur Winwood were Hampton callers last Friday.

Will Vestweber of Belmond was transacting business at this place several day the past week.

Mr. and Mr. Fred Dunn and son Richard were callers at Dows last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Green are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby girl, born Thursday April 12th.

W. P. Aldinger was a business caller at Belmond last Friday.

Miss Ethel Hall spent the week end at her respective home at this place.

The Misses Oralee Brooks, Mary Kernan and Marjorie Flynn spent Saturday and Sunday at their homes at Belmond.

Miss Pearl Peil was at Belmond last week where she attended the Telephone Operators school.

Mrs. Ethel Hall and Mrs. Forrest Gillett and son Alveh George were callers at Hampton last Friday evening.

Miss Alma Greenfield of Belmond visited with friends and relatives at this place the fore part of the week.

GOODELL NEWS NOTES

Tuesday Dr. Missman of Klemme was in Goodell in consultation with Dr. Snearly, on Mr. Ericson's case. Mr. Ericson remains about the same. His brothers from Britt and near Crystle Lake were here last week to see him.

J. W. Griggs went to Ventura Wednesday and returned on Friday.

On April 11 the ladies of Avery township farm bureau met at the home of Mrs. Frank McNutt for a demonstration in dress cutting and sewing.

Last Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hughes moved their household goods to Belmond. Mr. Hamelton and Tony hauled their goods.

Mrs. W. L. Wesenberg was in Belmond on Thursday last.

Friday morning Mrs. Lemke of Garner, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Beier, for some time, returned to her home.

H. R. Allaben is home again for a short time.

The high school base ball team came home Friady evening smiling even if Klemme did take their scalp. The score was Klemme 28 and Goodell 9. The boys had a good ride and had some practice.

Miss Hill spent from Friday evening to Sunday at Clarion with her people.

W. H. Wolle of Belmond was in town Friday on business.

Miss McCormick spent the week end with Miss Mae Griggs in the country.

Mrs. Mary McNutt came down from Garner to spend a few days in Goodell.

Saturday Mrs. H. T. Miller returned from a two week's visit with her parents at Gladbrook, Iowa.

A number of the ladies of Avery township met Saturday at the home of Mrs. Robert McNutt to make dress models.

Mrs. O. Nelson was in Garner last Thursday shopping.

Miss Meyers of Deadwood, South Dakota, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Meyers.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ellseworth made a business trip to Garner on Saturday.

Mrs. O. Nelson was in Klemme Monday forenoon in the interest of the U. B. Ladies Aid society.

Mrs. Robert McNutt and Mrs. O. Nelson were in Belmond Monday between trains, to buy furniture for the U. B. Ladies Aid room.

Last Friday night at the center school house the Twin Lake Farm Bureau held their monthly meeeting which was attended by a large number. The county superintendent gave a very interesting talk on education and the educational standing of Twin Lake township.

Lew Erieson moved Monday to his home near Crystal Lake.

John Conlan returned from the west on Monday.

Lewis Johnson was in Belmond last Saturday.

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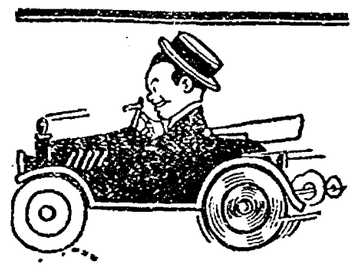

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—K—

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—K—

We've some dandy dress goods for women and children, and some curtain goods that will brighten up your rooms. Come in and see them. And while you're here, take a look at our shoes, overalls and shirts. We are headquarters for the best.

Only a few cans of those peaches and appricots at 28c a can. Get yours!

—K—

Any time you develope a hankering for something and you don't know what it is, try fresh fruit. It sure does hit the spot, right. We always have the best fresh fruits.

—K—

You use bread every day. You want good bread, none of this unsavory stuff that tastes like mildewed sawdust. If you use our flours you'll be satisfied, because every pound is guaranteed. And our coffee at 38c is a wonder.

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BUSINESS PERSONALS

Johnson, Wright, Sampson held a very successful demonstration of the Letz-Dixie Mixed Meal Maker on last Friday and Saturday afternoons. A good sized crowd of interested farmers were present to witness the operation of the machine.

C. O. Fitts and M. H. Hanson are erecting a new modern building on their lot next to the Jacobson store, on Main street. Ole Shaw has the contract. The building will be occupied by John Zook when completed

Work is now going forward toward remodeling the opera house into a garage which will be occupied about the 20th of the month by the Motor Inn Co. Quite extensive improvements and remodeling is being done.

R. H. Klemme is the owner of a new Studebaker car, which he purchased last week. Charley Johnson of the Johnson Garage, was the dealer thru whom the purchase was made.

Herman Schultz, of the Schultz Drug Co. is driving a new Buick Sedan, purchased from the Belmond Motor Sales Co. Herman went to Fort Dodge last Thursday to drive the car home.

Ed Hughes, of Goodell, is a new mechanic at the Belmond Auto Co. garage, in their service department. Mr. Hughes is an expert Ford mechanic, having run a garage of his own for a number of years.

E. E. Boughton is putting on a special bargain sale in reclaimed furniture and in his ad this week is offering some fine bargains in that line. Since the fire, Mr. Boughton has been located in the Pierce building next to the Community Service Station.

This week the Belmond Auto Co. are beginning a new feature in advertising, telling the public what they are prepared to do in the way of service in repair work. Each week it is the intention to tell of different things in the service line, and they start by describing the Burning-In Stand. Do you know what it is? Read their article on page three.

Joe S. White, of the White Produce Co., was a business caller the first of the week at Forest City.

F.J. Tuffree, of the New Belmond Tailor Shop, reports that business this year is away head of last year. Mr. Tuffree is extending his field and covering the nearby towns where good roads will permit travel just now.

Connections with the sewer are being made to the City Meat Market building this week, and to the C. L. Groh residence.

Ella Cleveland, of the Elite Cafe, is placings two large plate glass windows in her resturant building. This will make a fine improvement to the building when completed.

C. C. McGuire added a new line to their clothing business, that of women's coats, which they are telling you about this week on page eight. This is a line which will go splendidly with the complete clothing line carried by this store.

Wm. Dempsey was chosen as the sexton of the cemetery last Friday at a meeting of the Cemetery Association. There were eight applicants for the position.

Elmer Boughton has purchased a number of the chairs from the opera house. After placing them in first class shape he will have some real bargains to offer in chairs.

N. E. Brear went to Fort Dodge on Tuesday and brought back a new Buick Four Sedan.

Adolph Skovlin is a brave man. Out of ten different people we askd, he is the only one who would admit outright that spring is here! Adolph declares he is positive of it.

LEGISLATORS NOW ALL IN A RUSH

(By G. L. Caswell)
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The last days of the long legislative grind are now at hand. Sifting committees have all the bills for acts that have been offered and not acted upon in both houses. Something like 600 of these bills were turned over to the two committees, and it is up to them to determine which ones are important and pressing and which ones shall go to the waste basket—and no questions asked.

But questions are asked. No sifting committee is without feeling or respect for the members who have introduced bills. The members of the committees are known and are always approachable. They are acting with grim determination to bring everything they can to a focus for final action, and to hide away what does not have to be acted upon. It is no criticism to say that half the bills offered in this session are needless and valueless from a statewide standpoint. In every session it is the same. Men elected as representatives of their districts are often pressed and urged to introduce measures they do not think much of. They also have some personal business or other experiences that make them think certain bills for acts ought to be introduced. After introducing them they find others do not regard them as important, and compared with other pending legislation they are not important. Such bills can go to the waste basket without bad results.

There are, however in this session more members who are trying to legislate for their own townships and towns than we ever saw in any general assembly. Members whose vision is not statewide, but countywide, or less. They often measure everything by their little six-mile yardstick and the effect that legislation will have on their own pocketbooks or business. Fortunately such members do not get far, but numerous enough in any session, they might make statewide interests suffer.

All Over Next Tuesday.

The last day of the session will be next week Tuesday the 17th. That day will be one of hurry and turmoil with relaxation and recklessness on the part of those who never expect to come back again, or whose measures have been killed or otherwise cared for.

Now the appropriation bills carrying millions, and meaning more than anything else during the session are getting their trimming. State prisons asylums, reformatories state colleges and educational intitutions, state aid for this and that, and finally the "omnibus bill" carrying the salaries and maintenance items for state officials generally are under consideration, with a careful calculation on the millage tax that will have to be spread over the state to take care of it all. Some who have tried to put on the brakes during the session predict that the millage tax for state purposes will be higher than it was last year, or ever before—perhaps three mills higher. The soldiers' bonus, the new medical hospital at Iowa City, the increase in college and state institution attendance, the growing salaries and all require more money in these days of high prices and profiteering.

The House gave its approval of the proposed appropriation of $450,000 a year for five years to match the Rockefeller foundation gift for the great medical school and hospital at Iowa City, and passed the Senate bill without amendment. The money to start this great state medical departmen of research and ministration to the sick and unfortunate will be immediately available when the act just passed becomes a law.

Not Tight on Appropriations.

Everything carrying an appropriation is contested. But the maternity and infancy bill carrying $21,000 for Iowa City was passed, and the state fair board get the $65,000 they asked for to build additional barn room for sheep and baby beef at the fair. One hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars was voted to rebuild the armory burned down at Ames college and the appropriation of $250,000 a year for eradication of animal tuberculosis was continued with the added efficiency of a law permitting counties to establish county areas for eradicating bovine tuberculosis. Petition of 51 per cent of the voters of a county will require a board of supervisors to submit the question at a special election as to whether the county shall levy a tax of three mills to help pay for cattle destroyed because of tuberculosis.

The House last Thursday then passed a bill appropriating $50,000 to aid private and denominational colleges in this state in the training of teachers for the public schools. Scattered all over the state no school will get much of this, but enough to permit each one to hire a special supervisor of moral training to head a teachers' training department. It is regarded as a good solution of the teachers shortage problem. Representative Story of Clarke county sponsored the bill and put it over.

Now come the big appropriation bills carrying over $35,000,000 which must be acted upon during the next few days to permit all the state institutions to continue to function. Both the great state colleges are asking for a million more than heretofore, in order to keep up with their increased attendance.

Gas Tax Bill Passed House.

Contrary to predictions, the Caldwell-Meade bill to levy a tax of two cents per gallon on all gasoline sold at retail in Iowa passed the House Wednesday by a close vote, but as amended it is neither pleasing to its sponsors nor to the Senate which originated the act. The Senate bill provided that the five million dollars to be raised by this tax should be divided equally between the primary and secondary or county roads in each county according to area, while the House amendments take it all for the secondary roads and leave the primary roads to get along with the curtailed funds they will have left when the Tuck law and other trimmings are deducted. Legislators from city districts pointed out that as most of the tax will be paid by autoes owned in the towns, they have a right to a good part of the money on the primary roads which they travel. Secondary road advocates, however, declared most primary roads are now finished, especially in northern Iowa, and they want the secondary roads brought up to grade and graveled. The Senate bill as passed provided that boards of supervisors "may" do away with the two mill road fund levy; the House bill as passed makes this mandatory and also permits cancellation of the dragging fund two mill levy. House members will never agree to a gasoline tax measure that does not retire some regular tax levy, they say.

However, the gasoline tax bill is not expected to pass the Senate with the House amendments, which means that a conference committee of members from both houses will be named to thresh the matter out and compromise the difference. Most members interviewed by your correspondent do not believe they can compromise the matter acceptably, and say that no gasoline tax law will come from this general assembly. There has been more selfishness, greed, unfairness and bad statesmanship used in connection with this gas tax proposition than any other one thing before this general assembly. Gasoline selling concerns are all fighting against such a law here while spending more than the amount involved in new oil stations that are not needed half as much as the good roads are needed.

Stop Lottery Prizes.

A bill that will effectively stop commercial lotteries as they have been operated all over this state recently, passed the House Monday. It it becomes a law it will confiscate the prizes offered in lottery schemes.

The Bowman bill to reduce the property assessment along paved roads from 25 per cent to 12½ per cent passed the Senate, with a proviso that those who have recently been assessed 25 per cent shall have half of that amount refunded to them, and that the amount of 12½ per cent in the future shall be expended on roads leading to the paved roads along lands that are assessed within the mile and a half limit.

Many minor bills are now passing both houses rapidly—too rapidly for any newspaper report in detail. The big things still pending are the taxation bills proposed by the special taxation committee and the Ways and Means committees, the several automobile license bills, the numerous highway bills and the appropriation bills.

Thursday the Senate killed the Ruser bill limiting the state highway commission to an expenditure of $200,000 a year, and also killed the bill of Representative Patterson which provided that where elections have been held favoring paving, the same counties can vote again to stop such paving. This indicates that no removal of the highway commission to Des Moines or any other legislation very damaging to the commission or good roads program will get by at this session.

County Officers Salaries.

A good, lengthy contest developed in the Senate Thursday over the bill to make county officers' salaries the same for the next two years as they have been in the past. The bill was finally passed. The Edson House bill providing for storage of grain on the farm and issuing of credit for loans on same was passed by the Senate, making it possible hereafter for farmers to hold their grain and at the same time use the money it is worth if needed.

Ku Klux Klanners were recognized in Iowa for the first time when the House bill passed the Senate, making it a crime to wear a mask or disguise when entering any house or demanding admission to any house or for the purpose of committing crime of any kind. It was the anti-Klux bill and was sponsored by Senator White of Benton county who mercilessly invoked the rule requiring every senator for vote. Only two votes lined up against the bill—Price of Monroe and Brookhart of Washington.

Senator Slosson's bill passed which will stop dealers in automobiles from using their dealers license numbers on private cars or for anything but cars shown for sale.

The railway long and short haul bill passed by both houses and vetoed last week by the governor, is to be fixed up to eliminate the discrimination features objected to and will likely yet pass and become a law.

Sifting Committee Named.

Lieutenant-Gov. Hammill named the Senate sifting committee Wednesday afternoon. Senator Perkins of Sac county is chairman of this committee, and the other members are: White of Benton, Hale of Jones, Campbell of Ida, Baird of Pottawattamie, Shane of Wapello and Bergman of Jasper.

William Schmedika of Hardin county was sworn in as senator from the Hamilton, Hardin, Wright, district Thursday, taking the place of D. C. Chase of Webster City, whose death occured in March. Schmedika makes the fourth Democrat now in the Senate and represents largely the protest of Hardin county over the combination of Wright and Hamilton politicans who have kept Hardin county without a senator for 22 years.

Having heard U S. Senator Brookhart early in the session, both houses of this general assembly have now invited Senator Cummins to address them in joint session. Thus politics enters even in the busiest days, and business waits. But—business wishes the session were ended thirty days ago.

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Belmond Savings Bank

The BLIND MAN'S EYES

BY

WILLIAM MacHARG and EDWIN BALMER

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Gabriel Warden, Seattle capitalist, tells his butler he is expecting a caller, to be admitted without question. He informs his wife of danger that threatens him if he pursues a course he considers the only honorable one. Warden leaves the house in his car and meets a man whom he takes into the machine. When the car returns home, Warden is found dead, murdered, and alone. The caller, a young man, has been at Warden's house, but leaves unobserved

CHAPTER II.—Bob Connery, conductor, receives orders to hold train for a party. Five men and a girl board the train. The father of the girl, Mr. Dorne, is the person for whom the train was held. Philip D. Eaton, a young man, also boarded the train. Dorne tells his daughter and his secretary, Don Avery, to find out what they can concerning him.

CHAPTER III.—The two make Eaton's acquaintance. The train is stopped by snowdrifts.

CHAPTER IV.—Eaton receives a telegram addressed to Lawrence Hillward, which he claims. It warns him he is being followed.

CHAPTER V.—Passing through the car, Connery notices Dorne's hand hanging outside the berth. He ascertains Dorne's bell has recently rung. Perturbed, he investigates and finds Dorne with his skull crushed. He calls a surgeon, Dr. Sinclair, on the train.

CHAPTER VI.—Sinclair recognizes the injured man as Basil Santoine, who, although blind, is a peculiar power in the financial world as adviser to "big interests." His recovery is a matter of doubt.

CHAPTER VII.—Circumstances point to Eaton as Santoine's assailant.

CHAPTER VIII.—Eaton is practically placed under arrest. He refuses to make explanations as to his previous movements before boarding the train, but admits he was the man who called on Warden the night the financier was murdered.

CHAPTER IX.—Eaton pleads with Harriet Santoine to withhold judgment, telling her he is in serious danger, though innocent of the crime against her father. He feels the girl believes him.

CHAPTER X.—Santoine recovers sufficiently to question Eaton, who refuses to reveal his identity. The financier requires Eaton to accompany him to the Santoine home, where he is in the position of a semi-prisoner.

CHAPTER XI.—Eaton meets a resident of the house, Wallace Blatchford, and a young girl, Mildred Davis, with whom apparently he is acquainted, though they conceal the fact. Eaton's mission is to secure certain documents which are vital to his interests, and his being admitted to the house is a remarkable stroke of luck. The girl agrees to aid him. He becomes deeply interested in Harriet Santoine, and she in him.

CHAPTER XII.—Harriet tells Eaton she and Donald Avery act as "eyes" to Santoine, reading to him the documents on which he bases his judgments. While walking with her, two men in an automobile deliberately attempt to run Eaton down. He escapes with slight injuries. The girl recognizes one of the men as having been on the train on which they came from Seattle.

CHAPTER XIII.—Santoine questions Eaton closely, but the latter is reticent. The blind man tells him he is convinced the attack made on him on the train was the result of an error, the attacker having planned to kill Eaton. Santoine tells Harriet she is to take charge of certain papers connected with the "Latron properties," which had hitherto been in Avery's charge.

CHAPTER XIV.—Avery seeks to influence Harriet, as his wife to be, to give the papers to him. She refuses. Harriet is beginning to feel that her love belongs to Eaton.

CHAPTER XV.—At the country club Eaton reveals a remarkable proficiency at polo, seemingly to Avery's gratification. Eaton induces Harriet to allow him to leave the grounds for a few minutes that night.

CHAPTER XVI.—That night Eaton invades Santoine's library, seeking the papers he is determined to possess. There he finds two men, one of whom he recognizes with bewildered surprise, on the same errand. The three men engage in a pistol duel.

CHAPTER XVII.—Aroused by the shooting, Santoine descends to the library. The combatants are there, but silent. Wallace Blatchford arrives and is on the point of informing Santoine of the identity of one of the intruders when he is shot and instantly killed. The fighters escape. The safe has been rifled and important papers taken.

CHAPTER XVIII.—Harriet finds Eaton, badly wounded. She helps him and accompanies him in an auto in pursuit of the invaders of the house. He satisfies her of his innocence, which she has never doubted. Avery and a hastily summoned posse pursue Eaton. Satisfied he has wounded the man he recognized in Santoine's study, Eaton leaves Harriet and takes up the trail through the woods.

CHAPTER XIX.—Harriet reveals her actions to her father. She is confident he has a clue to the mystery.

CHAPTER XX.—Peculiar happenings in the stock market apparently convince Santoine of the truth of a theory he has formed.

CHAPTER XXI.—Eaton tracks the man he has shot, through the woods, and ascertains that he has been carried away in a boat.

CHAPTER XXII.—Harriet makes the discovery, through Avery, that "Eaton" is really Hugh Overton, convicted of the murder of Matthew Latron, and a fugitive from justice. Overton is captured.

CHAPTER XXIII.—Santoine confronts Avery with proof of double dealing. Avery confesses that Latron was not murdered, as claimed, but in fear of prosecution for offenses against federal statutes had disappeared, another man's body being substituted for his, and Overton charged with his murder. It was Latron who had been in the study the night before, and whose dead body was spirited away.

CHAPTER XXIV.—Hugh Overton had all along believed that Santoine had been a party to the conspiracy which had branded him as a murderer, and that Harriet, acting as one of the blind man's "eyes," must also have had knowledge of the facts. Avery's confession that he had all along misled Santoine dispels that belief, also establishing Overton's innocence of crime.

"We must go back to the quite serious emergency to which I am indebted for your faithful service. Five years ago the American people appeared perfectly convinced that the only way to win true happiness and perpetuate prosperity was to accuse, condemn and jail for life—if execution were not legal—the heads of the important groups of industrial properties. Just at that time, one of these men—one of the most efficient but also, perhaps, the one personally most obnoxious or unpopular—committed one of his gravest indiscretions. It concerned the private use of deposits in national banks; it was a federal offense of the most patent and provable kind. He was indicted. Considering the temper of any possible jury at that time, there was absolutely no alternative but to believe the man under indictment must spend many succeeding years, if not the rest of his life, in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta or Leavenworth.

"Now, the man was in complete control of a group of the most valuable and prosperous properties in America. Before his gaining control, the properties had been almost ruined by differences between the minor men who tried to run them; only the calling of Matthew Latron into control saved those men from themselves; they required him to govern them; his taking away would bring chaos and ruin among them again. They knew that. Just before he must go to trial, Latron himself became convinced that he faced confinement for the rest of his life; then fate effectively intervened to end all his troubles. His body, charred and almost consumed by flames—but nevertheless the identified body of Matthew Latron—was found in the smoking ruins of his shooting lodge, which burned to the ground two days before his trial."

Avery was hunched in the seat watching the blind man with growing conviction and fear.

Santoine went on: "A young man was shown to have followed Latron to the shooting lodge; a witness appeared who had seen this young man shoot Latron; a second witness had seen him set fire to the lodge. The young man—Hugh Overton—was put on trial for his life. I, myself, as a witness at the trial supplied the motive for the crime; for, though I had never met Overton, I knew that he had lost the whole of a large fortune through investments recommended to him by Latron. Overton was convicted, sentenced to death; he escaped before the sentence was carried out—became a fugitive without a name, who if he ever appeared would be handed over for execution. For the evidence had been perfect—complete; he had shot Latron purely for revenge, killed him in the most despicable manner. For there was no doubt Latron was dead, was there, Avery?"

"None," Avery said huskily.

"That was the time you came into my employ, Avery, recommended to me by one of the men who had been closest to Latron. I was not connected with the Latron properties except as an adviser; but many papers relating to them must go inevitably through my hands. I was rather on the inside in all that concerned those properties. But I could not myself see the papers; I was blind; therefore I had to have others serve as eyes for me. And from the first, Avery, you served as my eyes in connection with all papers relating to the Latron properties. If anything ever appeared in those papers which might have led me to suspect that any injustice had been done in the punishment of Latron's murderer, it could reach me only through you. Nothing of that sort ever did reach me, Avery. You must have made quite a good thing out of it."

"What?"

"I say, your position here must have been rather profitable to you, Avery; I have not treated you badly myself, recognizing that you must often be tempted by gaining information here from which you might make money; and your other employers must have overbid me."

"I don't understand; I beg your pardon, Mr. Santoine, but I do not follow what you are talking about."

"No? Then we must go a little further. This last year a minor reorganization became necessary in some of the Latron properties. My friend, Gabriel Warden—who was an honest man, Avery—had recently greatly increased his interest in those properties; it was inevitable the reorganization should be largely in his hands. During his work with the Latron properties, Warden—the honest man, Avery—discovered the terrible injustice of which I speak.

"I do not need to draw your attention, Avery, to the very peculiar condition which followed Warden's death. Warden had certainly had communication with Overton of some sort; Overton's enemies, therefore, were unable to rid themselves of him by delivering him up to the police because they did not know how much Overton knew. When I found that Warden had made me his executor and I went west and took charge of his affairs, their difficulties were intensified, for they did not dare to let suspicion of what had been done reach me. There was no course open to them, therefore, but to remove Overton before my suspicions were aroused, even if it could be done only at desperate risk to themselves.

"What I am leading up to, Avery, is your own connection with these events. You looked after your own interests rather carefully, I think, up to a certain point. When—knowing who Eaton was—you got him into a polo game, it was so that, if your interests were best served by exposing him, you could do so without revealing the real source of your knowledge of him. But an unforeseen event arose. The drafts and lists relating to the reorganization of the Latron properties—containing the very facts, no doubt, which first had aroused Warden's suspicions—were sent me through Warden's office. At first there was nothing threatening to you in this, because their contents could reach me only through you. But in the uncertainty I felt, I had my daughter take these matters out of your hands.

"That night, Avery, you sent an unsigned telegram from the office in the village, almost within twenty-four hours my study was entered, the safe inaccessible to you was broken open, the contents were carried away. Do you suppose I do not know that one of the two men in the study last night was the principal whose agents had failed in two attempts to get rid of Overton for him, whose other agent—yourself, Avery—had failed to intercept the evidence which would have revealed the truth to me, so that, no longer trusting to agents, he himself had come in desperation to prevent my learning the facts? I realize fully, Avery, that by means of you my blindness and my reputation have been used for five years to conceal from the public the fact that Matthew Latron had not been murdered, but was still alive!"

Santoine heard Avery get up; he stood an instant and tried to speak, but his breath caught nervously; he made another effort.

"I didn't have anything to do with convicting Overton, or know anything about it until that part was all over; I never saw him till I saw him on the train. I didn't know Warden was going to be killed."

"But you were accessory to the robbery of my house last night and, therefore, accessory to the murder of Wallace Blatchford. Last night, too, knowing Overton was innocent of everything charged against him, you gave orders to fire upon him at sight and he was fired upon. And what were you telling Harriet when I came in? You have told the police that Overton is the murderer of Latron. Isn't that so the police will refuse to believe anything he may say and return him to the death cell for the sentence to be executed upon him? The law will call these things attempted murder, Avery."

The blind man heard Avery pacing the floor, and then heard him stop in front of him.

"What is it you want to know, sir?"

"Who killed Warden?"

"John Yarrow is his name; he was a sort of hanger-on of Latron's. I don't know where Latron picked him up."

"Was it he who also made the attack on the train?"

"Yes."

"Who was the other man on the train—the one that claimed the telegram addressed to Lawrence Hillward?"

"His name's Hollock. He's titular owner of the place on the Michigan shore where Latron has been living. The telegram I sent night before last was addressed to his place, you know. He's been a sort of go-between for Latron and the men—those who knew—who were managing the properties. I'd never met him, though, Mr. Santoine, and I didn't know either him or Hollock on the train. As I said, I wasn't in the know about killing Warden."

"When did you learn who Eaton was, Avery?"

"The day after we got back here from the West I got word from Latron; they didn't tell me till they needed to use me." Avery hesitated; then he went on: "You understand, sir, about Latron's pretended death—a guide at the shooting lodge had been killed by a chance shot in the woods; purely accidental; some one of the party had fired at a deer, missed, and never knew he'd killed a man with the waste shot. When the guide didn't come back to camp, they looked for him and found his body. He was a man who never would be missed or inquired for and was very nearly Latron's size; and that gave Latron the idea.

"At first there was no idea of pretending he had been murdered; it was the coroner who first suggested that. Things looked ugly for a while, under the circumstances, as they were made public. Either the scheme might come out or someone else be charged as the murderer. That put it up to Overton. He'd actually been up there to see Latron and had had a scene with him which had been witnessed. That part—all but the evidence which showed that he shot Latron afterward—was perfectly true. He thought that Latron, as he was about to go to trial, might be willing to give him information which would let him save something from the fortune he'd lost through Latron's manipulations. The circumstances, motive, everything was ready to convict Overton; it needed very little more to complete the case against him."

"So it was completed."

"But after Overton was convicted, he was not allowed to be punished, sir."

Santoine's lips straightened in contempt. "He was not allowed to be punished?"

"Overton didn't actually escape, you know, Mr. Santoine—that is, he couldn't have escaped without help; Latron was thoroughly frightened and he wanted it carried through and Overton executed; but some of the others rebelled against this and saw that Overton got away; but he never knew he'd been helped. I understand it was evidence of Latron's insistence on the sentence being carried out that Warden found, after his first suspicions had been aroused, and that put Warden in a position to have Latron tried for his life, and made it necessary to kill Warden."

"Latron is dead, of course, Avery, or fatally wounded?"

"He's dead. Over—Eaton, that is, sir—hit him last night with three shots."

"As a housebreaker engaged in rifling my safe, Avery."

"Yes, sir. Latron was dying when they took him out of the car last night. They got him away, though; put him on the boat he'd come on. I saw them in the woods last night. They'll not destroy the body or make away with it, sir, at present."

"In other words, you instructed them not to do so until you found out whether Overton could be handed over for execution and the facts regarding Latron kept secret, or whether some other course was necessary."

The blind man did not wait for any answer to this; he straightened suddenly, gripping the arms of his chair, and got up. There was more he wished to ask; in the bitterness he felt at his blindness having been used to make him an unconscious agent in these things of which Avery spoke so calmly, he was resolved that no one who had shared knowingly in them should go unpunished. But now he heard the noise made by approach of Eaton's captors. As Santoine stood listening, the sounds without became coherent to him.

"They have taken Overton, Avery," he commented. "Of course they have taken no one else. I shall tell those in charge of him he is not the one they are to hold prisoner but that I have another for them here."

The blind man heard no answer from Avery. Those having Overton in charge seemed to be coming into the house; the door opened and there were confused sounds.

Then Santoine heard his daughter's voice in a half cry, half sob of hopeless appeal to him. Harriet ran to him; he felt her cold, trembling fingers clasping him and beseeching him. "Father! Father! They say—they say—they will—"

He put his hands over hers, clasping hers and patting it. "My dear," he said, "I thought you would wait for me; I told you to wait."

He heard others coming into the house now; and he held his daughter beside him as he faced them.

"Who is in charge here?" he demanded.

The voice of one of those who had just come in answered him. "I, sir—I am the chief of police."

"I wish to speak to you; I will not keep you long. May I ask you to have your prisoner taken to the room he occupied here in my house and given attention by a doctor? You can have my word that it is not necessary to guard him. Wait! Wait!" he directed, as he heard exclamations and ejaculations to correct him. "I do not mean that you have mistaken who he is. He is Hugh Overton, I know; it is because he is Hugh Overton that I say what I do."

Santoine abandoned effort to separate and comprehend or to try to answer the confusion of charge and questioning around him. He concerned himself, at the moment, only with his daughter; he drew her to him, held her and said gently, "There, dear; there! Everything is right. I have not been able to explain to you, and I cannot take time now; but you, at least, will take my word that you have nothing to fear for him—nothing!"

The Voice of One of Those Who Had Just Come in Answered Him. "I, sir—I Am the Chief of Police.

He heard her gasp with incredulity and surprise; then she drew back from him, staring at him, she breathed deep with relief and clasped him, sobbing. He still held her, as the hall was cleared and the footsteps of those carrying Overton went up the stairs; then, knowing that she wished to follow them, he released her. She drew away, then clasped his hand and kissed it; as she did so, she suddenly stiffened and her hand tightened on his spasmodically.

Someone else had come into the hall and he heard another voice—a woman's, which he recognized as that of the stenographer, Miss Davis.

"Where is he? Hugh! Hugh! What have you done to him? Mr. Santoine! Mr. Santoine! Where is he?"

The blind man straightened, holding his daughter to him; there was anxiety, horror, love in the voice he heard; Harriet's perplexity was great as his own.

"Is that you, Miss Davis?" he inquired.

"Yes; yes," the girl repeated. "Where is—Hugh, Mr. Santoine?"

"You do not understand," the voice of a young man broke in on them.

"I'm afraid I don't," Santoine said quietly.

"She is Hugh's sister, Mr. Santoine—she is Edith Overton."

"Edith Overton? And who are you?"

"You do not know me. My name is Lawrence Hillward."

Santoine asked nothing more for the moment. His daughter had left his side. He stood an instant listening to the confusion of question and answer in the hall; then he opened the door into the library and held it for the police chief to enter.

CHAPTER XXIV

"It's All Right, Hugh"—at Last.

Eaton—he still, with the habit of five years of concealment, even thought of himself by that name—awoke to full consciousness at eight o'clock the next morning. He was in the room he had occupied before in Santoine's house; the sunlight, reflected from the lake, was playing on the ceiling. His wounds had been dressed; his body was comfortable and without fever.

He saw and recognized, against the lighted square of the window, a man standing looking out at the lake.

"Lawrence," he said.

The man turned and came toward the bed. "Yes, Hugh."

Eaton raised himself excitedly upon his pillows. "Lawrence, that was he—last night—in the study. It was Latron! I saw him! You'll believe me, Lawrence—you at least will. They got away on a boat—they must be followed—" With the first return of consciousness he had taken up again that battle against circumstances which had been his only thought for five years.

But suddenly he was aware that his sister was also in the room, sitting upon the opposite side of the bed. Her hand came forward and clasped his; she bent over him, holding him and fondling him.

"It is all right, Hugh," she whispered—"oh, Hugh! it is all right now. Mr. Santoine knows; he—he was not what we thought him. He believed all the while that you were justly sentenced. Now he knows otherwise—"

"He—Santoine—believed that?" Eaton asked incredulously.

"Yes; he says his blindness was used by them to make him think so. So now he is very angry; he says no one who had anything to do with it shall escape. He figured it all out—most wonderfully—that it must have been Latron in the study. He has been working all night—they have already made several arrests and every port on the lake is being watched for the boat they got away on."

"Is that true, Edith? Lawrence, is it true?"

"Yes; quite true, Hugh!" Hillward choked and turned away.

Eaton sank back against his pillows; his eyes—dry, bright and filled still with questioning for a time, as he tried to appreciate what he just had heard and all that it meant to him—dampened suddenly as he realized that it was over now, that long struggle to clear his name from the charge of murder—the fight which had seemed so hopeless. He could not realize it to the full as yet; concealment, fear, the sense of monstrous injustice done him had marked so deeply all his thoughts and feelings that he could not sense the fact that they were gone for good. So what came to him most strongly now was only realization that he had been set right with Santoine—Santoine, whom he himself had misjudged and mistrusted. And Harriet? He had not needed to be set right with her; she had believed and trusted him from the first, in spite of all that had seemed against him. Gratitude warmed him as he thought of her—and that other feeling, deeper, stronger far than gratitude, or than anything else he ever had felt toward anyone but her, surged up in him and set his pulses wildly beating, as his thought strained toward the future.

"Where is—Miss Santoine?" he asked.

His sister answered. "She has been helping her father. They left word they were to be sent for as soon as you woke up, and I've just sent for them."

Eaton lay silent till he heard them coming. The blind man was unfamiliar with this room; his daughter led him in. Her eyes were very bright, her cheeks, which had been pale, flushed as she met Eaton's look, but she did not look away. He kept his gaze upon her.

Santoine, under her guidance, took the chair Hillward set beside the bed for him. The blind man was very quiet; he felt for and found Eaton's hand and pressed it. Eaton choked, as he returned the pressure. Then Santoine released him.

"Who else is here?" the blind man asked his daughter.

"Miss Overton and Mr. Hillward," she answered.

Santoine found with his blind eyes their positions in the room and acknowledged their presence; afterward he turned back to Eaton.

"I understand, I think, everything now, except some few particulars regarding yourself," he said. "Will you tell me those?"

"You mean—" Eaton spoke to Santoine, but he looked at Harriet. "Oh, I understand, I think. When I—escaped, Mr. Santoine, of course my picture had appeared in all the newspapers and I was not safe from recognition anywhere in this country. I got into Canada and, from Vancouver, went to China. We had very little money left, Mr. Santoine. What had not been—lost, through Latron had been spent in my defense. I got a position in a mercantile house over there. It was a good country for me; people over there don't ask questions for fear someone will ask questions about them. We had no near relatives for Edith to go to and she had to take up stenography to support herself and—and change her name, Mr. Santoine, because of me."

"Go on," said Santoine. "You thought I knew who Latron's murderer was and morally, though not technically, perjured myself at your trial to convict you in his place. What next?"

"That was it," Eaton assented. "We thought you knew that some of those around you who served as your eyes must know it, too."

Harriet gasped. Eaton, looking at her, knew that she understood now what had come between them when she had told him that she herself had served as her father's eyes all through the Latron trial. He felt himself flushing as he looked at her; he could not understand now how he could have believed that she had aided in concealing an injustice against him, no matter what influence had been exerted upon her. She was all good; all true.

"At first," Eaton went on, "Edith did not find out anything. Then, this year, she learned that there was to be a reorganization of some of the Latron properties. We hoped that, during that, something would come out which might help us. I had been away almost five years; my face was forgotten, and we thought I could take the chance of coming back to be near at hand so I could act if anything did come out. Lawrence met me at Vancouver. We were about to start east when I received a message from Mr. Warden. I did not know Warden and I don't know now how he knew who I was or where he could reach me. His message merely said he knew I needed help and he was prepared to give it and made an appointment for me to see him at his house. You know what happened when I tried to keep the appointment.

"Then you came to Seattle and took charge of Warden's affairs. I felt certain that if there was any evidence among Warden's effects as to who had killed Latron, you would take it back with you with the other matters relating to the Latron reorganization. You could not recognize me from your having been at my trial because you were blind; I decided to take the train with you and try to get possession of the draft of the reorganization agreement and the other documents with it which Warden had been working on. I had suspected that I was being watched by agents of the men protecting Latron's murderer while I was in Seattle. I had changed my lodgings there because of that, but Lawrence had remained at the old lodgings to find out for me. He found there was a man following me who disappeared after I had taken the train, and Lawrence, after questioning the gateman at Seattle decided the man had taken the same train I did. He wired me in the cipher we had sometimes used in communicating with each other, but not knowing what name I was using on the train, he addressed it to himself, confident that if a telegram reached the train addressed to 'Lawrence Hillward' I would understand and claim it.

"Of course, I could not follow his instructions and leave the train; we were snowed in. Besides, I could not imagine how anybody could have followed me onto the train, as I had taken pains to prevent that very thing by being the last passenger to get aboard it."

"The man whom the gateman saw did not follow you; he merely watched you get on the train and notified two others, who took the train at Spokane. They had planned to get rid of you after you left Seattle so as to run less risk of your death being connected with that of Warden. It was my presence which made it necessary for them to make the desperate attempt to kill you on the train."

"Then I understand. The other telegram was sent me, of course, by Edith from Chicago, when she learned here that you were using the name of Dorne on your way home. I learned from her when I got here that the documents relating to the Latron properties, which I had decided you did not have with you, were being sent you through Warden's office. Through Edith I learned that they had reached you and had been put in the safe. I managed to communicate with Hillward at the country club, and that night he brought me the means of forcing the safe.

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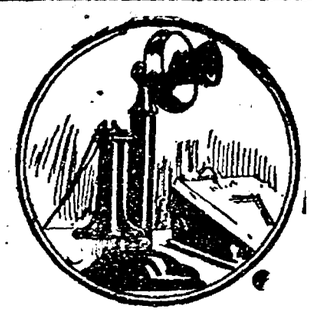

Phone the News to 115.

Belmond Local News

Mrs. Gus Johnson visited relatives at Iowa Falls over the week end. Her daughter, Clara, was there also.

Miss Marjory Purcell came home over the week end to see her grandfather, Mr Walton, who continues quite ill.

The District Sunday School convention will be held here on Sunday, the meetings being held at the Immanuel church east of town.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Harris of Rowan were visitors here on Monday with relatives, and attending the Reese funeral.

C. N. Reese and Ted Townsan left yesterday for Minnesota, where Mr. Reese is fixing up the buildings on his farm. They made the trip by auto.

W. E. Jenison was down town Tuesday for the first time in a couple of weeks, having been confined to his home by an attack of the flu.

The first base ball game of the season Friday of this week when the Belmond and Dows school teams tackle each other here. Belmond and Clarion will play on the following Monday.

Oil Meal, chick feed, rolled oats, by the pound or hundred. Nice seed potatoes, garden seeds, fruits and vegetables. Mothers' Best Flour $2.00 Saturday Special—Picnic Ham 12 1-2 cents per pound.—W. A. Parsons.

Mrs. Amanda Smith writes from Conway, Missouri, where she recently moved from Belmond, that they like the country down there fine. The peach trees are in bloom and gardens are all planted.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hughes of Goodell have moved their household goods to Belmond, where they are now living. Mr. Hughes is employed at the Belmond Auto Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Sorenson drove to Mason City on Tuesday to look after business matters.

Saturday Special—Delicious peanut rolls.—Belmond Bakery.

Mrs. G. R. Hill of Clarion came Tuesday for a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Johnson.

Miss Murphy and Miss Klotzbach spent the week end at Mason City visiting friends.

Mrs. Clarence Barnes and Miss Mary Kain of Garner, were visitors here Monday, driving down. Mrs. Rosecrans returned Tuesday, Mrs. Walt Pritchard accompanying her for a visit.

It is understood that the Firemen will hold the last dance in the opera house as soon as the building is in shape so that a dance can be held.

Joe Graham came over from Forest City the first of the week to visit his wife, who has been ill here at the home of her parents for several weeks. Joe recently moved from Titonka to Forest City, and says he likes his new location fine.

Lou Sherman, editor of the Goldfield Chronicle, was a pleasant visitor at this office on Tuesday afternoon.

C. N. Reese came the first of the week from Milwaukee to look after some business interests in Belmond.

Mrs. Martin Hanson left Monday for Iowa City with her son, Verdel, where he will receive treatment at the state hospital.

Farmers have been having a hard time getting into the fields to start the spring work, but this week some of them have managed to start seeding, and the work will proceed rapidly now. The late spring has greatly delayed farm work.

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TODAY'S WEATHER BY RADIO

The Iowa State College radio station at Ames gave today's weather as fair and warmer with rising temperature. Increasing cloudiness Friday.

Mrs. Geo. Coburn and Mrs. L. L. Lathrop of Cornelia attended the funeral of Mrs. Reese on Monday.

Mrs. Ed. Riley of Rowan was a visitor at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fuller Bailey, one day last week.

Ray Brewer went to Everly, Monday, to look after some business affairs.

Mrs. John McAlpin, who has been visiting relatives and friends here the past week, went Wednesday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Withers, at Ackley.

When Better Automobile are built, Buick will build them. Call and see them, open and closed models.—Belmond Motor Sales Co.

Farl Madison left Tuesday for Rochester, where he will have an examination by the physicians at the Mayo hospital. He was accompanied by Cato C. Griesy. Earl, who had been getting along fairly well, recently suffered a relapse but is recovering from this sick spell quite nicely. However, he does not seem to improve from his past illness as well as had been hoped and the Rochester trip is to see whether he cannot be benefited from the illness he has suffered the past several years. Earl's host of friends will sincerely hope that such benefit will be received.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schultz and son, Herman, Jr., were callers at Fort Dodge last week Thursday on business matters. Herman drove back his new Buick Sedan.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Peterson of Hampton were guests of his mother Mrs. P. J Peterson, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Tomson, last week Friday.

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Congregational Ladies Aid Annual May Supper, Tuesday May 1.

Miss Eloise Brooks came up Saturday from Des Moines, where she is attending Drake University, to spend the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brooks.

John W. Paxson, of Wm. Gentleman & Sons, Chicago, was visiting old friends in Belmond last Wednesday. Probably Mr. Paxson enjoys the acquaintance of more live stock shippers than anyone at the Chicago stock yards.

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BELMOND TRAIN SCHEDULES

(Corrected to date.)

ROCK ISLAND

Going North

Passenger, daily	8:15 a. m.
Freight, daily	10:55 a. m
Combination, daily	2:15 p. m.

Going South

Passenger, daily	6:28 p. m.
Freight, daily	1:10 p. m.
Combination, daily	11:58 a. m.

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Combination, daily	8:30 a. m

Going East

Combination, daily	3:35 p. m.

GREAT WESTERN

Going North

Motor, daily	9:24 a. m.
No. 16, pass., D & S	1:35 p. m.
No. 12, pass., D & S	1:26 a. m.
Local Freight	7:55 a. m.

Going South

No. 11, pass., D & S	1:26 a. m.
No. 15, pass., D & S	3:40 p. m.
Motor	5:19 p. m.
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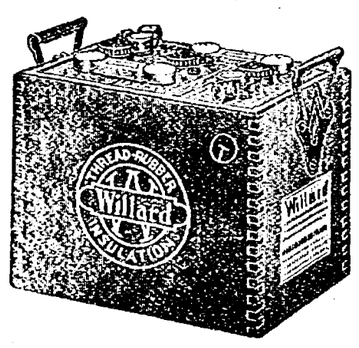

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Two Games Played But No Decision

Dows Game Friday Goes Four Innings 3 to 2—Clarion Game Ends 6-6 Tie.

PLAY AT GARNER FRIDAY

The base ball season, like the spring, seems to have had a hard job arriving. The first game, called last Saturday between the Belmond and Dows high school teams, was called at the end of the fourth inning with the score three to two, Belmond having the long end. Rain stopped the fray. Monday the Clarion team came over, and a real game was witnessed, so far as it went, six innings. It was called then on account of darkness, with the score a tie, six to six. This game was a good one, with both teams battling on about even terms. Bemond started with a whoop, scoring four runs before Clarion woke up. The county seat lads then turned loose their heavy artillery, and batted themselves to a 6-5 lead in the fourth inning. Belmond came back in the fifth and tied the score. This is Clarion's first team in three years, and evidently some mighty good material is there which will develop into a fast team before long. Madsen and Tyrrell for Belmond, and G. Schnutt and L. Wilson for Clarion, were the batteries.

GETS $2,000 DAMAGES

Arthur Hansen, of Rowan was given $2,000 damages against Geo. Aldrich, also of Rowan, in district court last week. The case grew out of an unfortunate affair last winter. On December 24 last year Hansen, was driving home from a Christmas celebration when his car stalled. He stepped into the road to hail an approaching car, driven by Aldrich. Aldrich not recognizing him thought it was a "hold up", and stepped on the gas, striking Hansen and badly injuring him. At the time of the accident it is understood Aldrich offered to settle for a sum equal to half the hospital and physician's bill, but Hansen refused, and later brought suit for $5,000 damages.

ROBBERY AT CRYSTAL LAKE

Crystal Lake was visited by thieves last Monday night, and a considerable amount of goods and money taken. Two elevators and the Juhl store were robbed. Tools to make an entrance were stolen from the garage, and with these the thieves pried open the basement door of the store. The safe was blown, and $90 in stamps and $27 in cash taken. Mr. Juhl and wife, sleeping above, heard the explosion and securing his gun Juhl took a shot at the man on guard, scaring him away. $1,300 in bonds were also taken, but as they are registered they are useless to the thieves. At one elevator they secured $10. Authorities were immediately notified, but no trace was secured of the bandits. It is thought there were three, and possibly four, of them, and that they were the same lot who recently committed the robbery at Ventura.

COMMUNITY CLUB

The Community Welfare club will meet this week Friday at the library basement. Mrs. Max Mayer of Iowa City, will be the speaker. Her talk will be of interest to everybody, especially the high school girls who are invited to attend this meeting. The high school teachers are also cordially invited as well as every woman in the community whether she is a member of the club or not. Everyone will be welcome. Mrs. Mayer is a good speaker and always has something of interest and benefit to everyone. Plan to come and bring your friends. The following committe will serve refreshments after the lecture and all are invited to remain and enjoy them and the social hour: Mrs. A. W. Russell, Mrs. Leinbach, Mrs. J. S. White, Mrs. T. D. Rankins, Mrs Rosecrans, Grace Bougton, Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. T. N. Davenport, Mrs. Geo. Avery, Mrs. M. T. Christie.

IOWA TOWNSHIP MEETING

The regular meeting of the Iowa township Farm Bureau will be held Tuesday evening, May 1st, at the Pink Trees farm southeast of Belmond. Families attending are requested to bring sandwiches and one other article of food, besides their own dishes. Some good speakers will be on hand, and the following program will be given:

Music—Mrs. Myers.
Reading—Mrs. Chas Richards.
Solo—Veona Lobdell.
Reading—Kenneth Whitten.
Duet—Maude Aldrich.
Reading—Rex Fetrow
Music—Miriam Sellers.
Reading—LaVerna Simons
Song—Genevieve Munnis.

STATE GETS BLACK ROOSTER

A black rooster has been presented to the state of Iowa. His stuffed remains, that is. "Jack Pershing" was a black rooster, so named in honor of General Pershing during the war. He first came to public notice at Braton, Iowa, where he was auctioned off for the benefit of the Red Cross by D. R. Jones. His first sale brought $292. Jones dropped his work and taking the rooster, toured the middle west selling the bird for the Red Cross At Adair his second sale brought $520. From then on the amounts went higher and higher. In South Dakota some of his sales were $2,686, $3,102, $4,221, $5,040, and the limit was reached when the bird brought $7,076. In all, he was sold about 9,000 times, for a total of $40,000. The sales plan used consisted in selling the fowl to someone for a specified amount, the money being considered a donation to the Red Cross, and the rooster going on to the next place. He has been stuffed and presented to the state with a place of fame in the Iowa historical building.

GOODELL NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Monroe Graeber accompanied Mr. White and daughter, Mamie to Mason City on Tuesday.

Mrs. Jack Zeilie was on the sick list last week.

Monroe Graeber made a business trip to Belmond on Tuesday last.

Wednesday, Leo Finn went to Mason City on business, returning on Thursday.

Thursday, the Misses Alva Matson and Ina Ahrenkile were at Garner.

Last Thursday the Ladies of Twin Lake met at the home of Mrs. Okrueg to make dress forms. There was a large attendance. Refreshments were served.

Wednesday, Miss Maude Griggs went to her sister's to be with the children and to look after things while Mrs Sherwood and Mrs. Julius Cook went to Hampton to see their sick aunt.

Friday the Avery township ladies met at Mrs. E. T. Hetland's to make dress forms.

NEW FORD FOR SALE

Touring; demountable rims; starter. To arrive this week. No trades—cash or bankable notes. See L. B. Hulsebus, Meservey, Iowa.

Mrs. Okrueg met with the Avery township ladies at Mrs. Hetland's last Friday.

Saturday night Harry Sandry went to Chicago with cattle.

Dan Miller and family visited at the Wilkins home on Sunday afternoon.

Fred Graeber and John McCorkles visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Graeber Sunday afternoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ames Hanson spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schlichting, near Olaf.

Mrs. Caswell, of Blue Earth, Minn., came Saturday to visit her sister, Mrs. Fred Bachman.

Thursday Mrs. Anton Boller went to Everly to see her son, Harvey, who is ill. Friday they took him to Belmond.

U. B. CHURCH NOTES

There was a fine attendance at Sunday School and church services last Sunday. The attendance at Sunday School was 80.

You will find a warm welcome at all our services.

The ladies Aid meets in the church parlors this week.

Pastor H. T. Miller

Testing Association Is Coming Nicely

First Month's Records Have Been Taken And Members Given Individual Test.

273 COWS ARE TESTED.

According to reorts of R. L. Payne, official tester for the Belmond Cow Testing association, the first month's work in the association has been completed and each member of the association has had one official test made. According to Mr. Payne's reports, 273 cows have been tested showing a total production of 138,490 pounds of milk giving a total of 5,607.4 pounds of butter fat with an average butter fat test of 4.04 per cent.

According to his monthly records, there are three cows in the association which are producing over fifty pounds of butter fat each, per month. Virgil Cook, who lives about six miles northeast of Belmond, has the high producing cow with a record of 54.3 pounds of butter fat. His records show, also, that there are fifteen cows which are producing forty pounds or more of butter fat per month.

One noticeable feature of the association is the fact that purebred bulls are used on all farms where the test is being made. This is evidence of the fact that these farmers are convinced of the importance of the use of purebred sires in grading up a dairy herd. According to Mr. Payne's reports, there are twenty-eight purebred dairy cows in the association. He reports there is great interest being taken in the work and that the closest cooperation is being given by the association members.

WHAT ABOUT A BAND?

Is Belmond going to have a band this year? If so, is it not about time something was being done about it? If not, alright. Garner has their band in fine shape, due to practices thruout the winter. Hampton has been enjoying band concerts during the winter. Other towns have or are making arrangements for summer concerts. Eagle Grove voted a municipal tax last year which raised $1,100, but the council thought this was too much and sliced off a couple hundred. As a result, there is insufficient funds, and there will be no band. Belmond needs concerts; has anybody anything to say?

NEW JURORS CALLED

So many of the jurors called last month were farmers, who were excused on account of the spring work starting, that a new draft has been made. Among those called are the following from this end of the county:

Belmond
Leppo Dorenkamp
J. E. Easton
Nettie Benson
Kanawha
Nettie Packard
Rowan
Eddie Haupt

Senior Class Play To Be Given May 11

Class Are Hard At Work On Humorous Play—Said To be One Of Best Ever.

TO BE "DADDY LONG-LEGS"

The baseball game with Dows last Friday could not be finished on account of the heavy rain. It was postponed until May 15.

Six innings were played with Clarion Monday afternoon. The game was a tie, 6 to 6.

The Annual is at the press this week. It will be out about May 20.

Work on the class play "Daddy Long Legs" is progressing in fine shape. May 11, is the date set for the play. Keep that date in mind as no one will want to miss "Daddy Long-Legs".

Baseball game with Garner, Friday afternoon. Our boys go to Garner.

This week started the last six weeks of school. These last weeks will be very busy for everyone. Report cards are out this week.

"Daddy Long-Legs" enjoyed a two years run in New York and was then toured for over three years. It is now released for the first time for amateur production.

KLEMME TO HAVE FIRE TRUCK

The agitation at Klemme for a chemical truck for the fire department seems to have reached a head and the city council there now has under consideration several types of trucks, which are being investigated with a view to purchasing. The Times last week stated that it was practically assured that such a truck will be procured and enumerates at length the advantages of such equipment.

LUTHERANS MEET AT DOWS

The Eagle Grove circuit of the Norwegian Lutheran church holds a three-day devotional meeting at Dows, May first to third. Rev. G. G. Belsheim will be in charge. The scripture text to be considered is Acts 4, 5-15. Rev. J. Wargberg, of Roife, preaches the initial sermon Tuesday, May 1, at 10:30. Three sessions are usually conducted exclusively in the English language.

NO OBJECTION TO PAVING

The city council of Clear Lake met last week to hear the objection of citizens there to a schedule of proposed paving. Not an objector appeared; evidently sentiment was unanimously in favor of extending the pavement program in Clear Lake. It is proposed to add materially to the paving there this summer. Clear Lake appears to have a highly progressive streak this year, the Commercial Club there having just completed a boosting tour thruout Iowa as far as Omaha.

A. A. Nihoof is gradually getting better from his illness. Mr. Nihoof has been confined to his home for the past 10 or 12 weeks, suffering from the flu, followed by bronchitis.

COURT HOUSE NOTES

Monitor—The grand jury made a raid on the bootlegging business last week and as a result several indictments were returned. H. M. Paul is in the county jail awaiting trial and others will be rounded up later. Proprietors of the Greek candy kitchen in Eagle Grove were also indicted for maintaining a nuisance but at their trial before their home town justice, following the adjournment of the grand jury, their case was dismissed.

Judge Thompson might rightly have termed Monday as "excuse day" in his court. Out of eighty-five jurors all but twenty-seven were excused. Most of them were farmers and there was no doubt as to the reasonableness of their excuses.

The $5,000 damage suit of Arthur Hanson vs. Geo. Aldrich, both of Rowan was begun Monday and will be concluded Wednesday. Last Christmas morning at 2 a. m., Hanson attempted to stop Aldrich's car in order to secure help as his lights were out. Aldrich thinking it was a hold up stepped on the gas and when Hanson did not get out of the way he was run down and badly injured, spending several weeks in the hospital, his bill being over $1,000. It is understood that defendatn offered to pay him half that amount.

While the count is not official it is reported that nearly twenty-five Wright county school teachers have been married this spring. All of which indicates that the teaching profession had its bright spots.

On Friday last thirteen foreign born men appeared before a representative of the government and Judge Fry to pass the examinations required for their final citizenship papers. Each would be citizen had two witnesses, who vouched for his integrity, and loyalty to the principles of the United States government.

Some of the questions asked by examiners would no doubt puzzle many of our American born citizens, who have had full advantage of the educational facilities of the country, but most of them were comparatively easy.

The answers to a number of the questions brought amused looks to the faces of the listeners, especially the ones pertaining to historical matters. One gentleman credited Ahraham Lincoln with being the first president. Another said that the Revolutionary war was between North and South America and that South America started the controversy. However, it was quite surprising the amount of practical knowledge most of the applicants had in regard to state and county affairs.

The government representative stated that classes in citizenship, under the supervision of the public schools, were being organized in several towns of the state, the purpose being to drill foreign born residents, who otherwise have desireable qualities, in the fundamentals of the government. Many foreigners who are thoroughly good in regard to character and ideals, are pitifully lacking in their knowledge of the affairs of the nation. He expressed a desire that such a class might be formed in Wright county.

The following are the names of those who received their final papers, together with the former country, their present place of residence, and the year of emigration:

John Schnell, Russia, Goldfield, 1903.

Conrad Meints, Germany, Belmond, 1902.

John Wientjes, Germany, Belmond, 1902.

Charley Peddle, England, Rowan, 1900.

H. F. Miller, Germany, Clarion, 1891.

Andrew Jorgenson, Denmark, Belmond, 1916.

J. H. Rydland, Norway, Eagle Grove, 1910.

Garrett Sandman, Germany, Belmond, 1911.

John Smit, Germany, Bemond, 1909.

Kriestian Jensen, Denmark, Goldfield, 1911.

Miss Huglin, a special worker from Cedar Falls spent Tuesday and Wednesday of this week with the rural teachers of the county doing consulative work. She will spend Thursday and Friday in the Goldfield schools.

Operation of Sugar Factory Assured

Overhauling Of Plant To Begin Within Short Time—Adams To Be Superintendent.

4,000 ACRES CONTRACTED

The Belmond beet sugar factory will operate this year. This is now an assured fact, sufficient acreage now being contracted to warrant operation. While it had been expected that the factory would be operated, and plans made therefore, it had been doubtful for several weeks on account of acreage, which was not up to last year.

Now, however, the Iowa Valley Operating Co., has approximately 4,000 acres contracted, which is more than was used last season. More acreage is being taken on each day, and ultimately the company may have between 4,500 and 5,000 acres of beets for this year's campaign. Due to the late spring, with the cold weather, many farmers who had decided not to raise beets this year are reconsidering, and contracting for a good acreage of sugar beets. With a larger acreage than last year and a market that has every indication of being higher than before, sugar beets would appear to be a money-making crop, and a successful campaign this year assured.

Work in repairing and overhauling the factory will begin in a short time. The supervision of this will be under W H. Adams, formerly with the Iowa Valley Sugar Co., and well known to Belmond people. Mr. Adams will be the superintendent of the plant this year, and as he is a man thoroly familiar with the sugar business the company will be certain of efficient management all the way thru. Mr. Adams has been back East the past year or two.

Seed and fertilizer will be sent out the first of next week to the growers. Every prospect this year is for a good crop at good prices. Under the 50-50 contract a profit is assured, in any event, and with a good yield both growers and company should enjoy a very prosperous year.

ST. OLAF CHURCH

Class meets at the church Wednesday, April 25, at 1:30.

Wednesday evening prayer meeting at the home of Syvert Evans.

Thursday afternoon the South Ladies Aid at the home of Mrs. John Mehus.

English service next Sunday at the usual hour 10:30, with communion if so desired. In the evening the Young People will meet. We invite all young people to come at 8:00 o'clock.

TRINITY CHURCH

Wednesday evening choir practice at the church at 7:30. All please be present. Thursday evening prayer meeting at the church at 8:00 o'clock. Class meets at the church at 10:00 o'clock on Saturday.

Sunday school at 10:00 o'clock Sunday. Lay men's meeting in the afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. No evening service.

Eagle Grove circuit conference of the Iowa District will hold a three-day devotional meeting at Dows, May 1-3. Scripture for the meeting: Acts 4. 5-12.

Friday afternoon, May 4th, at 2:00 o'clock, a joint meeting of the Trinity church and two St. Olaf Ladies Aids will be held in the Trinity church, addressed by Sister Marie Fredickson, who for many years has done missionary work in China. We hope all the ladies will come and enjoy the afternoon. The usual refreshments will be served in the church parlors following the program.

GREAT WESTERN IMPROVING

A large rail gang is now at work on the Great Western road on this division, laying steel. Some dozen or more cars of men are located in the yards here, while the work, which has started from Mason City, is now within two and a half miles northeast of Belmond. New steel will be laid as far as Clarion.

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EDITORIAL

ON THINGS IN GENERAL

The standpat Republican newspapers in this senatorial district—and elsewhere, as well—have been doing their best to "explain" the defeat of McFerren and the Election of a Democrat, Schmedika, to the position left vacant by the death of the late Cady Chase. Universally they declare the decision of the voters was because Hardin county had been ignored so long—20 years, we believe—in a senatorial representative. Schmedika ran independently, and he was from Hardin county. Consequently Hardin county was determined to have him over McFerren. Schmedika polled a majority there of over 700. McFerren carried Wright and Hamilton counties by narrow margins. Must have been some folks in these two counties who wanted Schmedika also. "Explanations" are uncalled for; Schmedika won not because Hardin county wanted him, not because McFerren failed to hustle, not because the voters thought he knew the ropes better, but because the people knew too well, and had had too much of, McFerren. The old guard, in nominating McFerren, cut their own throats.

At that, a good man was finally elected.

The other day, in our mail, was a letter from an "Oil Company" down south, who would like to have a copy of the Independent, please, and the Subscription price of same. Would we please send same at once? We would not, and the waste basket grew a little fuller. How handy the small town paper, the country press, with its many names and addresses of people with more or less money in the bank; solid, substantial rural citizens who pay as they go, and keep a little laid by. A nice little list can be compiled, to which beautifully colored circulars and enthusiastic letters containing glowing description of the wealth to be made in oil can be mailed. And at a trifling sum—the price of the subscription.

There are some folks no decent, self-respecting newspaper wants on its list.

How any right-minded person can ride over the dirt roads this past week, and then holler against better roads, we fail to see. Iowa's mud roads are famous—or infamous, as you wish to see them—the country over. As an advertisement of the State they are as good as a drunkard is to the booze manufacturers Economically they are a dead loss; many a load of grain or hogs has failed to reach market because of have been same folks in these two had ben ignored so long—20 years, will overbalance many times the cost of improvement. The remedy? Gravel.

The ruins of the Big Blaze are fast being removed. The scars are less ugly, and the wounds fast healing. It is hard that there must be suffering thru such events, but it is good for the town, for upon the ruins will be builded a better Belmond. It is hard to do away with old things; association at times over-rules judgement; sentiment keeps many things which should be thrown away. If new, modern buildings spring up to cover the scars of the fire, it will be a step forward for the town.

And Belmond needs some new buildings.

Whether you believe in sugar beets or not; whether you have a dime in the local factory or not; you ought to realize what the operation of the factory means to Belmond. Turning loose in any community of this size, $50,000, means a great stimulant to business. Turning loose several hundred thousands means just that much more. It means bad debts paid, old bills settled, savings accounts started, things purchased which it was thought could not be afforded. These things some of us know from first hand knowledge. It means work for many; work in a slack time; an opportunity to lay by, to get ahead. It means business, good business, business for all, that will benefit directly or indirectly nearly every individual in the community. To the grower of beets, it means ready money, cash, which immediately gets into your pocket, and from your pocket to the man you owe, or for something you want, and from there someplace else, and it travels around, touching everywhere. It means progress.

We all admit that the American educational system is not perfect; but neither is any other. Many things are needed; many things perhaps should be changed; but it's a good system, a better system each year. The old days of readin' 'ritin' and 'rithmatic are no more; once they were sufficient, nowadays they are fundamental, but not all. Modern days require different methods, different ways. Perhaps our methods are not exactly right, but we are improving them. No system of education in the world equals that of America's, imperfect as it may be in many ways. We all hold some belief of changes that should be made, of the way some things should be done. Naturally. But let's admit that we're doing pretty well, as it is.

Among the Neighbors

J. P. Larson came up from Belmond Monday morning for a short visit with his son Clarence and family.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Horton, Mrs. J. M. Stella and Miss Jennie spent Sunday with the M. R. Pierce family near Belmond.—Monitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jacobs of Garner and their daughter, Mrs. C. J. Papousek of Belmond, were visiting Klemme relatives and friends last Friday afternoon.—Times.

Miss Mable Waterman, teacher in the Belmond school, came Friday for a week end visit with her parents here.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hake and Miss Maurine went to Belmond last week Thursday evening for a short visit, returning the following morning.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs. LuVerne Smith were passengers to Belmond Thursday evening for a short visit with relatives.—Times.

Mrs. Gilligan and mother, Mrs. Rourk accompanied Jack Wenzel to Belmond, Tuesday and spent the evening with Mrs. Wm. Parker.—Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hake and their daughter Maurine went to Belmond Saturday night for an over Sunday visit.—Times.

Miss Sadie Frohling and Miss Iris Trumbell of Belmond were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Eggers, the latter part of last week.—Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shipley drove over from Belmond yesterday afternoon for a visit with Mrs. Schroeder and Mrs. Croner. They are in the hotel business at Belmond.—Times.

SOCIETY

Surprise—

A surprise birthday dinner was given at the home of Mrs. L. V. Sharp, Sunday, April 22nd., in honor of Mrs. George H. Hake and Mr. L. V. Sharp, whose birthdays happen to be a couple of days apart. The home was beautifully decorated in the color scheme of yellow and white, the center piece being a large bouquet of Jonquils and Snapdragons. The bountious dinner was catered by Mrs. Rowe, who also assisted in the decorating. The guests of honor informed the hostess that they would have birthdays again next year.

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Auxilliary—

The American Legion Auxiliary held their monthly meeting in the Legion hall, Tuesday, April 17. The Auxilliary elected Mrs. Mikesell and Miss Thera Fitts to represent this unit in the district meeting at Waterloo, Wednesday, April 25. The Auxiliary have been working on the poppies for their memorial Day Poppy Sale. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by all present.

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Idle-A-While—

Mrs. Ralph Christie was hostess to the members of the Idle-a-While club and their husbands last week Wednesday evening. This was one of the social evenings which the club enjoys during the winter months and to which the husbands are invited. But the ladies of the club meet every other week the year round. The evening was spent in various games after which a two course luncheon was served by the hostesses Mrs. Christie and Mrs. J. J. Sloan.

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Eastern Star—

Last Friday evening the officers of the Eastern Star lodge went to Clarion to attend the district convention. Four chapters were represented at the meeting with about 200 members in attendance. The Grand Matron of Iowa and the district instructor were present. Two new members were taken into the Clarion chapter the Eagle Grove chapter putting on the work. The Clarion lodge served supper.

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Royal Neighbors—

The Royal Neighbors and their husbands met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Collins last Friday evening and from there went to the home of Mr and Mrs. J. J. Flynn. The occasion was a complete surprise on Brother Flynn. The evening was spent in games after which delicious refreshments were served A fine time is reported by all who attended.

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Progress—

The Progress Club met at the home of Mrs. Herman Schultz Tuesday afternoon, this being the last meeting of the club. New officers were elected for next year. Mrs. W. A. Martin, President; Mrs. C. P. Luick, Vice President; Mrs. J. E. Wallace, secretary; Mrs. H. C. Thompson, Corresponding secretary. The study for next year will be the New Testament of the Bible. Delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. A. E. Martin, Mrs. Ed. Bailey, Mrs. W. C. Tyrrell, and Mrs. Herman Schultz.

Progressive Dinner Party—

Last week Thursday and Friday evening Mrs. R. H. Klemme entertained about twenty-four friends each evening. A fine course progressive dinner was served each evening and the time spent in music and games. The rooms were beautifully decorated in pink and yellow Snapdragons. A fine time was enjoyed by all.

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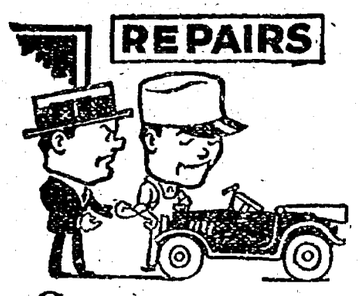

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FARM BUREAU NOTES

Orchard-Poultry Demonstration Instructive.

The orchard-poultry demonstrations which were held in Wright county Monday and Tuesday of last week proved to be very interesting and instructive to the farmers who found it possible to attend. In spite of the fact that the spring seeding was well under way, the demonstrations were attended by good sized groups of farmers and farmers' wives who were interested in these two subjects.

Prof. H. E. Nichols, orchard specialist and S. W. Henn, poultry specialist, were in charge of these demonstrations. Actual demonstrations on the pruning of orchard trees were given at these meetings and lectures on spraying and caring for the farm orchard as well as valuable hints on poultry production were also given. The demonstrations were conducted at the following farms: R. E. Lee Aldrich, C. B. Tongate, P. Veldhouse, Alfred Hanson.

Organize Girls Garment Clubs

Miss Florence Forbes, assistant state leader of girls' club work in Iowa, conducted a meeting at the county agent's office last Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of reorganizing the girls' garment clubs of last year and to organize new clubs for this year's work.

A girls' club committee consisting of six members was appointed at this meeting and the duties of this committee will be to organize the girls' club work for the year and to assist the various club leaders in carrying on this work. Twelve interested ladies from various parts of the county were in attendance at this meeting and assisted Miss Forbes and the county agent in organizing the girls' club work. The ladies who were elected on the county girls' club committee are as follows: Mrs. M. L. Clark, Lake township, chairman; Mrs. L. F. Dorr, Grant township; Mrs. J. D. McVicker, Troy; Mrs. E. E. Maxheimer, Dayton; Mrs. H. N. Denby, Lake; Miss Lydia Richards, Lincoln. Those in attendance at this meeting were as follows: Mrs. J. E. Kirstein, Mrs. N. E. Schroeder, Mrs. J. B. Tiara, Mrs. M. G. Luick, Mrs F. N. Littlefield, Mrs. L. F. Dorr, Mrs. M. L. Clark, Mrs. H. N. Denby, Mrs. A. L. Middleton, Mrs. Harry Woodley, Mrs. Harry Sumners and one visitor.

Since Wright county is without a home demonstration agent, it has been thought best to have a girls' club committee to cooperate with the county agent in carrying on the garment club work. It will be remembered that there were nine active garment clubs in our county last year and it is hoped that we will be able to continue these nine clubs and organize about six more clubs in different territories where there is the demand for this type of work.

Special Farm Bureau Edition

The Wright County Farm Bureau in cooperation with the extension department at Ames and one of the county papers will put on a special farm bureau edition sometime during the latter part of May. The object of this special edition will be to advertise Wright county and its resources. An effort will be made to tell in an interesting way about the farms and farmers of Wright county. Business men and farmers alike will be asked to contribute stories about Wright county and its wonderful crops, livestock and farm homes. No effort will be spared to present facts concerning the work of the farm bureau in every phase. The farm and farm bureau news and information which will be presented in this edition will be gathered from official sources, the general information coming from the statistics and publicity bureaus of the state and the national organizations, and the local information and news relative to the work and conditions in this county will be obtained from the county agent and from personal farm visits to the homes of those who are producing farm crops and livestock of unusual interest.

County Agent Edwards will be assisted materially by H. J. Metcalf of the information service of the extension department at Ames, in getting out this special edition of the farm bureau news. An effort will be made to have the people themselves write the articles which will go into this publication. A training school will be held at the county agent's office on May 3rd for the purpose of giving special instruction to those who are planning to contribute material. Every man, woman and child of Wright county will be asked to contribute to this special edition which will go into every farm home.

The object of this special edition is not for mercenary profit for there will be little, if any, but primarily to further the interests of our rural enterprises which is bound to reflect good upon our urban communities. The farmer has come to know that he carries on the greatest industry in the world and in this realization there comes the need of publicity and business intercourse. Our rural people have awakened to the fact that the need of a good town is as important as the need of good farms and good livestock is to the merchant and people of the city and much credit is due the newspapers of our county in bringing about this condition. The farmer is no longer a man who merely lives works and dies on a tract of land. The modern successful farmer is a scientist, a student and a skilled artisan. No vocation has gone forward with greater strides than farming or stock raising and the day is nearing when the great farm bureau organization will be the world's greatest agency in bringing about stable conditions in all markets. The farmer is the real producer and the developer of the country's resouces and it should be the ambition of the business men of the city and of the country to jointly work for the community good. One without the other will make hard sledding for both. This special farm bureau edition will serve this purpose to more or less extent.

THE GAS TRAIL

There are 55,250 railroad passenger coaches in use, having a seating capacity of 2,270,000. The 9,500,000 automobile now in operation have seats for approximately 47,000,000.

In 1910 there were but 451,000 motor vehicles registered in the United States. On July 1, 1922 there were 10,608,127.

According to insurance company statistics, $9,500,000 was paid out for burned cars in 1922. The great part of this loss was the result of carelessness.

The United States has spent between $15,000,000,000 and $20,000,000,000 for automobiles and trucks in the last 15 years. More than $6,000,000,000 has been expended for improved roads.

In cold weather watch the radiation system. Use a good cleaning mixture to remove scale and mud. Also an anti-freeze spirit should be used in the radiator.

If you have been in the habit of using the same oil in summer as in winter, better change the habit as well as the oil.

It is estimated that the railroads carried 1,642,251,000 tons of freight in 1921, while motor trucks hauled 1,430,000,000 tons.

The thirteenth American Good Roads congress was held in Chicago this year. Eighty-five thousand invitations were sent to county and highway commissioners, mayors and others. Uniform state highway traffic regulation was a principal topic of information.

In September, 1922, 16.5 persons in every 100,000 of population were killed as a result of automobile accidents.

Only one make of American car has 12 cylinders. Fourteen are made with eight, 94 with six and 37 with four.

The first automobile accident on record occurred in 1896 when a Mr. Jonathan West collided with a laundry wagon.

A bent front axle, no matter how slight, not only causes poor steering but will soon prematurely wear the tread of both front tires.

Traffic violators in Sioux City, Ia are required to spend at least two hours in a school maintained by the police for teaching the city's traffic rules.

A car should never be washed in sunlight. The direct rays of the sun striking on water causes heating which, of course, affects the paint, enamel, or varnish.

Speeding and overloading are two of the chief contributing causes for tire trouble. Striking a stone, or even a rut, at a fifty mile clip will damage the best of tires and the strain may not show up for weeks.

COURT HOUSE OFFICIALS CAPTURE $25 REWARD

Webster City News—There was considerable excitement at the court house this morning when it was realized by County Clerk W H. Cunningham that a German Police dog, for which a standing reward of $25 has been offered for some three weeks, was playing about on the court house lawn. Every newspaper in the state has carried a reward of $25 for information leading to the return of a female German Police dog, answering to the name of Gretchen, strayed away from the fine kennels of Mrs. Ruth Reeve-Keefe, at Waucome Kennels, just east of Hampton, three weeks ago.

Mr. Cunningham, aided by his deputy Miss Fanny Baxter and both Sheriff Carl and his deputy Chas. Blair, all pussy-footed around the dog-aristocrat and the latter, who was advertised to be very fond of ladies and children, was easily captured by Miss Baxter. Mr. Cunningham at once telephone the Waucome Kennels and Mr. Keefe drove over at once and paid the reward.

The court house officials are consequently celebrating. The dog has a real history. She is a half-sister of "Strongheart" of movie fame, and the father of both was Kriminalpolizi-Dusternbrook. She has several pups that are three months old and is herself, two years old. The dog is one of the finest in this section and news of her loss was radio-graphed from Davenport almost immediately. The long distance telephone at the farm has been kept warm with calls from persons who thought they had seen the dog, but no actual trace of her was found until Sunday when she was seen at Belmond. Mr. Keefe drove over 100 miles on Sunday trying to locate the valuable animal.

The Waucome Kennels at Homestead Farm now have 14 valuable German Police dogs and the supply is never equal to the demand, Mr. Keefe says. The poor animal is footsore and weary and thin. She has travelled many weary miles on her search for home and was evidently making for home when she reached this city. She was lost while out hunting with other dogs after rabbits. She struck the graveled highway leading north thru Hampton and thinking she was on the home road, evidently traveled north as far as Mason City then west and was swinging about in a circle to reach home when she was seen here.

SALARY OF CITY SUPERINTENDENTS ON THE INCREASE

That there is a close relationship between salaries and service is indicated by increases of salaries that have been granted school superintendents in various parts of the state this year. Over in Richland Township Consolidated school, Adair county, the board of education has increased the salary of the superintendent from $2,000 to nearly $3,000. This is a splendid tribute to the character of service rendered by Supt. J. E Cunde who has had charge of the schools there ror the past year. Increases in salaries, though in lesser amounts, have been granted superintendents of schools at Manchester, Knoxville, Storm Lake, Riverside, Schleswig and Osceola. There is a growing tendency to take advantage of the provision in the law that enables boards of education to contract with city superintendents for a term of years. More three year contaacts have been made this spring than at any time since the adoption of the statute. R. L. Hamilton, assistant superintendent of schools at Sioux City, in a recent address before the Northwest Iowa Teachers association says, "There is no such thing as a teachers' union because that connotes that we must affiliate with the American Federation of Labor, but the teachers must build up the spirit of edcuation by organization."

Advice is never cheap. It is valuable or it leads to trouble and is therefore expensive.

Lost opportunities never bother a fellow who doesn't realize that he has lost them.

Griesy's Store News

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We are still taking orders for field seeds and can now furnish almost any grade you wish. And when speaking of seeds—have you seen our line of garden seeds in bulk and packages, onion sets and all lawn seeds?

Your Good Will Be Our Gain

Our profit on a ball of the Original "Big Ball" Deering Twine is very small. The good twine we

sell costs us more than many twines we could buy, and even at the small profit we make, it may cost you just a little more than you might have to pay for a poor twine. But you must remember that the COST of twine to you is NOT what you pay for it, but what you get from it. Scattered grain, caused by weak, uneven twine which breaks or fails to knot, pays no profit. That's why we prefer to sell you good twine, guaranteed for length, strength and weight. You are safeguarded against shortage, poor tying and breakage when you use the good reliable "Big Ball" Deering Twine. Give us your order the next time you're in town.

Prices always right at our store.

And remember—meet your friends at Griesy's.

No man can make a high mark if he lies down on the job.

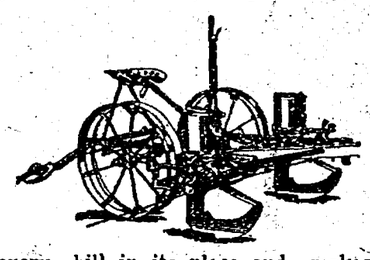
When two live cheaper than one they usually feel that way.

Quality is the result of experience 90 years of manufacturing experience make McCormick-Deering machines quality-built.

Birds on Easter Hats always come with big bills.

Planter Profits!

Your soil may be rich, your seed bed in A-I shape, the weather favorable and your seed of the very best, yet you are likely to have a poor stand unless your planter puts



every hill in its place and makes every hill a full hill. Before you can get planter profits you must have a planter you can absolutely depend on. The International No. 8 is such a planter. It is designed and built with just one end in view—to drop accurately and to check evenly—to place every hill where it belongs and to make every hill a full one. Accuracy—that's it—and it spells planter profits for you. Buy and use an International No. 8 Corn Planter this year. We sell 'em.

Time to repair those implements you are going to use this year.

Belmond Local News

Cato C. Griesy and Earl Madsen are expected home from Rochester the latter part of the week. They have been at the hospital there the past week, where Earl is receiving examination and treatment.

James Pederson, of Decorah, Iowa came last week to make a pleasant visit with his mother, brothers, and friends.

If it's a good used car you want, we have it. All makes. Make your own terms—Belmond Auto Co.

Ella Cleveland has the two big plate glass windows installed in the Elite Cafe, and the restaurant now presents a vastly improved appearance. Plate glass will also be placed at the sides of the entrance.

Lee Stacy, accompanied by Irl Sands, was a business caller at Goldfield last Friday and Saturday.

Is your subscription paid up? If not, why not drop into the Independent office and square accounts? Pay in advance and save 25 per cent.

Harry Ziska and wife, from near Kanawha, were visitors in town Sunday at the home of Mrs. Ziska's father, Andrew Larsen.

In These Ways We Serve You

First by offering you only good clothes.

Second by having them in great variety for you to choose from.

Third by giving competent help and suggestions in making your selections.
Here you'll find everything that's new for spring and the price is as low as really good merchandise can be sold.

Patton Brothers Co.
Where a Dollar Does Its Duty
Mason City and Manly, Iowa

OUR FACTORY IS IN A POSITION TO HANDLE

A Few Hundred More Acres of Beets

With the late eold spring would it not be good business to put in a few less acres of small grain and corn and put in beets where you are guaranteed a set price with all the possibilities of the High Sugar Market. Beets are the surest crop you can raise. Think it over and call the factory or fieldman at once.

Iowa Valley Operating Co., Inc.

STRENGTH SERVICE

Make This Bank Your Helper

If there's one man to whom a Checking Account is particularly valuable, that man is the farmer. One advantage alone, the advantage of paying bills by mail, means a saving of many hours every month.

With the busy days of spring close at hand, wouldn't it be a good idea to drop into the State Bank of Belmond now and open your Checking Account?

Make this safe State Bank your helper during the busy days ahead of you!

STATE BANK OF BELMOND
BELMOND IOWA

MESERVEY SECTION

For Sale—Guernsey bull calves. Price $10.—Peter H. Pals, Meservey, Iowa. 22tfc

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Meservey, Iowa

Pasture for rent. Room for 250 head of horses and cattle. See Henry Kuhler, Thornton, Iowa. 22tfc

Rev. Pannkuk and family accompanied by the Misses Grace and Gertie Pals were Mason City shoppers last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Fischer Sr. arrived home last Friday from Waverly, driving across in G. E. Raecker's car. Gar had driven over the day before and spent the night at the home of his parents.

A LETTER

Our farm journals and newspapers carry numerous contributions and editorials regarding what is said to be an essential change which must be made in the type of hogs farmers must raise for market. They say farmers must raise hogs which will meet the packers' demand, that demand is for a "bacon" or "meat type" hog. They say the big type hog no longer is profitable for the farmer, because it is not the kind of hog the packers want.

I believe this propaganda is absolutely misleading. The Chicago packers promote and support a swine carcass contest every year at the International Live Stock Exposition. The barrow at the 1922 exposition which dressed out the highest percentage of edible meat, with seven breeds competing, was a big type Poland China, and all the barrows of the same breed made a higher average dressing out than the barrows of any other breed, "bacon" or "meat type" included. Mr. B. H. Heide, Sec. of the International, has released the figures for the 1922 carcass contest, the tabulated results of which follow:

No.	Breed	Av. Dress Out Percentage
17	Poland China barrows	82.7
11	Hampshire Barrows	82.5
14	Berkshire barrows	82.1
6	Tamworth barrows	81.7
18	Chester White	81.3
5	Duroc Jersey barrows	78.6
2	Spotted P. C.	78.2

C. H. QUANDT
Meservey, Iowa.

For Sale—Rose Comb Brown Leghorn Eggs for hatching, from pen of old stock. Price $4.50 per 100, $1.00 per 15. Phone 1718.—Mrs. S. H. Schmalle, Thornton, Iowa. 224*

NEW FORD FOR SALE

Touring; demountable rims; starter. To arrive this week. No trades—cash or bankable notes. See L. B. Hulsebus, Meservey, Iowa.

POST-NUPTIAL SHOWER

About a dozen of the younger married women gathered at the Fischer home last Monday evening and pleasantly surprised Mrs. Fischer with a "Kitchen Shower." A pleasant evening is reported and Mrs. Fischer was the recipient of a number of useful kitchen utensils, mostly aluminum ware. Mrs. G. E. Raecker served refreshments.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Sabbath School 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship 10:45 a. m.
E. L. C. E. Sunday 7:30 p. m.
Preaching services 8:00 p. m.
Prayer meeting (German) Wednesday 8:00 p. m.
Prayer meeting (English) 7:30 p. m. followed by choir rehearsal.
Workers Training class Friday 7:30 p. m.
Catechitical Instruction Saturday 2:00 p. m.

A. W. Schlesselman, Pastor.

G. E. Raecker left last Sunday for Jonesville Wis., to be gone till Wednesday on business. He and several parties from Garner are planning on bringing several cars back with them from the Chevrolet factory.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Schroeder of Britt visited at the H. Kuhlers and Mrs. Meinderts homes last Tuesday The ladies are sisters.

Theo. Wendell and C. J. Wendell and Mildred drove to Mason City last Thursday p. m. to call on Mrs. C. J. at the Park hospital.

A. J. Nissen, A. E. Muller and wife, also Bonita and Neva were business and dental callers at Mason City Thursday of last week, making the trip in the Olds Eight.

H. W. Hulsebus of Mason City was in this vicinity the past week on business matters.

Miss Amalia Huenemann visited with home folks over the week end.

Rev. Schlesselman was a Mason City caller last Thursday.

The Meservey high school ball team crossed bats with the Klemme nine at the latter place last Friday p. m. Our boys were defeated, the scores being 15 to 1. Better luck next time, boys!

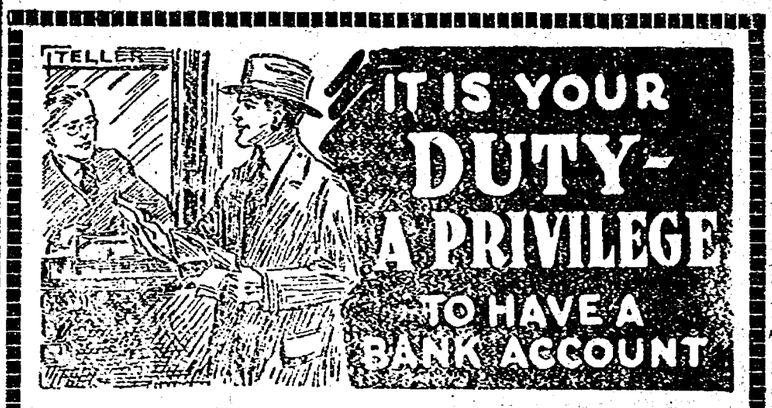
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ostendorf and daughter Jennie, accompanied by Tillie and Ollie Pals attended the convention at Palsville last Sunday p. m.

Freshen Up Home Surfaces with ACME QUALITY Varno-Lac

IF your floors, furniture, or woodwork are scarred or worn, Acme Quality Varno-Lac---a colored varnish---will freshen them up. Imitates handsome hardwoods---oak, mahogany, walnut, etc., transforms old pine floors into true duplications of these finishes. Permits matching furniture with woodwork and vica-versa. As easy to apply as varnish. Quarter pints up. Color samples for your inspection.

Protect your porch furniture and steps with Acme Quality Veranda Floor Paint.

C. J. WENDEL
Meservey, Iowa



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It is safe, readily available, builds for you a credit and standing in the community, is an asset and works for the community good.

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FARMERS SAVINGS BANK

MESERVEY, IOWA

Cotton Goods Advancing

The raw cotton is now near the high point of a few years ago. Some finished products have advanced fifty per cent from the low points.

But we have protected ourselves by buying in advance and will pass it on to our customers.

We urge you to buy now what you need in Percales, Ginghams, Curtain Materials, Muslins and Sheetings. Prices cannot remain as they are. Complete line now in stock.

We Sell the Original

Martha Washington Footwear

We find many cheap immitations of the above line on the market, but none are genuine without the name on the sole. And as far as we know this line is not sold in the following towns: Thornton, Alexander, Belmond, Rowan or Goodell.

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Our Groceries always fresh. Complete line at all times

Specials in Canned Goods
2 for 25c
No. 2 can Red Kidney Beans
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No. 3 can Hominy
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ROCK CANDY
5 pound box for
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Good this month only

Poultry Feeds
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Ask for Our Hams and Bacon

Absolutely unsurpassed in quality. Try one and you will eat no other. We know this from every day experience selling these splendid meats.

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Just received a carload of

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and have a mighty good price on same in any quantity, from one gallon to a hundred

MESERVEY GARAGE

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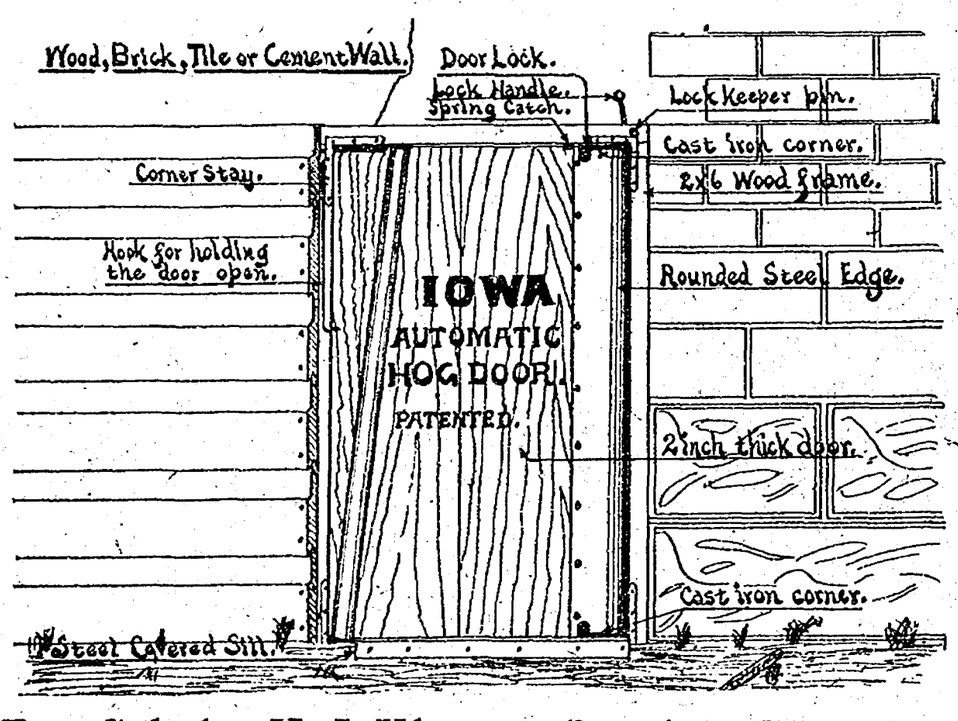

For Sale by H. J. Klemme Lumber Company

MESERVEY, IOWA

MESERVEY LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Hulsebus and A. E. Muller and wife attended the afternoon session of the Wright Co. District S. S. Convention held at the Immanuel Reformed church at Palsville last Sunday p. m. and evening. The speakers in the afternoon were Rev. J. F. Jamison, pastor of Presbyterian church at Clarion, who spoke on "The Spiritual Life of the Teachers," and Rev. Leinbach, Congregational pastor of Belmond gave "Echoes of the International Conference." Both addresses were inspiring and up lifting and encouraged those who are interested in the welfare of S. S. work to go forward and do better work than ever before. Rev. Waalkes preside at both p. m. and evening sessions. H. F. Luick and Rev. J. M. Jensen were the speakers in the evening, on "The Need of a Teacher's Training class in Every school" and "The Aim of the Sunday School Teacher." The music was furnished by the choir of the Immanuel church accompanied by Mrs. Waalkes on the Pipe organ and Miss Margaret Mennenga at the Piano. A large crowd attended who felt repaid for having been there.

The monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the home of Mrs. Brater on Wednesday May 2nd from 2 to 4 p. m. All members expected to be present and others who wish to join are cordially invitd.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Messelheiser were Mason City business callers on Tuesday of last week.

Geo. Dirks and Miss Alice Kuhler also attended both afternoon and evening session.

The W. M. S. meets in the basement next Thursday, for election of officers.

Mrs. J. Sprenzel and daughter of Belmond visited at the Joan Stattlander home last Thursday.

Prof. Herbster and Miss Hawthorne motored to Forest City, last Sunday to spend the day. They were accompanied home by the former's brother Kenneth, who remained until Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hemming of Thornton were Sunday visitors at the Ed Foss home.

H. W. Hulsebus returned to Mason City, last Saturday after spending a few days here.

The Misses Holroyd, Humke, and Thomas accompanied the Senior class to Mason City, last Saturday where the class picture was taken. They reported the ordeal trying tho successful and no serious damage to the camera was done. Following are those who made up the class: Peter Koenen, Ollie Pals, Evelyn Thomas, Agnes Fischer, Anna Pals, Eva Sprau and Mildred Koehler. The trip was made without adventure with the exception of a friendly chat with Iko Bokker whom they spied at work on the tracks at Mason City. They said he was much pleased to see such a jolly bunch from Meservey, being acquainted with most all.

C. J. Wendell, Mrs. Theo. Wendell, Albert Wendell and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Casebeer motored to Mason City Sunday to call on Mrs. C. J. at the hospital.

Mrs. Henry Wendell has been on the sick list for several weeks with a gathering in her head which has caused her considerable misery, however she is recovering nicely.

The Helping Hands society will hold a bake sale in the C. J. Wendell building on Saturday p. m. April 28th. All invited to contribute or buy.

Mrs. W. F. Butz and Mrs. C. J. Janssen were at Thornton last Monday for an all day meeting of the Women's Farm Bureau at the home of Mrs. Clarence OBrecht. They report a pleasant time and also a very profitable meeting.

Mrs. Emma Stattlander is visiting at the home of Lambert Pals Jr. near Palsville for an indefinate time.

Miss Wilhelmine Loats, efficient saleslady for Hulsebus Muller Co. for the past 15 months was obliged to reign her position, owing to the serious illness of her father. She will be needed at home during the busy months and altho this is to be regretted hopes are held out for the recovery of Mr. Loats, and autumn may find "Billy" as she is familiarly called, among us again.

MESERVEY SCHOOL NOTES

Grammar Room

Those absent Friday were Louie Pals, Gilbert, Koehler, Tena Pals, Grace Boelman, Bernard Butz, and Olive Olson.

The seventh and eighth grades were busy taking six weeks examinations. Those receiving highest grades were, Arloene Janssen, Franklin Fischer and Grace Boelman, 100 in Arithmetic, Ruby Quandt 99. Dorothy Schlesselman 99 in Reading.

Orvis Schlesselman had the highest average for the eighth and Arloene Janssen for the seventh.

Third and Fourth Grades

Naomi Schlesselman has been absent from school all week because of illness.

The fourth grade children who have had perfect spelling during the past week are Lu Vern Gwethalynn, Phyllis, Lydia, and Thora.

Tena, Wilbert, Harold, Leona, Esther, Norman, Ivadel, Ethel and Vona of the Third grade had perfect spelling lessons during the last week.

Eleanor Muller visited school on Thursday.

The winners of the spelling prizes for the last six weeks are Ethel Bier and Harold Pals of the third grade and Grace Koenen and Benjamin Suntken of the fourth grade.

Primary Room

The entire Seccond grade had 100 in spelling every day last week.

The Busy Bee class of the first grade completed the Story Hour First Reader this week. This is the 5th book they have completed.

Glenn Janssen was host at a birthday party last Monday in honor of his 7th birthday. A large birthday cake with Glenn's name, age and seven blue candles, was enjoyed by all.

Practice for the Primary program to be given May 11 has began. Most of the little folks will take part in the program.

ROWAN NEWS

Lu Verne Kensel left the employ of Mr. Keith, and has purchased a blacksmith shop at Greene, Iowa. He and his wife moved their household goods to their new home last Thursday. Ejner Gronbech of Rockwell is the new blacksmith at the Keith shop.

Arista Azeltine a brother of A. J Azeltine came last Friday morning to visit relatives. His home is in the southern part of Oklahoma. The two brothers had not met each other for forty-five years.

Harvey Linaweaver left last Thursday with his truck to haul gravel near Marshalltown.

Mr. Eaton, the electrician from Belmond was in town last Friday testing out meters.

Albin Anderson, who lives near Meservey now, was in town last Friday.

A new baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Linaweaver last Friday.

Fred Hackley went to Rothsay, Minn., last week to look after his farm interests near that place. Les Andrews accompanied him as far as St. Paul. He went to see about renting a farm north of there.

Miss Nora Shaffer purchased the Snyder property in the north part of town last week. She expects to take possession of her new home before the first of May.

The local stores will be open Wednesday evenings from now on through the summer months.

Misses Stella Emerson and Frances Farran spent several days the latter part of last week visiting Stella's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Albertee at Thornton.

R. H. Virden was in Webster City last week on business. V. E. Munson drove the school bus during Mr. Virden's absence.

Howard Tresidder and family were over from Clarion last Tuesday.

Mesdames D. E. Harris, H. O. Azeltine and G. S. Liming attended the Womens Foreign Missionary convention at Clear Lake last Tuesday. Mr. Harris took them over in his car.

Mrs. John McAlpine came down from Belmond last Wednesday to visit at the home of her son J. J. McAlpine for some time.

G. W. Whitten was unable to attend to his duties at the store the first of this week on account of illness.

Mrs. Mary Braden was a Dows visitor last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fowler went to Clarion last Wednesday.

Sheriff Lang was in town last Wednesday subpoaning witnesses for the Waite trial.

F. B. Sheldon and A. C. Rietz went to Goldfield last Friday afternoon to meet Dr. Bushnell, who came to preside at the church board meeting at the M. E. church that evening. The question of the new minister to fill the M. E. pulpit was discused. Dr. Bushnell expects to have a regular pastor in a short time, until then there will be the regular services each Sunday.

Mrs. J. F. Howell and children came up from Des Moines Friday to visit relatives over Sunday. Mr. Howell expected to drive up in his car Sunday but could not on account of the roads.

Mrs. John Richards went to Iowa City, last Friday to make an extended visit at the home of her son and family.

Mr. and Mrs. David Smith came down from Garner last Saturday to visit old friends for a few days.

James Wisely of the Wisely Construction gang came down from Garner last Thursday and spent several days here attending to business connected with their works. They are moving to Illinois, for the season's work.

Andrew Erickson and Frank Snyder left Sunday morning for Morrison, Illinois, where they are to enter the employ of the Wisely Construction Co.

The little baby of Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Lester is on the sick list.

Harry Cain was in town the latter part of last week. He left here Saturday for Des Moines.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Nlson went to Hampton last Friday where Mrs. Nelson underwent an examination. She was operated on Monday morning for gall stones, and word received late Monday afternoon stated she had went through the operation alright.

Mrs. Andrew Erickson expects to join her husband later. She has resigned her duties as clerk in Whitten store and Mrs. Ina Stumph is now filling that position.

Mrs. George Pritchett and Miss Frances Farran were Fort Dodge shoppers last Thursday.

Master Allen McCallum from Belmond spent Sunday at the W G. Bingham home.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Gunderson and daughter Buenetta and Mrs. F. K. Loveland of Dows, called at the Frank Kercheval home, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Box came over from Clarion, Sunday, and visited relatives here.

Mrs. Sanders from Galt and Mrs. Underhill from Dysart called at the Edgar Bingham home last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Virden entertained Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Halbert and Mrs. Sarah Fields of Kobe College, at six o'lock dinner, Monday evening. Miss Fields, who is from Kobe College, Japan, and who gave a splendid talk at the Congregational church, Monday night.

Fred Williams and family have moved back from Missouri and are now in Des Moines.

Daniel Eugene, the little son of D. W. Whitten has been on the sick list the past week.

Rev. Mr. Ross of Humboldt very ably filled the M. E. pulpit here Sunday both morning and evening and also at Latimer in the afternoon.

G. W. Whitten was absent from his duties at Whitten store the first of his week on account of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Albertee from Thornton visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Whitten visited friends in Thornton last Sunday.

Henry Jacobs suffered a severe attack of appendicitis, and Dr. George accompanied him to Iowa Falls, Sunday, where he underwent an operation for the removal of the appendix.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sheldon, Mr. and Mrs. George Pritchett were in Clarion, Sunday at the Rev. Tomkinson home.

D. F. Braden was in Dows last Saturday having dental work done.

Pete Harris came from Iowa City the first of the week. He was called as a witness on the Waite cases now pending in the court at Clarion.

Mrs. F. M. Myers and Mrs F. H. Brooks were Fort Dodge shoppers Monday.

Mrs. Ted Townsan and two children of Belmond spent several days the first of the week at the D. E. Harris home.

Mrs. Ella Carr went to Latimer, Sunday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Henry Miller.

The school board met Monday, evening for the purpose of hiring teachers for next year.

Miss Elfrieda Whitten was home from her school duties at Cedar Falls, for an over Sunday visit.

The Annual Home Missionary Mite Box Opening of the M. E. church will be held next Wednesday May 2nd. A short program will be given. It is not known for sure where this meeting will be held, but the place will be announced at church service next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Snow who have been visiting near Grundy Center, stopped here to visit a few days the first of this week at the G. W. Whitten home, before going to their home in Goldfield.

ROWAN SCHOOL NOTES

The Sophomores had the first picnic of the season last Thursday evening.

Miss Callison a state W. C. T. U. worker gave a short talk to the high school and 8th grades Friday afternoon.

The Juniors were excused to complete preparation for the Junior Senior Banquet which was held in the gymniasum Friday evening of last week. The color scheme used in decorating was the rainbow. A large rainbow of fringed crepe paper was arched over the table ending at each end of the table in a pot of gold. The nutcups were also of the rainbow colors.

The menu served was as follows:

1. Cocktail and wafers.
2. Mashed potatoes, chicken, creamed peas, buttered rolls, pickles olives, jelly and coffee.
3. Windmill salad and wafers.
4. Brick ice cream, Angel food cake and mints nuts.

TOAST PROGRAM

Welcome—Clesson Azeltine.
Class Prophecy—Laura Aldinger
Class Will—Marie Hinckley
Lo the Faculty—Bernice Hansen
Response—Miss Haven
Farewell—James Kercheval
Pot of Gold at the Foot of the Rainbow—Prof. Holliday.

Six of the Freshmen girls served They wore white dresses with assorted colored ties.

Some of the members of the Junior class met at the school house Saturday to clean up after the banquet.

The Seniors are now wearing their new class rings.

The girls of the basket ball team each received a felt arm band in the form of a basket ball. The ball is black with the date, 1923 in orange.

Eighth grade Declamatory contest to be given at the high school auditorium April 26th Thursday evening at 8:00 p. m.

Oratorical

Love of Country—Kenneth Whitten
La Fayette, we're here—Linden Whitten.

Dramatic

When Love and Pleasure meet—Elsie Halbrook.
Little Blue Pigeon—Dagny Olson.
The Leak in the Dike—Pearl Hiams
Fresh Air Camp—Luelda McKinley
The Boy that was scared to die—Maude Aldrich.

Humorous

The Christian Soldier—Nina Rietz
After School—Ruth Weber
Initiation of Mary Elizabeth— Margaret Keith.
Sister's Beau—Katie Peddle
How it cleared off—Irene Steffens
Ma Lctures Pa—Lorine Liming
When the children entertained the Bishop—Hazel Utz.
Somebody Did—Garnette Stumph
Since Pa shaved off his Whiskers—Everett Holliday.
The Smack's in Shoal—Josephine Mossman.
Who's Fraidy-Cat—Dorothy Knuths
Teasing Auntie—La Verene Simon
The Fly Story—George Brooks.
Menagerie Diet—Sophia Eson.
First Call at the Butcher's—Gladys Whitten.

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HOUSE AND SENATE DEADLOCKED TO LAST

(By G. L. Caswell)

Des Moines, April 25 1923.

Kidding themselves along for thirty hours past time of adjournment by stopping the big official clocks in both Senate and House, members of the Fortieth General Assembly ended their regular session last Wednesday afternoon at six o'clock. Protest after protest was filed against the strenuous rule but in each case it was squelched while a "call of the house" was in operation in each branch until the large appropriations for the state colleges and educational institutions could be settled. A call of the house or senate, when signed by a certain number of members, requires that every member shall be present during such time as the special question mentioned in the call is under pain of arrest, and any absent member is sent for and hunted till he is accounted for.

Thus sleepy and tired members dragged through the day Wednesday while conference committees tried in vain to settle the differences between House and Senate over the college appropriations. They lounged about and visited, told stories and smoked; then got pianos moved up and with some of the lady clerks at the keys the members sang all the songs they knew—an a lot more "Home Sweet Home" was a favorite

Appropriations Cut $8,000,000

Before this General Assembly there were appropriations asked for amounting to approximately $38,000,000, for the two years between sessions. This was a vast increase over any previous askings, and at a time when members generally were not favoring extraordinary expenditures which might mean increased taxes. Therefore the pruning knife was out all the way through the session, and it ended with appropriations allowed amounting to $30,709,413 for the two years.

The great contest at the end of the session came through a disagreement over the amount to be allowed to the three state colleges —Iowa City, Ames and Cedar Falls —for support, for maintenances of buildings, repairs, new work and buildings and for additional facilities to take care of increased attendance. The colleges asked for $2,526,797 more than they finally got for the biennial period. The Senate tried to raise this allowance a million; the House tried to cut it a million more. The third and last conference committees appointed by the presiding officers brought in a report within twenty minutes after retiring to talk it over, and their report was accepted at 5:35 Wednesday afternoon.

Under this settlement of the problem, it is said the colleges will raise their tuition fees and possibly limit the attendance so that Iowa students may be accommodated, at least. New dormitories at Iowa City, Ames, and Cedar Falls will be provided, and for the biennial period little other new building will be authorized.

State Tax Levy 10.13 Mills

The last act of the General Assembly was to comply with the constitution of the state and fix the tax levy to be enforced by the executive council. The Ways and Means committees found it will require a tax levy for state purposes of 10.13 mills per year to raise the $11,000,000 per annum the state government now requires from direct taxes. Added to this be the two mills for the soldiers' bonus.

Strange to say, many of the same members who fought so strenuously to cut down the college appropriations to save taxes, also fought against the only bill to specifically repeal any millage taxes during the present year. For this reason we know of no reduction in local tax levies that will result from this session, except possibly the two mills for road dragging funds in the township. When the gasoline tax bill was passed it was supposed the two mill township road levy was repealed with it, and the title to the gasoline tax bill so stated. But in the body of the bill the two mills tax was not specifically mentioned, and thus it remains as a tax to be levied by the board of supervisors and township trustees—unless they disregard the law, which many of them will likely do since road funds will be provided by the gasoline tax. Discovering this an emergency bill was prepared in the Senate Wednesday, repealing this two mill township road tax. It passed quickly and was sent to the House where it met with obstruction because of objection to consideration of a bill for passage on the same day it was offered, under the rules.

Special Session Started

Governor Kendall sent up to the House and Senate on Monday before adjournment a call for a special session to consider and complete revision of the Code of Iowa, said special session to start at 10 o'clock on Wednesday, April 18th.

Acting upon this call as the last thing before returning to their homes the members on Wednesday evening opened the special session, and after some debate voted to adjourn to December 4th next when the same members and the same official organizations of both houses will reconvene to undertake the Code revision, which has been only touched upon at this regular session.

But Few Changes in Laws

With all the 1600 bills offered in both houses and with all the discussions, and howl raised over certain matters presented during the session, there were perhaps fewer changes in the laws and less new laws resulting from this session than any that has been held for many years. Something happened to most of the bills offered.

Following are cited some of the largest and most important accomplishments of this Fortieth General Assembly:

Passage of the constitutional amendment which will permit women to be come members of the General Assembly.

Enactment of a political party bill to double the size of county central committees and providing for an equal number of men and women on such committees.

Consolidation of a dozen minor state departments into a department of agriculture, with a secretary of agriculture at the head and making this secretary a member of the executive council of the state. (Appointment of Raymond W. Cassidy of Whiting, as the first secretary of agriculture was confirmed by the Senate, giving to the state's service one of the best and most qualified men in the state.)

Passage of the gasoline tax law, under which all gasoline retailed in this state shall pay a state tax of two cents per gallon, the proceeds to be used in improvement of the primary and county road systems—one-third to go to primary road funds and two-third to secondary or county roads. The primary road money under this act will to each county in proportion to its area, and must be distributed in each county on the basis of assessed valuation of the townships, which will give to those roads near cities and towns a greater part of the money to improve such roads as are most traveled.

Among other highway laws passed is one allowing primary road funds to be used for any purpose approved by boards and the state highway commission and providing for refund of county moneys heretofore paid out for right of way.

Also giving county boards the right to refuse to hire county engineers.

Also authorizing use of primary road funds on other county roads after primary roads have all been improved.

Other present highway laws were left unchanged.

Motor Vehicle Tax Changed

Hereafter under one bill passed, motor vehicle license fees will be based upon current list price values of such cars instead of continuing under the price paid in any one year.

Motor bus lines and motor freight transportation lines will hereafter pay a tonnage tax per mile—one-eight cent per ton for soft tired trucks and one-fourth cent per ton-mile for solid rubber tires, and placing regulation of motor vehicles in passenger or freight transportation under the state railway commission.

Agriculture was considered in a helpful way by several acts that passed. One provides for creation of local warehousing board to supervise a system of issuing credits on grain stored in farmers' warehouses for borrowing money. Another extending the date when taxes shall become delinquent to the first of May and November in each year instead of April and October first.

New Liquor and Criminal Laws

Sale of liquor that causes death to be regarded as manslaughter; also extending right of search and seizure to materials used in making liquor; also providing for the confiscation by authorities of vehicles used in illegal transportation of liquor.

The anti-Ku Klux Klan bill providing penalties for persons using masks or disguises when committing crime or entering houses.

Reducing from six months to sixty days the time in which appeals may be taken in criminal cases.

Prizes offered in lotteries or gambling schemes may hereafter be seized and confiscated by the authorities.

Rural school boards are hereafter required to meet for organization the third Monday in March; also to publish financial statements and advance estimates of their budgets for the ensuing year.

Penalty for non-payment of poll tax is raised to two dollars.

To Offset Tuck Bill.

An emergency measure was passed which will permit counties to fund or refund indebtedness created prior to the first of January, 1924. This is an antidote for the Tuck bill passed previously in which counties are prohibited from expending any moneys more than the collectible amounts levied in any fund, under penalties which hold officials personally liable for such excess expenditures.

The law requiring public officers to make inventories of all property in their hands each year was repealed.

Continuing the present schedule of salaries provided for county officers.

One of the last bills passed was one requiring that nothing but pure bred stallions shall be registered and licensed.

Hundreds of Bills Failed

The list of bills for acts that failed of passage is as great and as important as the list of those passed.

The greatest attempt at constructive legislation for the whole state was perhaps in the Ways and Means committees new taxation program, mentioned heretofore. At the very last these three measures were discussed, contested and with drawn. They will appear again at the special session.

Several agricultural bills failed; also several banking bills, one increasing to $50,000 the amount of capital stock required to organize a new state bank, and another providing for state supervision of private banks.

The new gun toting law went down in defeat, as did also the bill penalizing the purchaser of liquor.

The presidental preference primary bill, and most other election bills went down also. The 35 per cent clause remains in the primary law; the Fulton bill legalizing party pre-primary conventions got nowhere; the law was not changed to require notice of change of party affiliation sixty days prior to election. County superintendents and members of the board of education will not be elected by direct vote of the people.

Fish and game laws did not get much change of any kind.

Insurance interests prevented any material change or regulation regarding either fire or life insurance.

Labor got several acts through they wanted and lost several.

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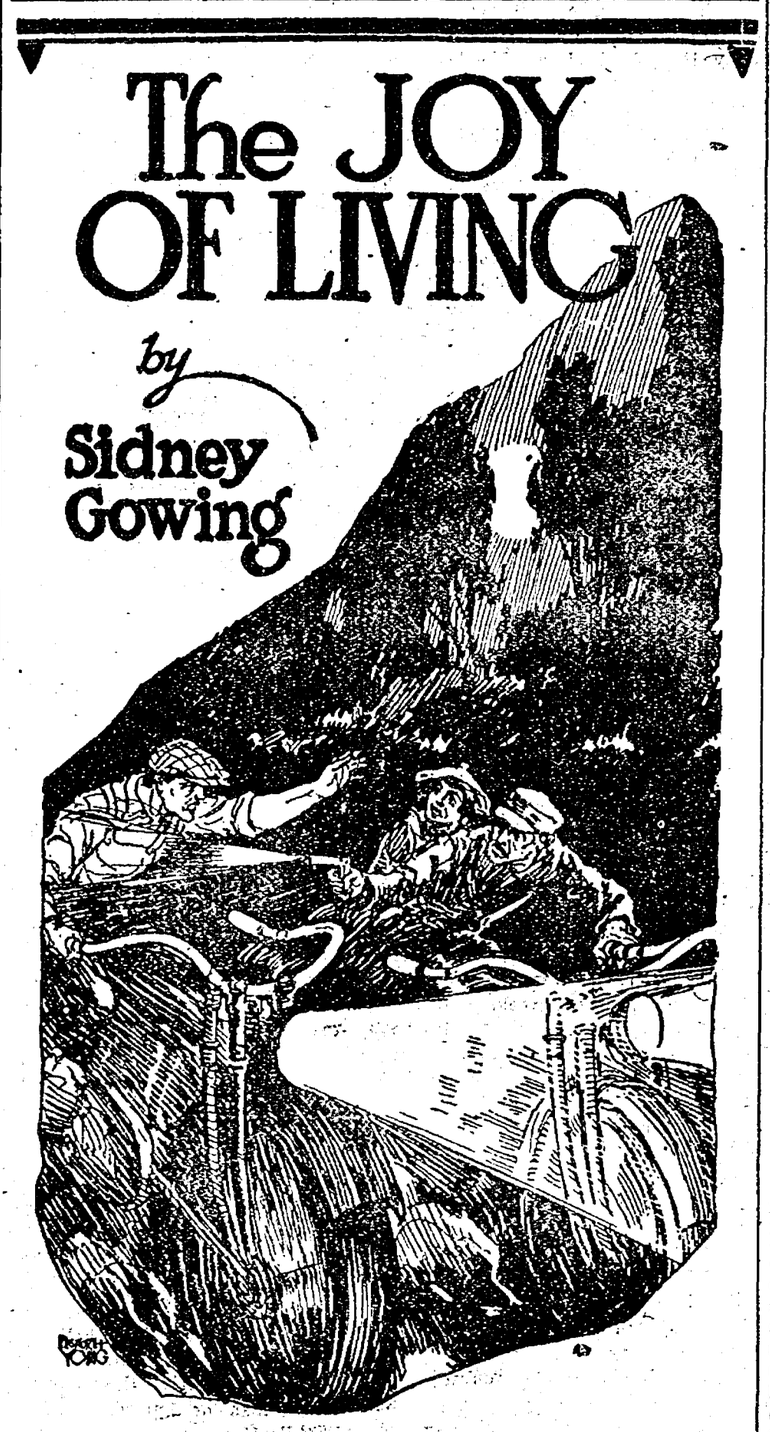

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IT IS A NEW SERIAL STARTING IN

THE INDEPENDENT THIS WEEK

The BLIND MAN'S EYES

BY

WILLIAM MacHARG and EDWIN BALMER

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Eaton felt himself flushing again, as he looked at Harriet. Did she resent

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his having used her in that way? He saw only sympathy in her face.

"My daughter told me that she helped you to that extent," Santoine offered, "and I understood later what must have been your reason for asking her to take you out that night."

"When I reached the study," Eaton continued, "I found others already there. The light of an electric torch flashed on the face of one of them and I recognized the man as Latron—the man for whose murder I had been convicted and sentenced! Edith tells me that you know the rest."

There was silence in the room for several minutes. Santoine again felt for Eaton's hand and pressed it. "We've tired you out," he said. "You must rest."

"You must sleep, Hugh, if you can," Edith urged.

Eaton obediently closed his eyes, but opened them at once to look for Harriet. She had moved out of his line of vision.

Santoine rose; he stood an instant waiting for his daughter, then suddenly he comprehended that she was no longer in the room. "Mr. Hillward, *I must ask your help,*" *he said,* and he went out with Hillward guiding him.

Eaton, turning anxiously on his pillow and looking about the room, saw no one but his sister. He had known when Harriet moved away from beside the bed; but he had not suspected that she was leaving the room. Now suddenly a great fear filled him.

"Why did Miss Santoine go away? Why did she go, Edith?" he questioned.

"You must sleep, Hugh," his sister answered only.

Harriet, when she slipped out of the room, had gone downstairs. She could not have forced herself to leave before she had heard Hugh's story, and she could not define even to herself what the feeling had been that had made her leave as soon as he had finished; but she sensed the reason vaguely. Hugh had told her two days before, "I will come back to you as you have never known me *yet*"—and it had proved true. She had known him as a man in fear, constrained, carefully guarding himself against others and against betrayal by himself; a man to whom all the world seemed opposed; so that her sympathy—and afterward something more than her sympathy—had gone out to him. To that repressed and threatened man, she had told all she felt toward him, revealing her feelings with a frankness that would have been impossible except that she wanted him to know that she was ready to stand against the world with him.

Now the world was no longer against him; he had friends, a place in life was ready to receive him; he would be sought after, and his name would be among those of the people of his own sort. She had no shame that she had let him—and others—know all that she felt toward him; she gloried still in it; only now—now, if he wished her, he must make that plain; she could not, of herself, return to him.

So unrest possessed her and the suspense of something hoped for but ungudfilled. She went from room to room, trying to absorb herself in her daily duties; but the house—her father's house—spoke to her now only of Hugh and she could think of nothing but him. Was he awake? Was he sleeping? Was he thinking of her? Or, now that the danger was over through which she had served him, were his thoughts of someone else?

Her heart halted at each recurrence of that thought; and again and again she repeated his words to her at parting from her the night before. "I will come back to you as you have never known me yet!" To her he would come back, he said; to her, not to anyone else. But his danger was not over then; in his great extremity and in his need of her, he might have felt what he did not feel now. If he wanted her, why did he not send for her?

She stood trembling as she saw Edith Overton in the hall.

"Hugh has been asking for you continually, Miss Santoine. If you can find time, please go in and see him."

Harriet did not know what answer she made. She went upstairs; she ran, as soon as she was out of sight of Hugh's sister; then, at Hugh's door, she had to halt to catch her breath and compose herself before she opened the door and looked in upon him. He was alone and seemed asleep; at least his eyes were closed. Harriet stood an instant gazing at him.

His face was peaceful now but worn, and his paleness was more evident than when he had been talking to her father. As she stood watching him, she felt her blood coursing through her as never before and warming her face and her fingertips; and fear—fear of him or of herself, fear of anything at all in the world—fled from her; and love—love which she knew that she need no longer try to deny—possessed her.

"Harriet!" She heard her name from his lips and she saw, as he opened his eyes and turned to her, there was no surprise in his look; if he had been sleeping, he had been dreaming she was there; if awake, he had been thinking of her.

"What is it, Hugh?" She was beside him and he was looking up into her eyes.

"You meant it, then? All you said and—and all you did when we—you and I—were alone against them all! It's so, Harriet! You mean it!"

"And you did too! Dear, it was only to me that you could come back—only to me?"

"Only to you!" He closed his eyes in his exultation. "Oh, my dear, I never dreamed—Harriet in all the days and nights I've had to plan and wonder what might be for me if everything could come all right, I've never dreamed I could win a reward like this."

"Like this?"

He opened his eyes again and drew her down toward him. "*Like you!*"

She bent until her cheek touched his and his arms were about her. He felt her tears upon his face. "Not that; not that—you mustn't cry, dear," he begged. "Oh, Harriet, aren't you happy now?"

"That's why. Happy! I didn't know before there could be anything like this."

"Nor I. . . . No, it's all right, Harriet; everything is all right now?"

"All right? Oh, it's all right now, if I can make it so for you," she answered.

[THE END]

All aboard for the road making special that will leave the Summit corner, in several sections Tuesday morning for the Pilot Knob road. H. L. Taylor has designated next Tuesday as the most convenient day to cut the brush along the side of the county road west of the State Park and every man in town who can go should be ready to do his share of the work. If you cannot go, get someone in your place. If you cannot put in the whole of the day, then go either in the forenoon or after dinner. Even if you cannot get away until four o'clock, do not let that deter you from spending a couple of hours out there.

Our readers are conversant with the situation with reference to the county line road and the attitude of the Hancock county board, and also as to the previous attitude of the board of conservation with reference to building roads within the park. The Hancock county board does not want to do anything on the county line and the park board has indicated that roads leading to the park should be a better condition before inside roads are built. However, a letter has been received from the secretary of the park board asking as to the estimated costs of certain road work in the park. This indicates that, should we do our part in a small way at least, there is hope of getting some roads inside. We will at least have a showing to make to both boards that there was such a demand that volunteer work gave the project a forward movement.—Forest City Summit.

The Joy of Living

by Sidney Gowing

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Speed, thrills, love and laughs! Here is youth personified and romance on wheels—actually on wheels, for next to the human actors the most important thing is a motorcycle. The hero is a young American from Colorado. The heroine is an English girl. Scenes are laid in England and bring to the reader's view many of the charms of a British countryside.

Suppose you were a stranger in a strange land and all unexpectedly were forced to assume the guardianship of a madcap young lady, a titled daughter of the country, with a perfect genius for getting into trouble, yet the merriest, nerviest and altogether loveliest little creature you had ever met; suppose that one of her innocent larks had caused her to be suspected of a burglary which drew not only the local police, but the terrifying detectives from Scotland Yard upon her trail; you knew her to be incapable of wrong-doing, and it were up to you to save her; what would you do? You would be likely to split your head thinking, wouldn't you? Well, Billy Spencer got his scalp cracked by one of the real burglars, but it did not prevent his thinking and acting—quickly, efficiently and with real American genius and daring.

Sidney Gowing is a comparatively new novelist whose cleverness has attracted international attention. He has great gifts as a humorist and delights in mixing American and British characters and extracting a great amount of fun from both. He seems to lack the fondness of the average English novelist for plots involving marital infidelities. His "The Joy of Living" is clean in every respect, combines comedy and thrilling adventures, lives up to its title and is an antidote to a jaded appetite.

CHAPTER I

Sentenced.

"I can't go, dad," said Aimee desperately, "and I won't!"

"My answer, my dear Aimee," said Lord Scroope firmly yet benignantly, "is that you must go, and you shall!"

"A month of Aunt Erythea," said Aimee in stifled tones, "would kill me. Why are these things always piled on to me? I'm fed up!"

The Very Rev. Viscount Scroope, archdeacon and incumbent of the living of Scroope Magna, gazed dreamily over his daughter's head without appearing to hear her. A sunbeam filtered through the diamond panes, illumining his silver hair and finely cut features. It was as though the sunbeam said: "Behold a saint; here is one who hears and speaks no evil." A saint Lord Scroope undoubtedly was; calm, benign and immovable as granite.

"My dear child," he said gently, "let us admit the cold light of reason. You can have no genuine objection to your Aunt Erythea, for you have never set eyes on her since you were three years old. Jervaulx abbey is a well-appointed and strictly ordered house. It is an atmosphere which will correct, I hope, the influence of that deplorable school from which we have removed you. You must go. Aunt Erythea desires that you shall go. And that, as you will realize when you make her acquaintance, is final."

The Hon. Aimee Scroope's vividly lovely face became still more mutinous and desperate.

"And do not suppose that you will lack youthful society," added Lord Scroope, smiling. "Your cousin, Alexander Lambe, is at Jervaulx. A little older than yourself, doubtless, but an excellent companion for you. A young man wholly devoted to good work, and with unexceptionable connections, he will doubtless attain that eminence which his aunt would wish for him."

Aimee looked at her father with intense suspicion. Then she turned to the photograph of a young man in a clerical collar; the face was pleasant but somewhat serious, with large, frank, round eyes. The face that Aimee made at it was hideous.

"Go and tell your maid to pack, dear child," said Lord Scroope gently, patting her head. Aimee was twenty years of age, and stood five feet six, but her father contrived to have the air of patting somebody about three feet high.

Aimee said something inarticulate, and made a bee-line for a rose-pink boudoir where Lady Scroope, blonde, petite and wholly charming, was buttoning her gloves. Amid pink surroundings, Lady Scroope looked little older than her daughter.

"Mummy," said Aimee forcibly, "you'll have to throw me a rope. I have simply got to be rescued from this awful visit!" She expounded with extreme rapidity and terror her views on Jervaulx, Lady Erythea Lambe, and Alexander.

Lady Scroope twinkled, and was so exasperating as to laugh. She put her hands affectionately on her daughter's shoulders.

"Sorry, Aimee," she said: "there is nothing doing. You will have to go. I can't have your dear father worried any more. I don't think," she added pensively, "there's any cause for real alarm about Alexander Lambe."

"It's all very well for you," mourned Aimee, "but—"

"I'm really sorry, dear. I am going to the Milne-Temples and elsewhere for a few weeks, but when I come back I will make it up to you. These are the little crosses you have to bear."

She kissed her daughter, and hurried down to the car.

The car whirled her away, and Lord Scroope followed it with dreamily adoring eyes. Aimee, who had watched the pair with a sort of exasperated affection, turned into the morning room.

"What on earth," she murmured, "is one to do with people like that?"

She encountered her guest and cousin, Georgina Berners, twenty-three, plump and placid, dressed in a style that suggested enforced economy. Miss Berners was looking wistful.

"Why, Georgie," said Aimee, encircling her ample waist, "have you the hump, too? Let's be miserable together."

"It has been lovely here at Scroope," sighed Georgina, "and you are such a dear. I've nothing to go back to but Uncle Joseph, who doesn't think about anything but biology, and scarcely remembers I exist—though he is quite kind, of course. It will be awful after this."

"I've never met your Uncle Joseph," said Aimee, "but I'm certain he's nothing to my Aunt Erythea and Jervaulx."

She broke into a frenzied and vivid word-picture of all that awaited her.

"A place something between a cathedral and a barrack, and a fearful sort of Roman matron with a nose like the duke of Wellington's—I've never seen aunt's nose, but it's certainly like that—and to be drilled into flirting decorously with an owl-faced curate who, some day, they say, will probably be a bishop—"

Georgina was intensely shocked.

"Aimee, you really are extraordinary! Many people would be too glad to be in your shoes. A long visit to a charming old place—Jervaulx, they say, is even more old-world than Scroope—everything orderly, romantic, peaceful—"

"Moldy!" interrupted Aimee.

"And luxurious. Lady Erythea, everyone says, is a splendid manager. And your cousin—a nice, sensible young man. I've seen his photograph. His face—"

"It's the face," said Aimee fiercely, "of a cold boiled codfish! I've seen it—I've seen it! It made me feel as if my shoes were full of water!"

"Aimee!" said Georgina plaintively. "You appal me!"

"Good thing! Then you know how I feel!" retorted Aimee pertly. "The whole thing appals me. These curates! I'm fed up with them! Alexander is the limit!"

Aimee paused for breath.

"He's a frump!" she said, with extraordinary vehemence.

"He is good!" insisted Georgina. "That is a good man's face, if ever I saw one. And," added Georgina, with a rapt expression on her plump features, "he will fall in love with you, Aimee. I'm sure of it! And when that happens—"

"Oh, you make me sick!" said the frenzied Aimee. "It's a disease with you! Sentiment revolts me. This maundering about love—"

"Aimee," said Georgina almost tearfully, "your very name means 'Beloved'!"

"Oh, rats!" said Aimee furiously, and fled from the room.

CHAPTER II

Escape.

In the deepest depression, Aimee wandered down the park avenue towards the high road. She passed through the lodge gates and turned the corner of the road.

There Aimee halted, and considered the perversity of Fate. And close beside her barked a sharp explosion, with a flash of yellow flame and a whiff of pungent smoke. And a clear voice exclaimed:

"H—l!"

"Just what I was thinking!" said Aimee.

A young man, who was tinkering a motorcycle, whence came the explosion, looked up startled, and removed his cap.

"Oh! I'm sorry!" he said. "I didn't know there was anyone around."

They looked at each other, and both laughed. It was impossible to look at the stranger and fail to laugh. Not in derision, but joyously, spontaneously, as one laughs when the breeze heels the boat, or when a puppy dog falls head over tail.

When the motorcyclist grinned, his teeth were so white that they gave the effect of a flash. His fair and rather tousled hair caught the sun. His head looked as if it might be rammed through a door, without damaging anything except the door-panel. He was big built, and about twenty-five, but his bright blue eyes might have belonged to a boy of sixteen. He wore dusty blue overalls.

"That's better!" he said approvingly, as Aimee laughed again. "You were looking as if you felt pretty low."

"I was. Everybody has been appalling! Talking sentiment till I feel sticky all over."

The stranger's face fell.

"Gee! That's too bad! Sentiment, eh?" He made a gesture as if warding off invisible assailants. "Sentiment is poison ivy! It gives me that tired feeling. Madam, accept my sympathy."

In the space of a moment they felt as though they had known each other for years.

"Do you live anywhere about here?" said Aimee. "I seem to have seen—"

"Here? About seven thousand miles west-by-south of here!" said the stranger, laughing. "Cobalt, Arapahoe county. Citizen of the world—answer to the name of 'Billy.' And

They Looked at Each Other and Both Laughed.

I'm here in England," he added, laying a loving hand on the tank of the motorcycle—"to sell this."

"Weird-looking thing!" said Aimee, with interest, for the cycle's engine was of a remarkable shape. "Yours?"

"Mine!" said the stranger joyously. "Alone I did it. I hold the patent. It's a Sanakatowzer—the Flying Sphinx!"

"Ripping name. Can it fly?"

"Can it fly? It devours space like the sunbeams lick up the mists of the mornin'! And no more noise than a baby's whisper.

"Around the world in thirty winks
When once astride the Flying Sphinx!

"It's got Sinbad's Carpet an' the Seven-league Boots guessing." He threw a leg over the saddle. "Like a spin up the road? Jump up behind!"

Aimee immediately perched herself on the carrier. There was a whirlwind charm about the stranger that carried her away. The next moment the Flying Sphinx did the same. The wind whistled past Aimee's ears. To keep her seat she was obliged to grab Billy suddenly round the waist.

"Don't mind if I hold you?" she gasped.

"Shucks!" said Billy impatiently. "I don't care how you hold me, s'long's you don't hit the grit!"

They breasted the crest of the rise.

"Hang tight now!" he cried. "We'll let her out!"

The Sphinx went forward with the whirr of a shell. She peeled the roadway behind her like a running tape. Aimee felt the roar of the wind rise to a scream. Billy leaned lightly forward towards the handle-bars, cool, effortless, efficient.

Aimee was only conscious of being whirled gloriously through space, when the Sphinx, after a two-mile loop, slid back to the spot whence she had started. Aimee sprang from the carrier.

"Oh, thank you!" she gasped. "That was too good to be true!"

The cyclist, without dismounting, looked at her glowing face and frank eyes.

"I wish there were more like you," he said, laughing. "Tell 'em—whoever they are—to can the sentiment. S'long, an' good luck to you!"

He raised his cap, and next moment the Sphinx whirred him away in a cloud of golden dust. Aimee followed him with her eyes till he was round the bend, then she turned back into the park. It seemed to her that the sunlight had become less vivid and the sky paler.

Very slowly, Aimee made her way back to the portals of Scroope Towers, where the heavy family car, laden with luggage, stood waiting. Georgina was on the steps, abundantly wrapped up, and Lord Scroope stood beside her.

"Grundle," he said to the chauffeur, "you will drop Miss Berners at the station and take Miss Aimee on to Jervaulx, returning here direct."

The chauffeur, who was a middle-aged man with a singularly wooden expression, seemed to be making a mental effort. He saluted, staring straight before him.

"Goodby, Georgina! Bless you, my child; bless you! Drive on, Grundle. What are you waiting for?"

The car meandered out of Scroope park and turned northward along the main road. Georgina was in low spirits. Aimee throughout had been seething with an enormously increased sense of mutiny, and, as they neared the station, she exploded.

"I can't stand it, Georgie!"

"I wish I were you!" said Georgina mournfully.

"Eh?"

"I wish I were Aimee Scroope, and on my way to Jervaulx abbey. That's all."

Aimee started slightly. An extraordinary impish expression came into her eyes. Georgina, who knew the sign of old, looked at her nervously.

"You are!" said Aimee, in a voice of unlooked-for decision.

"What on earth do you mean?"

Aimee gripped her by the arm, and replied, in a low voice that bubbled with excitement.

"My dear, fat cousin, your full name, as I remember, is Georgina Amy Scroope Berners! Lop off the superfluous head and tail, and there you are—Amy Scroope. Near enough for anyone. You are going to Jervaulx instead of me! Aunt Erythea has never seen me, nor has Alexander Lambe. And neither of them know you from Adam—I mean Eve! You'll suit them down to the ground!"

Georgina looked at her with dawning terror.

"It is a gorgeous arrangement!" exclaimed Aimee, tightening her grip on her cousin's arm. "And nothing easier. Uncle Joseph will never miss you—leave me to fix that up. Grundle will deliver you at Jervaulx; he's a perfect super-idiot, and has probably forgotten which of us is to go there, if we didn't tell him. He never talks, either. As for me, I shall go to Seabridge, or on a walking tour—or anything I choose!"

"Aimee, are you mad?"

"It is one of the sanest moments of my life!" retorted Aimee; and, leaning over the back, she tore the tag-labels off her luggage and Georgina's, and scattered them on the road. "You can take my things with you!"

"If you think for a moment I'd have anything to do with such a business—"

A fiendish expression came over Aimee's features. She gripped her cousin's arms again.

"If you don't," she hissed, "I'll tell everybody about you and Aloysius Blennerhasset getting lost at the rural-decanal picnic!"

At this monstrous accusation, Georgina blushed scarlet. The mildest peccadillo in a blameless life, the memory of the incident in question always filled her with alarm; Aimee had held it over her head before.

"I won't listen to another word!" she gasped.

"You needn't. It is the time for deeds!" Aimee seized a small square box from among the luggage and thumped the chauffeur on the back. "Grundle, stop here! I have only a bag, I'll walk up to the station approach. Take Miss Berners on to Jervaulx. And hurry—she is behind time already!"

A faintly bewildered expression passed over the chauffeur's face, as though he were trying to arrange his ideas. He rubbed his ear for a moment, then saluted and let in the clutch.

Georgina, who had risen with the intention of escaping from the car, lost her balance and collapsed in a slightly undignified manner on the seat.

She struggled up and turned a flushed face towards her cousin.

"Stop! Stop!" she cried, in an agonized voice. "Aimee—"

"Good-by, dear!" said Aimee, waving her handkerchief. "Don't get lost with Alexander!"

The car bore the speechless and gesticulating Georgina out of sight round the bend. Aimee sat down on her box, buried her face in her hands, and dissolved into such unfeeling laughter that a pair of thrushes and a chaffinch fled from the hedge in indignation and alarm.

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Onward through the green lanes and over the county border the car carried a limp and nerveless Georgina. Consternation had given away to numb despair.

"What shall I do?" she thought. "What am I to say to Lady Erythea? There'll be a fearful row!"

Georgina racked her brains for a way out of the difficulty. There seemed to be none. She lay back exhausted. And so perverse is even the purest of human minds that a faint suggestion crept into Georgina's—a little whisper, as it were, in that blameless ear—that it would be peculiarly delightful if she could fill the role that Aimee had mapped out for her.

Georgina started, and thrust the idea from her with horrified self-reproach. Again she sought for an explanation—a true one—which would save Aimee's face. By the time she had considered and rejected half a dozen, finally deciding on one that she thought might do, the car had covered the thirty miles and was threading through the park road of Jervaulx.

Georgina stumbled out of the car at the main entrance and faced a gaunt and majestic lady in gray silk who came down the steps.

"And so, my dear Aimee," said Lady Erythea, in a large and informative voice, "you arrive at last. Welcome!"

Georgina faltered. Everything she had intended to say was driven out of her head. Aimee had been prophetic—Aunt Erythea was very like the duke of Wellington.

"Lady Erythea!" gasped Georgina, as two men-servants came to unload the luggage. "There is—there is a mistake! May I—"

"The modern tendency of the young to enunciate indistinctly," said Lady Erythea, producing an ear-trumpet, "always annoys me. Say what you have to say clearly."

Georgina had not realized that Lady Erythea was extremely deaf.

"There is something I have to explain," she bawled hoarsely into the ear-trumpet. "P-please, can I see you alone?"

"Ah!" said Lady Erythea vaguely. "I am pleased that you look forward so much to your visit. No, you need not fear being alone. Here is your

Georgina Faltered.

cousin," she added, as a young man in clerical collar came out upon the steps. "Alexander, your cousin, Aimee."

Georgina turned a pale and timid face to the stranger. The Rev. and Hon. Alexander Lambe bowed.

Alexander was large and well, though somewhat loosely, built. Aimee's epithet, "owl-faced," was hardly fair. Certainly his clean-shaven face was a little serious, and his eyes large and round, but very kindly.

"Welcome to Jervaulx, Cousin Aimee," he said.

A sudden interest and sympathy quickened in the large eyes as they rested on Georgina's face. And the panic-stricken girl's fear died within her. Mr. Alexander Lambe looked so cool and protective and dependable.

"Escort your cousin to the morning room, Alexander," said Lady Erythea authoritatively, "and offer her refreshment after her drive."

They walked in together. And as they walked their backs seemed to suggest, in some subtle manner, that an understanding, a mutual sympathy, had dawned between them. Backs can be very expressive sometimes.

Lady Erythea regarded them with a look of commanding approval. She followed them majestically up the steps.

"This," proclaimed Lady Erythea's erect and overwhelming back, "is as I ordained it from the beginning."

CHAPTER III

Re-Enter Billy.

Aimee tramped along the broad highway, whistling. At Scroope, much more at Jervaulx, one was not allowed to whistle. Ever and anon she stopped whistling to laugh.

Aimee had dropped the square box into a quarry pit an hour before and continued on her way unburdened. The idea of finding lodgings at Seabridge appealed to her. She had funds enough. A month's pocket money was in her purse, and Lady Scroope had been liberal on her departure.

"What a row there'll be," chuckled Aimee, "if Georgie doesn't play up! I don't care. I gave them my ultimatum. They can't hang me. I've been very patient with them all. One must make a stand sometime or other. Who does my life belong to," demanded Aimee, never a purist in grammar, "if not to me?"

A faint sound was borne upon the breeze, a noise that attuned itself curiously to Aimee's thoughts. It was like the buzz of a homing bee. She looked up, and saw a motorcycle speeding along the road with a smear of following dust behind it like the tail of a comet. Aimee recognized the Flying Sphinx, and became aware of a laughing face looking up at hers, and a set of very white teeth.

"Why, it's Billy!" she cried spontaneously.

"Hello, old chap!" cried the cyclist.

Billy was bare-headed, his fair hair sticking up at the crown in a little tuft that blew about in the wind.

"Where were you making for?" he said.

"The unemployment bureau!" retorted Aimee flippantly.

Billy's face expressed concern.

"I suppose you're guying me. You don't mean you've lost your job?"

"Job!" Aimee bubbled with amusement. "Well, I had a job all ready for me this morning. But it's washed out. I've lost it. And now I'm adrift."

Billy was perplexed. He had been wholly unable to place Aimee. He wondered if she were a governess. A question was on his lips, but he checked himself for fear of giving offense.

"Lost it?" he exclaimed. "I guess it's just as well! You look a heap happier! What job d'you think of chasin'?"

"I—I don't know."

Billy looked at her eagerly. A sudden flash came into his eyes, as one who conceives a superb idea.

"Say! Let me find you one! I've a brain-wave!"

"What do you mean?"

"Go shares with me!"

"Shares?" echoed Aimee. She was conscious of a curious little thrill. "Share what?"

"See here!" said Billy, eyeing her keenly. "When we were doing fifty-five on the Sphinx, you never wilted—never turned a hair!"

"Of course not. It was gorgeous."

He came nearer, intensely earnest.

"Know anything about motor engines?" he said quickly.

"I've often taken down the old 'bus at home, on a wet day, and reassembled it."

"Where was that?"

"At the place where I had a job," said Aimee.

"Great!" he cried. "You're the thing I've been looking for all these months. Now, listen to the brain-wave. I'm over here to sell the Sphinx. There's a big deal on in London. But what I want's a quiet spot where I can develop some of the gadgets with no crooks around to steal 'em. Get me?"

"Yes, go on," said Aimee, catching his enthusiasm.

"I'm heading now for a little town called Stanhoe, thirty miles south of here. Stanhoe's quiet as the tomb. I've struck it before. There's an old mill I b'lieve I can get hold of, and fit up as a garage and workshop—"

"Yes, I see!" said Aimee eagerly.

"Come on into it with me—come to Stanhoe!" said Billy explosively. "You'll catch on to the Flying Sphinx in a minute, an' then popularize her as a lady's mount! The finest mount for a girl ever put on the market. There isn't one yet. You can do it! You've got the nerve—an' the grit! I'll teach you to tend an' drive her. Will you come?"

"Will a duck swim!" cried Aimee. "Of course I'll come!"

"Fine!—partner!" cried Billy, flinging out a big brown hand.

Aimee took it, and received a shake that bruised her fingers.

"Take your perch, old chap!" said Billy, straddling the Sphinx. "Off for Stanhoe!"

They whirred down the long slope with the westering sun broad on their right above the fir-trees. It was a roughish ride on the carrier. There was no pillion-seat; Billy was evidently not accustomed to carry passengers.

"Say," said Billy, over his shoulder, "I didn't catch your name, did I?"

"Aimee—Snooks," replied the passenger on the spur of the moment, as well as she could for the wind whistling in her teeth.

"Snooks!"

Aimee laughed. It was very like Scroope, and quiet as musical.

"Near enough!" she gasped. "But 'old chap' will do. Is that American?"

"American? Gee, no! It's the only English I know. Let it go at that—Amy is too feminine for a partnership. And now we'll let her out. This," said Billy joyously, as he opened the throttle wide, "is what the doctor ordered!"

The Flying Sphinx, freighted with the partners, roared down the hill and devoured the miles to Stanhoe.

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On the outskirts of the little market town of Stanhoe was a cyclist's rest-house. Here the two travelers had tea under a laburnum tree on the lawn. Billy locked the amazing motorcycle in a shed, by the proprietor's leave, and the pair walked into the town on foot.

Two more utterly insouciant and care free young people never entered an English village on an April day. No jot of doubt, of fear, or hesitation assailed them. Billy, intensely masculine though he was, appeared to be possessed of a virgin mind. Such a thing, though uncommon, is by no means nonexistent among the sons of Adam. It may be that the air of the Colorado foothills favors its growth. His possession of it called for no comment from Aimee. Her mind was of the same color.

It did not enter into their heads for a moment that anybody could put a dubious construction on their association with each other. Had such an idea dawned, they might possibly have turned and parted company on the spot.

Aimee left Billy suddenly and addressed an inquiry to an elderly man who stood beside a farmer's cart. In a moment she rejoined him.

"Mrs. Sunning, 2 Ivy cottage, lets lodgings," announced Aimee triumphantly. "You don't mind lodgings, do you? Better than a hotel—more freedom."

"Freedom for mine!" said Billy. "Let's try it!"

Ivy cottage proved to be a pretty little Jacobean building fronting on a green lane just outside Stanhoe. An apple-cheeked woman, who was picking weeds out of the path, announced herself as Mrs. Sunning, and Billy at once stated his needs, offering to pay in advance.

Continued next week.

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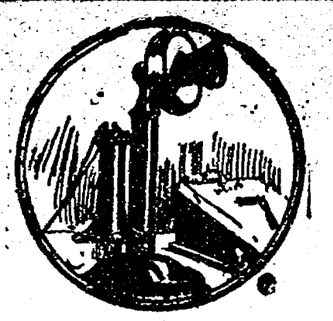

Phone the News to 115.

Belmond Local News

C. A. Church returned last week from California, where he has been the past winter.

T. A. Davenport, of the Belmond Telephone Co., left Tuesday for Des Moines where he is attending a telephone convention this week.

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E. H. Sands is progressing nicely with his new building and now has the floor laid.

R. H. Klemme made a business trip to Minneapolis last week, going up Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Elling Ellingston are the parents of a baby daughter, born on Wednesday, April 18.

Mr. Walton continues quite ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. F. Bailey.

Twenty-five Per Cent Discount on All Hats, at the Tyrrell Millinery Shop. 231c

MAY SUPPER

To be given by the Congregational Ladies Aid society, Tuesday, May 1, at the church basement. All are invited to come and enjoy this splendid annual supper. Adults 50 cents, children under 12 years 25 cents. Remember the time and place.

We sell dip in bulk. Bring your can. $1.10 per gallon. Five gallon lots $1.00 per gallon.—Schultz Drug Co. 22c

Lost—A small black pocket book containing money and key, last Monday night, at the Lyric. Finder please return to Mrs. Louise Veeder for reward. 221c

A number of Belmond citizens were at Clarion the past week, off and on, attending court. The Moe case from Belmond, and the Waite cases from Rowan, were the chief attraction. Judgement was rendered in favor of Andrew Jorgenson against Lewis Moe in the sum of $394.10. The case was a dispute over some tiling. Lloyd Waite, one of the principals in the bootlegging case from Rowan, was found not guilty by the jury after 15 minutes deliberation. The charge against him was for carrying concealed weapons. Altho it seems to have been proved that Waite had a gun in the Rowan barbershop, and that in a spirit of bravado he pulled it and fired thru the floor, the jury voted not guilty. He had also made threats, it was charged. The alimony case between Frohling vs. Frohling, with divorce and $50,000 alimony asked, has run up against a snag, the plaintiff being summoned before the insane commission this coming Saturday to determine her sanity.

Dr. Lawton removed the eye end of a darning needle, a piece about one and a fourth inches long, from Mrs. John Stoley's right elbow last Thursday. Just how or how long the needle had been in her elbow she does not know. The first evidence she had was last Thursday when the arm began to pain and was soon quite badly swollen. It was necessary to use the X-ray to locate the cause of the injury.—Kanawha Reporter.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The Ladies Missionary society will met at the home of Mrs. Geo. Elder Thursday afternoon. A full attendance is desired.

We hope to have all our usual services next Sunday.

Sabbath School at 10:00.
Morning worship at 11:00.
Junior C. E. at 3:00.
Evening service at 7:30.

We have a good orchestra and those who attend the evening service enjoy them.

S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.
Phone 118

Merrill Stapley and Everret Parsons, two Belmond boys attending Coe College, were participants in the Coe Home Track Meet held recently. Both young men took places, Stapley winning fourth in the pole vault with 10 feet, and Parsons taking fourth in the 440 yard dash. Considering that these lads were up against keen competition, they are to be congratulated upon placing in their respective events.

Have you paid your dog tax? Chances are you haven't. The delinquent list was published this week,and among others from this vicinity was the owner of the Independent Pup. But at that, we've some good company, and far, far from being the only one who forgot all about it. As a result of the publication, it will cost you just one dollar and thirty cents extra to tag your dog properly.

Miss Margaret Dunn of Alexander was here Saturday. She is one of Miss Ely's music pupils.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Packard were Mason City callers last week Friday.

Mayor Morse has been on the sick list the past week, being quite ill.

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C. S. Robinson last week replaced the plate glass window broken by heat in the big fire, with a new one.

Mrs. Tom Hake is very ill with the sleeping sickness. She has been employed at Klemme for some time and was taken seriously ill Sunday morning. Monday Belmond relatives were called. A consultation of Klemme physicians and Dr. Stevens of Belmond was held.

Miss Alma Greenfield was a visitor with relatives and friends last Thursday.

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Miss Grace Bougton was a week end visitor at Cornelia with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wenzell of Meservey, were guests at the home of his parents, Dan Wenzell, Sr., over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cram were called to Klemme, Monday evening, by the serious illness of their daughter, Mrs. Tom Hake, who is suffering from sleeping sickness.

BELMOND MARKETS

Hens, heavy	18c
Smooth springs	17c
Roosters	08c
Stags	13c
Leghorns	08c
Geese	08c
Ducks	12c
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For Sale—One of the best improved quarter sections in Wright county, two miles from good town on good main graveled road. All tiled out, and in a high state of cultivation. For particulars inquire of Independent 20tf

For Sale—White Pekin Ducks Eggs. $1.25 per setting of 10.—Ralph Baker. Phone 3515. 223c

For Sale—Three good work horses one 7 years old, wt. 1800; one team of mares 4 years old, wt. 2600. All sound.—J. C. Arends, Alexander, Iowa. 213*

For Sale—Three used tractors: 1 Waterloo Boy; 1 Moline, complete with plows; 1 Fordson, plows and double tandem discs. All in first class shape.—Johnson & Wright. 21tfc.

For Sale—Eggs, S. C. B. Orpingtons; heavy winter laying flock, culled. $1.00 per 15, $5.00 per 100. —Mrs. L. E. Titzell. 232*

Early Ohio potatoes for sale. Price $1.—M. Halfwassen. 232c

For Sale—Fox Terrier pups, from excellent good ratters.—U. J. Cooper, Meservey Iowa. 231tfc

For Sale—Late '22 Ford Roadster Perfect shape.—New Belmond Tailor Shop. 231c

For Sale—Eureka electric vacuum cleaner with all attachments. Call Independent.

R. C. R. I. Red Hatching Eggs for sale. Phone 299.—R. E. Webb. 234c

FOR SALE

Hart-Parr 15-30 tractor with 3-bottom plow and Tandem disc. Also Waterloo Boy tractor. All in good running order.—Ray Brewer, Belmond, Iowa. 20tfc

For Sale—225 bushels ear corn.—Phone 206. 231c

FOR RENT

For Rent—Seven room house, one lot and barn, on Main street.—Call 247.

For Rent—Two houses 1½ block from Main street.—Ella Cleveland. 19tfc

WANTED

Wanted—One hundred head of cattle to pasture. 160 acres blue grass pasture ready now. Inquire of Independent. 213*

Wanted—At once, competent girl or middle-aged woman for general housework. Will pay $48 per month. Phone 1206.—W. J. McLaughlin. 231*

Wanted—Cobs. Call Independent.

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ALEXANDER NEWS NOTES

L. C. Peters and Curtis Lidderdale were business callers at Hampton last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Reed and two children visited with relatives at Belmond Sunday.

Miss Emma Eickmeyer visited with friends in town on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claas Symens and Miss Nelie Bell were business callers at Hampton last Friday.

Karl Griemann the M. St. L. agent at Latimer visited at the Fred Greenfield home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Beenen were business callers at Belmond last Wednesday.

Will Azeltine of Roawn was transacting business at Alexander the fore part of the week.

Glenn Klinefelter of Garner visited with relatives and friends here on Sunday.

Mrs. L. C. Peters and two daughters Dororthy and Arelene visited with her parents at Dows the last of the week.

Herman Gruis and Charles Winwood were Hampton callers last Sunday.

Miss Gertrude Beringhausen of Hanlantown visited with friends here on Saturday.

Jap Rais of Coulter was a caller in town last week.

H. A. Peters was a Dows caller last Saturday.

The George Stoffer family have moved from above the store into the Art Thomas house in the east part of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Greenfield and daughter June visited with relatives at Belmond last Sunday.

Earl Hall, Mrs. Mary Hall, Miss Ethel Hall and Lloyd Green visited with relatives at Hampton Sunday.

R. L. Carlock of Bloomington Ill., came last week for an indefinite stay at Alexander.

Clarence Bohlen was a business caller at Hampton last Thursday.

Dr. J. F. Martin of Latimer was a professional caller at Alexander the first of the week.

Miss Alma Greenfield returned to Belmond Sunday after spending the past week at this place.

George S. Yaw and Arthur Thomas of Iowa Falls, were callers in town last Wednesday.

The following persons are attending court at Hampton this week: Cornelius Stoffer, Henry Polmateer, Frank Bohlen, John Wodderman, and Ben Arends.

Rev. Hardcastle of Iowa Falls, preached at the Congregational church last Sunday.

Misses Ethel Roulet and Florence Zara, Arthur Peters, and Mr. and Mrs. John Peters were Sunday visitors at Mason City.

Miss Hilda Nelson and George Blau autoed to Humboldt last Saturday.

Misses Marjorie Flynn, Mary Kernen and Oralee Brooks spent the week end at their respective homes at Belmond.

NEW FORD FOR SALE

Touring; demountable rims; starter. To arrive this week. No trades —cash or bankable notes. See L. B. Hulsebus, Meservey, Iowa.

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BELMOND TRAIN SCHEDULES

(Corrected to date.)

ROCK ISLAND
Going North

Passenger, daily	8:15 a. m.
Freight, daily	10:55 a. m
Combination, daily	2:15 p. m.

Going South

Passenger, daily	6:28 p. m.
Freight, daily	1:10 p. m.
Combination, daily	11:58 a. m.

M.& ST. L.
Going West.

Combination, daily	8:30 a. m

Going East

Combination, daily	3:35 p. m.

GREAT WESTERN
Going North

Motor, daily	9:24 a. m.
No. 16, pass., D & S	1:35 p. m.
No. 12, pass., D & S	1:26 a. m.
Local Freight	7:55 a. m.

Going South

No. 11, pass., D & S	1:26 a. m.
No. 15, pass., D & S	3:40 p. m.
Motor	5:19 p. m.
Local Freight	3:20 p. m.

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Kinseth's Store News

Spring appears to have arrived, by the looks of things. The weather is gettin' sorta fishing-feeling, and the gardens are beginning to appear, and the lawns are being raked and our new dry goods are coming in. Come in and look them over, folks; they are certainly the real thing in dry goods. Pretty patterns—not loud, gaudy ones you can hear a block off.

—K—

The latest patterns in cotton goods.

—K—

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—K—

All kinds of fresh green vegetables, and fresh groceries to go right along with them. So if you aren't already, for goodness' sake become a wise one and stop at the Store on the Corner where your dollar is worth one hundred cents

—K—

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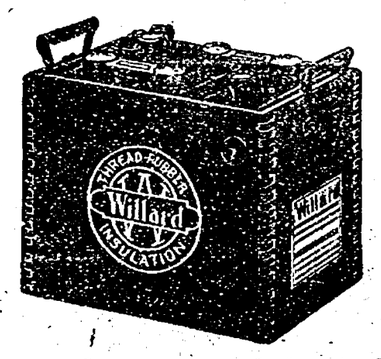

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Ruth Knudson Wins Short Story Contest

Out of Thirty-Seven Entries In Story Contest Miss Knudson Wins The Prize.

"THE SUBSTITUTE GHOST."

Miss Ruth Knudson is the lucky winner of the Five Dollar Prize, offered by the Independent, for the best short story of 3,000 words or less written by a pupil of the Belmond schools.

Miss Knudson's story is entitled "The Substitute Ghost", and is very well handled. The judge of the stories, Mrs. Wm. Leonard, of Swaledale, said in part of Miss Knudson's story:

"Number seven seems superior to the others in plot and finished style. It evidently was written by someone who has gone over the material a great many times and made thoughtful corrections. Several of the others deserve honorable mention and I consider them exceptionally good, but lacking in final polish which would make them winners."

All stories submitted—37 in all—were handed to the Independent with numbers only on them, all names being taken off. They were sent to the judge this way, and not until Miss Thomas, of the school faculty, gave the name of the winning number was the author known.

"The Substitute Ghost" will be printed in the next issue of the Independent, and you are urged to read it. You will say that Belmond contains some budding literary talent which, if cultivated, should go far, and you will enjoy the story.

Miss Knudson will receive a check for the prize money upon publication of the story. The Independent is only sorry that there could not have been more than one winner, for many of the stories were really very good and a high credit to their authors. The Independent hopes next year to offer another chance to the literary talent of the Belmond schools.

Meanwhile, watch for "The Substitute Ghost" next week.

HAMPTON AFTER AUTO LAW VIOLATORS

The town of Hampton is going after the autoists who consistantly violate the traffic rules and regulations of the municipality. The auto parking marks on the business streets are being made, and a strict observance of these parking marks will be enforced. The fellows who, after a long winter of inactivity, entertain a desire to step on 'er, are warned to take it easy, and high or low, regardless, will be given an invitation to tell it to the judge. A few similar warnings might profitably be served in Belmond.

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* Unbounded Faith in Ford Cars. *

* The following appeared a few days ago in the State Register of Springfield, Illinois:

* "Many are the stories of Henry Ford and his popular automobile but Hillsboro is relating what it calls the best of the season, and the facts in the case are true. It happened in one of the leading churches of the city that the pastor took for the text of his sermon, "Better Church Attendance."

* The pastor held that the automobile had taken more people away from church than any other thing. He concluded with the exclamation: "The Ford car has taken more people to hell than any other thing that I can mention!" Whereupon an old lady in the congregation began to clap her hands and moan, 'Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!"

* "What's the matter, sister?" asked the pastor.

* "The Ford never went any place that it couldn't make the round trip, and I am sure that all these people in hell will be back,' she answered, 'so praise the Lord.'"

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KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Fred Seeley, a young farmer residing near Bristow, was accidently killed last week while assisting to get a big automobile out of the mud. An auto party became stuck in some deep mud near his place and Seeley was engaged to pull them out with his team. The car had been pulled out of the mud hole, when Seeley stumbled and fell in front of the wheels, the team pulling the car on over him, breaking his neck. He was not immediately killed, and was rushed to a Waverly hospital, where he died Saturday night. He had been married a few months.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

The Reformed church has regular services, in the American language every Sunday evening at 7:30.

The majority of the schools finished their year's work last Friday.

Ben Ahrenholtz, who has visited at the home of his sister, Mrs. Fred Loats, for the past two weeks, returned to his home in South Dakota last Friday.

Mrs. W. A. Gartz spent Sunday afternoon with her sister, Mrs Ed. Foss, in Meseervey.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Barkema and family, from near Alexander, were Sunday visitors at the Dick Barkema home.

KLEMME TO BUY CHEMICAL TRUCK

The town council of Klemme has definitely decided to purchase a chemical truck for the fire fighting apparatus of the community, and are now considering several different models and propositions to that end. The fire department, who will pay part of the cost, desire a Ford truck equipped with two tanks, able to carry ladders, hose, etc.

GARNER GETS LOWER RATES

As a result of the meeting of the Garner Commercial Club and John Reed of the Iowa Falls Electric Co., the town of Garner is given a slightly lower rate for "juice." The present rate there is 15 cents for the first 25 kilowats, 12 for the next 25, and all over 50 at nine cents per K. W. H. The new rate offered is 13½ cents on the first 18, 10½ for the next 18, and 5½ for all above 40. The decrease is about 10 per cent.

FARM HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE SUNDAY

Geo. Potts Home Burns To Ground With Loss Of Some Furniture And Clothing.

The George Potts farm home west of town was totally destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon. The fire, starting from a defective chimney, was first noticed about 4:30 in the afternoon, on the roof of the house. News of it was phoned to town and the alarm given. The fire company accompanied by many local citizens, went to the scene, but by that time the blaze was so far advaanced that the house could not be saved and all efforts were devoted towards saving the furniture and clothing. A large quantity was carried out, but quite a bit was destroyed. The loss on the furniture is covered by insurance it is understood, and the loss of the house, around $3,500, is partly covered.

BUYS KLEMME CAFE

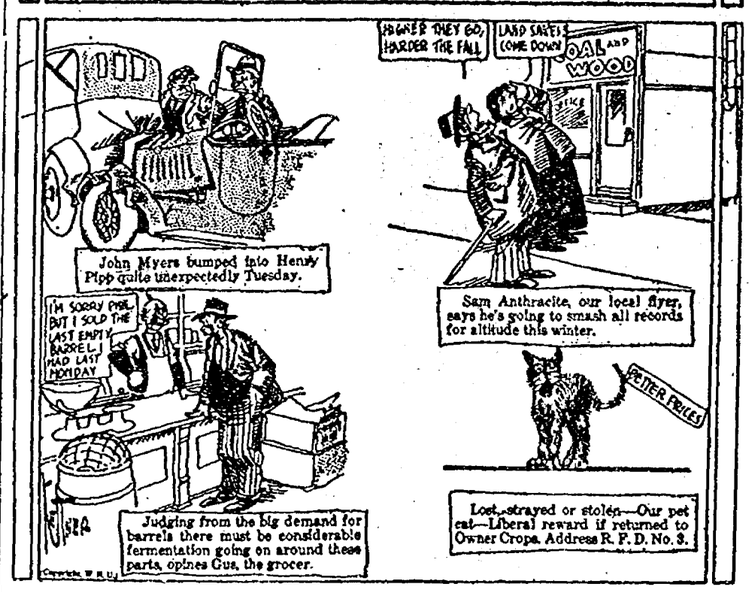
LuVerne Smith, a former Belmondite, has purchased a restaurant business in Klemme, and henceforth will be proprietor of the Elite Cafe at that place. LuVerne has been employed in the Wellemeyer store, but always has had a hankering for the restaurant line. He will have the best wishes of his many Belmond friends for success in his new endeavor.

ST. OLAF CHURCH NOTES

Wednesday evening prayer meeting at the home of Mrs. John Hill. Come to the prayer meeting and take some one with you.

Sunday school next Sunday at 10:30. Now all should show a live interest in this work also. Remember this belongs to the King's business and "the King's business hath haste."

Locals



Night Fire At Galt Ruins Half Block

Seven Business Buildings Are Destroyed—Very Little Is Saved From Any.

NO ESTIMATE ON LOSS

About half of the business section of Galt was destroyed by fire late Saturday night, seven buildings being burned. The loss in all cases with the exception of one, was practically total.

The fire, supposedly starting around 1:00 o'clock Sunday morning, seems to have originated at the rear of the Joe Blink Grocery and Meat Market. A Mrs. Johnson, residing just across the road west from the market, noticed the blaze when she returned from Dows. The fire was then only a small blaze. She immediately turned in the alarm, and a number of Galt citizens got their fire fighting apparatus, which consisted of buckets and a small fire chemical cart with two 50-gallon tanks. No one knew how to use the chemical apparatus, and by the time someone was found who could manipulate it, the fire was beyond control. Word was sent to surrounding towns for help and as there was no wind to speak of, the blaze was gotten under control after seven buildings were destroyed. The places burned were:

Louis Steenblock, hardware, 2-story building.

Joe Blink, grocery and meat market, 2-story building.

Post Office, with small line of groceries, Cal Howard proprietor, 2-story building.

City Hall and fire station, 1 1-2 story building.

Cobbler shop, "Deacon" Parsons proprietor, one story.

Bank of Galt, 1½ story building. The vault was uninjured and remains standing.

Cream station, run by A. P. Kellogg, one story.

Two warehouses or storage houses back of the hardware store, used as private garage and storehouses.

All the buildings with the exception of the hardware, and cream station, were owned by the Parsons estate; Dr. Potter owned the cream station, and had his office over the post office. The Steenblock hardware, the grocery and meat market, and post office were all in one big building, similar to the brick block in Belmond, and was frame with sheet iron covering. Other buildings were frame. They were all burned to ashes. Nothing much was saved from any of the business places except the hardware store, where a large part of the stock was carried out. All valuable papers in the bank were in the vault.

The Independent was unable to secure an estimate of the loss, or to find what insurance was carried. Property values in Galt of course would not be very high, compared to Belmond, but the loss in the post office, bank and stocks of the business houses will run into money and cannot be determined until a careful check is made. The town was over run with sightseers Sunday, from neighboring towns.

Senior Class Play Given Next Week

Many Fine Endorsements Are Given "Daddy Long-Legs" By New York Press.

ON NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT

The Senior Class play wll be given May 11. Tickets on sale at Schultz Drug Co. next week.

A matinee will be given for school children at one o'clock. Admission for cheldren 25 cents. Evening performance at 8:15. Reserved seats 50 cents.

Nearly everyone has read the book, "Daddy Long-Legs." Many have seen Mary Pickford in the moving picture. Plan on seeing this play in the speaking drama which is released for amateur production for the first time.

SYNOPSIS

"Daddy Long-Legs" tells the story of Judy, a pretty little drudge in a bleak New England orphanage. One day a visiting trustee becomes interested in Judy and decides to give her a chance. She does not know the name of her benefactor, but simply calls him Daddy Long-Legs and writes him letters brimming over with fun and affection. From the foundlings' home she goes to a fashionable school for girls and there develops the romance that constitutes much of the play's charm.

Last Friday the Home Economics classes under the direction of Miss Eva Brown visited the Belmond Furniture company in order to study the various types of furniture. Mr. Trafford, the manager has offered the choice of a pair of candle sticks or a pair of book-ends to the girl writing the best essay on "The Furnishing of the Home." The school appreciates this offer very much.

Friday afternoon the eighth grade and high school girls and the ladies on the faculty were invited by the Community Club to attend the lecture given by Mrs. Meyer. The lecture was very interesting and instructive. We wish to thank the Community Club for this opportunity.

The baseball team went to Garner last Friday, and beat the Garner boys 11 to 5. The game was much closer than the score indicates as the Belmond boys made five scores in the seventh inning. Nine innings were played.

Last Friday Division 2 of the Literary gave one of the best programs of the year. The little play "A Young Man's Fancy" showed lots of work and was very cleverly given. Division 1 is preparing the next program which will be given next week.

The Sheffield high school baseball team will be here Friday to meet our boys. This will be a good game, so plan to attend.

The Home track meet will be held Thursday after school. Monday we have a dual track meet with Clear Lake at the latter place.

The Annual is being printed and work on it is progressing fast.

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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

We are now getting back to normal in our attendance at the services. We hope to soon be ahead of any previous record.

Sabbath school at 10:00 a. m.
Morning worship at 11:00 a. m.
Junior C. E. at 3:00 p. m.
Evening worship at 8:00

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Help us pick another goal—219 last Sunday.

Preaching service at 11 a.m. We certainly are pleased to see so many at this service.

Epworth League at 7 p. m. good attendance and interest is manifest in this organization.

Woman's Foreign Missionary society meets with Mrs. G. F. McBurney as hostess, Mrs. Crawford leader. Mrs. Mortimer has the mystery box questions.

The King's Heralds meet with Randall and Hoyt Klemme on Saturday at 3 p. m.

Mrs. Wolle's division of the Aid meets with Mrs. Harry Nordschow, Wednesday afternoon.

The Northeast division meets with Mrs. Trafford as hostess, Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. J. J. Bushnell expects to be with us on Mother's Day, and give us an address appropriate to the day. Bring the family.

Service at Alexander at 9:30 a. m.
W. A Wilkinson, Pastor.

TRINITY CHURCH NOTES

Wednesday evening choir practice at the church at 7:30. All must be present.

Thursday evening prayer meeting at the church at 8:00 o'clock. Come, please.

Friday afternoon the joint Ladies Aids of St. Olaf and Trinity churches will meet in Trinity church at 2:00 o'clock. Sister Marie Fredrickson will give an address on her experience in Missionary work. Refreshments will be served in the church parlors following the address. All members should try and be present. Visitors are also welcome.

Saturday at 10:00 o'clock the Class meets at the church.

Sunday morning English services at 11:00 o'clock. Sunday school at 10:00. In the evening the Young Peoples' League meets. Don't forget this, who have to do with the leadership of it. Possibly Sister Marie Fredrickson will be with us also. Do not, however, depend too much on this.

SUGAR CAMPAIGN UNDER FULL SPEED AHEAD

Seed And Fertilizer Now Going To Farmers—More Acreage Being Signed.

The sugar factory campaign for 1923 is going forward rapidly, and the campaign this year bears every indication now of being the most successful that the factory has yet experienced.

Seed and fertilizer is now being sent out to the farmers, and work has been going on all week toward getting in the crop. Some seeding has already been done, and much more will be completed within the next week to ten days.

More acreage has been contracted for this year than was had last, and more is being signed up every day. It is expected that the total acreage for 1923 will be considerably larger than last year. The labor for the fields has been half filled now, and presents no difficult problem to be solved as has been the case before on occasions.

Supt. Adams is now in active charge at the factory and is looking the plant over preparatory to having it overhauled for the season. In a short time a force of mechanics will be on the job getting things in shape for the operating campaign.

The late spring has induced many farmers to plant beets this year, instead of small grain or corn as had been planned, and from present indications they are going to be glad of it when harvest time comes. With a fair chance beets this year should yield a fine return, and if such is the case the factory should operate at a very successful profit.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Luick were visitors at Des Moines a day or two last week.

Cap. Tyrrell Makes Another Fine Gift

Gives Beaumont Magnificant Public Library By Purchasing Church Ediface.

COST OF BUILDING $70,000

Wright county friends of Cap. W. C. Tyrrell, Sr., of Beaumont, Texas, will be interested in the latest Philanthropic gift he has made, that of a $70,000 public library to the city of Beaumont. The Beaumont Enterprise says of his gift, in part:

The fulfillment of the city's dream of a public library building has been made possible through the philanthropy of Capt. W. C. Tyrrell, capitalist and public spirited citizen who, it became known yesterday has agreed to purchase the handsome First Baptist church edifice and donate the building for library purposes to the people of Beaumont.

Captain Tyrrell's offer to purchase the church building at a price of $70,000 was accepted yesterday by the congregation of the First Baptist church in general conference.

According to the terms of the offer the property is to be deeded to the city of Beaumont within 30 days after it has been conveyed to Captain Tyrrell and will be known as the "Tyrrell public library."

Captain Tyrrell's generous offer was made several weeks ago following the decision on the part of the First Baptist church to raze its present building to make room for a new church property. His gift to the city, Captain Tyrrell explains, was prompted as much by his desire to save the edifice as through his recognition of the need for a public library.

The donation of a public library to the city will mark the culmination of a long desire on the part of Captain Tyrrell to render this public service.

"For a long time I have felt like I wanted to do something for the city of Beaumont," he said, "and knowing that a public library was needed so badly—I have heard so many nice ladies bemoaning the fact that we have no public library building—I saw my opportunity."

The property involved in the Tyrrell purchase consists of 90 front feet on Preal street and extends 146 feet along Forsythe street. Adjoining property fronting 30 feet on Preal street is to be acquired from the First Baptist church by the city of Beaumont according to a separate agreement.

HOLD FINE MEETING

The ladies of Iowa township met with Mrs. Edmund Haupt Friday afternoon, April 27th. Roll Call was responded to with "Kitchen Shortcuts." The topic for the afternoon was "Poultry." County Agent Edwards gave a talk on "Poultry Production and Management" and Mrs. Lyle Hall talked on the "Care and Feeding of Baby Chicks and Mature Fowls."

Mrs. Jack Munnis, local leader for District No. 4 furnished a musical contest for social diversion which was very entertaining.

The May meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. A. C. Lieuwen. This will be an all day meeting and the time will be spent in the making of dress forms.

HUMBOLDT SERIOUS ABOUT OIL

The citizens of Humboldt are really serious about the oil fields underlying their community, and propose to see just what there is under the dirt over there. For some time seepage of oil has been found in that neighborhood, and considerable interest has been stirred up over it. So much so, in fact, that $15,000 has been subscribed by citizens there to drill a well. The main "oil field" is said to be on a farm near town, and the proposition is to buy this farm for $30,000—100 acres—and then sink a well for a test. The whole affair is a local one, and is being financed by those who are willing to "take a sporting chance" to lose.

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EDITORIAL

THE SUN SHINES AGAIN

The financial sun is shining again. The clouds have been dispelled by the indomitable will power and determination of the American people, and the outlook is brighter than it has ever been at any time since the close of the great war. A survey of the situation throughout the country shows that business in nearly all lines is not only "picking up," but is actually assuming the proportions of a boom.

Building construction is on the up grade to such an extent that skilled labor is becoming scarce and difficult to obtain. Employment is waiting for every man who possesses any skill at all in the various trades, and the ranks of the unemployed are becoming so decimated that it is almost a case of the job hunting the man.

Wages in numerous cases have been voluntarily raised instead of lowered, and this has operated to allay the spirit of unrest that has existed among the laboring classes for years.

The indications are that farm help will also be scarce this summer, owing to the fact that idle men will be comparatively few. The farmer, however, is preparing to overcome this handicap by taking greater advantage of the latest improvements in farm machinery.

Altogether the outlook is very bright. It is difficult indeed to obscure the financial sun in this country for any length of time.

SOCIETY

Community—

The Community Club met last Friday p. m. and enjoyed one of the best addresses ever delivered before the club. Mrs. Max Mayer of Iowa City was the speaker and her address was on "The New Image." The high school girls and teachers and some grade teachers were at the meeting. The community room of the library was crowded, with only standing room left.

Mrs. Wm. Trafford sang a beautiful solo before the address.

The usual refreshments and social hour were enjoyed at the close of the meeting.

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Kensington—

Mrs. Ben Fetrow was hostess to the Kensington club Wednesday afternoon.

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Delphian—

The members of the Delphian club met at the home of Miss Thera Fitts Monday evening. This weeks lesson was on Edgar Allen Poe, the leader being Mrs. Herman Schultz.

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Entertains—

Mrs. P. J. Peterson entertained all her children and grandchildren and a few friends at dinner last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Chas Peterson of Hampton, Mr and Mrs. Geo. Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Madsen were the guests.

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Hard Time Party—

Last Friday evening the Rebekahs held a hard time party at the lodge rooms. All came dressed in hard time style and were fined for each article of clothing or jewelery not in keeping with hard times. J. H. Fetrow received first prize for the best hard time costume among the men, Geo. Coburn won second. Mrs. McDermott won first among the ladies and Mrs. McBurney second.

The judges of the costumes were Rev. Wilkinson, Mr. Tiltgen and Mr. Snyder. The evening was spent in old fashioned games after which light refreshments were served.

The fines were added to the sick committees funds.

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St. Olaf Aid—

The south division of the ladies aid of the St. Olaf church met at the home of Mrs. John Mehus last week Thursday afternoon. A very nice time was enjoyed and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

GOODELL NEWS

On April the 24, Mr. and Mrs. Anson Avery enjoyed a social evening at their home with many of their neighbors and friends.

Tuesday of last week Miss Burnice Butts entertained the teachers teachers of the public school, a her of the public school at her home.

Mrs. George Butts of Belmond was in Goodell on Saturday.

George Ness and family visited at Story City last week.

Billy Butts visited Carl Sandberg on Saturday.

Amos Hanson enjoys a visit from his mother last week.

Miss Ina Ahrenkiel was in Garner last Wednesday having dental work done.

Mrs. Alma Carpenter finished her school work in Wright county last week. The school board concluded to have another month, but as Mrs. Carpenter's time is needed in her home, Miss Nettie Mason, who has been teaching in the Wiles district will teach the extra month. We understand has Miss Mason is to teach this school next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clark came down from Garner last Thursday evening.

Remember the grade pupils play on May third.

Last Friday afternoon Wm. Allaben drove over to Hanlantown and brought back his son, who is teaching in the schools there.

Last Thursday morning there was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Christensen a baby girl. The mother and daughter are doing well.

Mrs. Harvey Christensen's father Mr. Wigfield of Thompson, Iowa, is here visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hughes of Belmond called on relatives here Sunday evening.

John Hughes of Garner called at the Harvey Christensen home Sunday.

Miss Hill spent Sunday at her home in Clarion. Her aunt has just returned from India where she has been engaged in mission work for a number of years. In her honor they had a family gathering. Twenty-three were present.

Mrs. Thada enjoyed a visit from her mother and sister last week.

Last Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cunningham autoed to Boone, to spent Sunday with relatives.

The past week was a fine week to work in the field and the farmers around Goodell finished their seeding.

W. C. Peters the new superintendent of the high school, came up from Iowa City, Saturday, to look over the school and town and to locate a house. He expects to move about the first of July if his house is finished by that time. He expects to move into John Dominy's house in the north west part of town. Mr. Peters is a fine man to meet. The past year he has been attending college at Iowa City the better to fit himself for school work. He has had five years experience in teaching. The last three years was in the Vinton high school as one of the instructors.

Prof. O. E. Nelson was called to Thompson, Iowa, Saturday, to consider the superintendency of the high school there. Mr. Nelson has made good in Goodell and as Thompson had heard of his good work here they really had not considered any other man for the place The school board at their next meeting will decide on his applicaton.

U. B. CHURCH NOTES

The Women's Missionary society will hold its monthly meeting in the church next Friday afternoon.

The attendance at church and Sunday school moved up to a higher mark last Sunday. Sunday school attendance was 86 and the church attendance was very near the one hundred mark.

Mothers day will be observed by a special program. Look for program in next week's notes.

May 13 will be mother's day in the morning and in the evening the high school sermon to the graduating class will be preached by Rev. Thompson of Rowan, Iowa.

Sunday May 20 will be the church anniversary day. A special program including Saturday evening and Sunday is being arranged.

The Text next Sunday is Luke 10:31 "When he saw him he passed by on the other side." Subject Indifference. Evening Text, John 6:12 "Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost." Subject Conservation.

Sunday school at 9:45. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. You are invited to our services.

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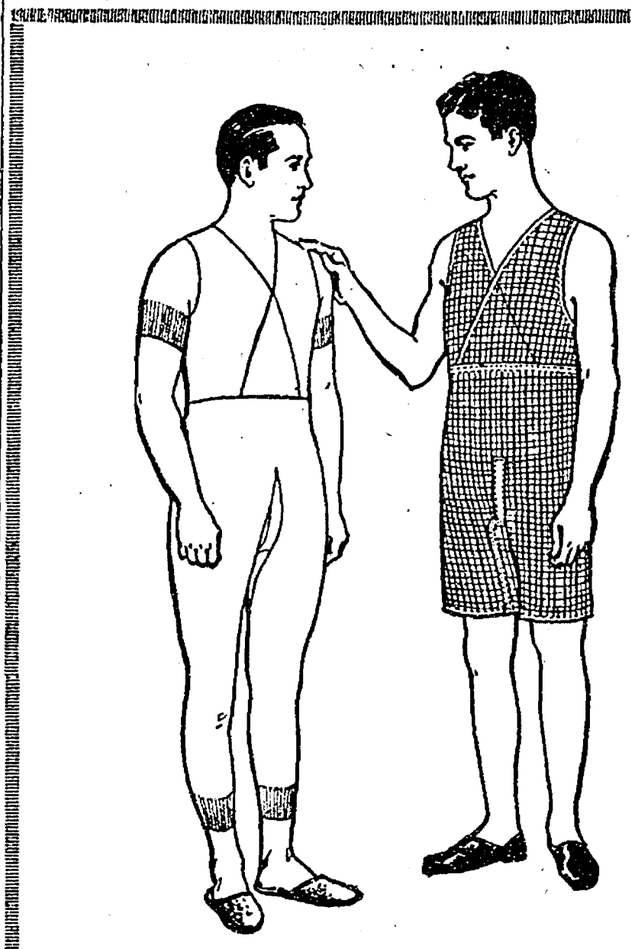

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FARM BUREAU NOTES

Booster Farm Bureau Edition

The booster farm bureau edition which has been planned for sometime during the latter part of May is gaining momentum by rapid strides. The interest in the big story about Wright county and its resources seems to be gaining rapidly and all farmers of Wright county realize the importance of advertising the agricultural interests of our progressive county.

In gathering material for this special farm bureau edition all farmers, pure bred stock breeders, poultry breeders, special grain farmers, dairymen, and all organizations such as farmers' cooperative elevators, shipping association, cow testing associations, creameries, poultry associations and all other individuals and organizations having a direct or an indirect relation with the agricultural interests of our county are invited to contribute stories about Wright county agriculture. An effort is being made to get stories from these individuals and organizations relative to the purebred livestock, farm crops and cooperative enterprises in our county. This is an exceptional opportunity to have every person and every organization which is interested in the community in which we live, to boost for Wright county, the best county in the state of Iowa.

Boone Enjoys Social

Farmers of the Boone township farm bureau held a special meeting at the center school last Thursday evening, April 26th, when about 150 farmers, their wives and families packed themselves into the country school building for this community and social gathering.

Q. M. Lee, director of the Boone township bureau was in charge of the meeting. An interesting school program which was planned and organized by the rural teachers of the township was given in connection with this meeting. The success of the meeting was due in a large measure to the efforts of the rural teachers of that community. The school program consisted of recitations, dialogs, and several musical numbers.

The principal address of the evening was given by R. E. Lee Aldrich of Iowa township. Mr. Aldrich told in an interesting fashion, bits of the early history of the county and of his first impression of the Luni district when he was a boy. Mr. Aldrich has always been a firm believer in farmers' organizations and has given his time to the farm bureau on many occasions in talking organization and community cooperation to the farmers of our county. His address at the Boone township farm bureau meeting was interesting and inspiring and those who had the pleasure of hearing him are more firmly convinced than ever before that organization and community cooperation are two of the factors that must prevail in an agricultural community if the farmers are to receive reasonable returns from their labor and livestock most contentedly in the community.

The Seed Corn Situation

The county wide seed corn survey which was conducted by the county agent has just been completed and the results on the germination test seems to indicate that the seed corn of Wright county has not as high a germination percentage as it should have to insure a good stand of corn this year.

About 160 samples of 100 kernels each were collected from the various townships of the county and a very careful test was made of the germination qualities of the corn. The average for the county wide germination test shows that there are 87 per cent of the kernels strong, 7 per cent weak, and 6 per cent dead. The lowest test which has been made shows 64 per cent and the highest test 99 per cent.

The results of this county wide survey of the seed corn situation seems to indicate that a great many of the farmers ought to be careful in their selection of their seed corn for planting this year. As was stated in the county papers a short time ago a large per cent of the seed corn of the state is affected the so-called dry rot mold. We cannot over-estimate the importance of the farmer making an individaul ear test of his corn if there is any doubt in his mind as to the strong vituality and high germination qualities. Each farmer who contributed a sample of seed corn to the county agent will receive a report on his individual test.

Organize Junior Livestock Judging

The Junior Livestock Judging club of Wright county will begin its work next Saturday afternoon at 2:30 when the boys and girls of the county who are interested in the livestock judging work will meet in the county agent's office and go over plans for the organizing of the Junior Livestock Judging club for the 1923 season.

All boys and girls of Wright county who are interested in joining the livestock judging club and who are anxious to learn the important points in judging different classes of livestock are urged to be present at this meeting next Saturday. The county agent will outline the plan of the judging work for the 1923 season and a tentative schedule will be laid out for the judging tour that will be made this year.

It will be remembered that the Wright county boys won first place at the Livestock Judging contest in Des Moines last year and it is hoped that the boys and girls of the county will take enough interest in the work so that we may send a winning team to the state fair again this year. It might be added that this judging work is not limited to the boys and that last year some of the best judges in the state and inter-state fairs happened to be girls.

Iowa Farm Bureau Ladies Meet

The ladies of Iowa township farm bureau met at the home of Eddie Haupt last Friday afternoon for a social and business meeting About twelve ladies of the community were present and took part in the discussion.

Mrs. A. C. Lieuwen, vice-director of Iowa township farm bureau planned this meeting with the idea of getting the ladies of her township together for a discussion of problems common in interest to the entire community. These ladies had a very interesting discussion on poultry production, every lady being assigned a particular subject bearing on the poultry work. The county agent gave a short talk on poultry production and gave out a number of valuable bulletins on poultry work.

Grant Social at Wig Home

The K Wig home six miles northeast of Clarion was the scene of a lively community social last Friday evening, April 27, 1923 when the postponed meeting of Grant township farm bureau was held at that cozy farm home. No township lines were drawn at all in inviting the guests and people from neighboring townships were in attendance.

An interesting program consisting of recitations, dialogues and songs by the local school also special musical numbers by local talent were given. Rev. Harold Tompkinson of the Congregational church at Clarion was the principal speaker of the occasion. He spoke on the interesting subject of "What is Wrong with the World" and incidentally mentioned some of the problems of the farmer today. The one thought which he seemed anxious for his listeners to take home with them is that if farmers are to receive a reasonable return for their labor they must organize and cooperate with each other.

The farmers of Grant township have always been firm believers in the social community life and with very few exceptions they have succeeded in holding regular monthly meetings for the discussion of problems which are of vital interest to their community and for a social good time. Due credit should be given to Miss Violet Lukens, the local teacher, who cooperated with Mrs. Harry Woodley and Alf Huntley in planning and organizing this community social. Let us hope that this spirit of community cooperation and helpfulness will continue in Grant township as well as in every other township of the county.

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Mrs. Matt Sullivan was a visitor Tuesday at Mason City.

Belmond Local News

The Eagle Grove Times is working on a special edition for the Wright Co. Farm Bureau, which edition will be published in the near future.

H. F. Reif, of Meservey, was a business visitor in town last Thursday.

Friend Bras, optometrist from Fort Dodge, was at the Schultz Jewelry Store last Thursday. Friend, who is a former resident of this vicinity, is one of the leading optometrists of Fort Dodge, and is making calls at Belmond once a month to take care of those who need attention to their eyes.

Carlston & Skovlin last week replaced their plate glass window, cracked in the Big Blaze a few weeks ago.

The weather the past week has been the spring-fever kind, and has been taken advantage of by every auto owner to try out the old bus after its winter rest. Roads are in pretty fair shape, particularly the gravel, while the dirt roads, altho rough in places, are generally fair.

Ted Townsan returned last Saturday night from his trip to Minnesota, where he drove last week with Chas. Reese to look after some building operations on the latter's farm. Mr. Reese did not return, going on farther on business affairs.

NOTICE

All those indebted to the Tyrrell Millinery Shop are requested to please call and settle their accounts at once. 241c

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Mrs. R. W. Tomlinson has been ill the past few days, being quite seriously sick.

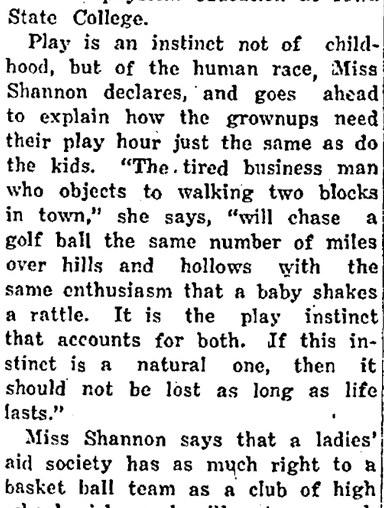
EVERYONE SHOULD PLAY

"Are you too old to play? If you are, then you are ready to die," says Miss Jessie Shannon of the department of physical education at Iowa State College.

Play is an instinct not of childhood, but of the human race, Miss Shannon declares, and goes ahead to explain how the grownups need their play hour just the same as do the kids. "The tired business man who objects to walking two blocks in town," she says, "will chase a golf ball the same number of miles over hills and hollows with the same enthusiasm that a baby shakes a rattle. It is the play instinct that accounts for both. If this instinct is a natural one, then it should not be lost as long as life lasts."

Miss Shannon says that a ladies' aid society has as much right to a basket ball team as a club of high school girls, and will get as much out of it. Business men and laborers need base ball teams as much as their sons do.

"Everyone admits," she says, "the social, moral and physical values of play for the child in creating fairness, unselfishness, loyalty and numerous other qualities in addition to good health. Play has these same values for people of any age. If you are ready to drop out of the game, a part of you is ready to drop into the grave, and you are losing the best possible medium for mental relaxation and physical exercise which more than anything else produces a congenial disposition and good health."



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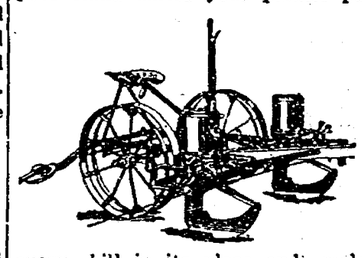

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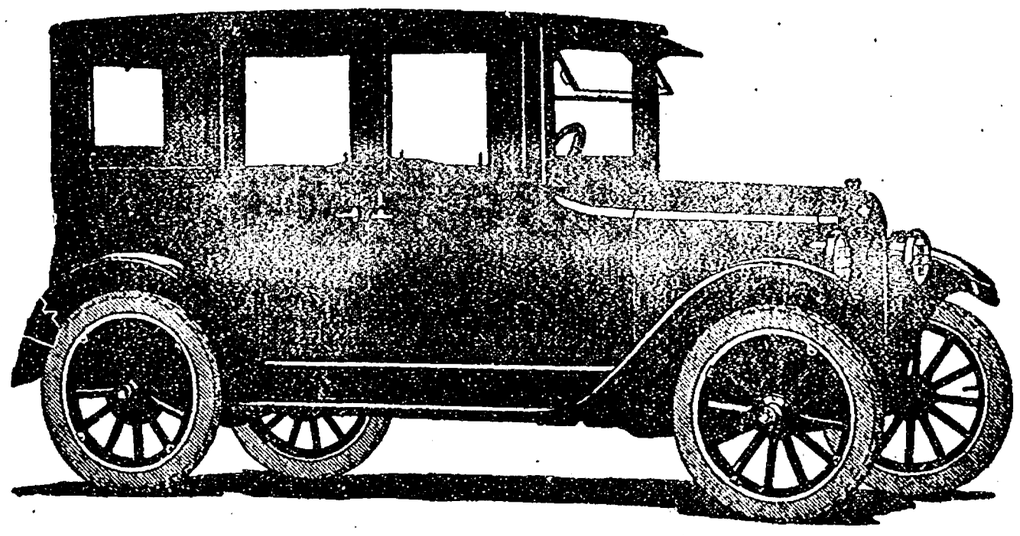

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C. J. Wendell motored to Mason City Friday to bring Mrs. Wendell home, she having been receiving medical treatment there for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Fischer and daughter Lydia, motored to Waverly, Sunday, p. m. to visit with Mrs. Fischer's parents until Monday.

Joan Stattlander and wife accompanied by Mrs. H. Proost and Vona were Sheffield callers last Saturday.

[illegible] Osten and son Harm were at Sheffield, Saturday, driving a new Ford back home.

Mrs. C. E. Brogan and baby of Garner spent Saturday here with friends and relatives.

Irv. Nissen and family were Belmond and Thornton business callers last Saturday.

L. B. Hulsebus motored to Marshalltown last Sunday to be gone several days on a business errand.

Miss Bertha Thorman of Belmond made her regular trip last Monday to instruct her music scholars.

The Misses Hawthorne and Andersen and Supt. Herbster were Mason City callers Saturday.

Miss Martha Sloss of Ames, spent a few days last week at the home of her sister Mrs. Frank Nissen.

For Sale—Rose Comb Brown Leghorn Eggs for hatching, from pen of old stock. Price $4.50 per 100, $1.00 per 15. Phone 1718.—Mrs. S. H. Schmalle, Thornton, Iowa. 224*

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Laundry Dry Cleaning

Mrs. Mary Butz was called to Mason City last Wednesday by the illness of her granddaughter, Mrs. Clyde Smith, remaining until Thursday.

Dr. Agler motored to Mason City last Friday evening. He was accompanied by H. W. Hulsebus, who had been here for several days on business matters.

Mrs. Della Prall spent Sunday at the home of her daughter Mrs. C. J. Wendell.

The Cemetery Society will meet at the home of Mrs. O. Strassburg on Tuesday p. m. May 10th for the regular monthly meeting.

Mrs. Charles Bier and children of Swea City, arrived last Saturday evening for a few days visit at the C. Bier home.

Fred Menzel drove to Waverly, last Saturday p. m. to spend Sunday with relatives and friends.

Misses Viola and Evelyn Thomas were Mason City, shoppers last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Hulsebus and A. E. Muller, wife and daughter, Eleanor motored to Sheffield Sunday afternoon and visited at the Rev. J. D. Klooz home. Mr. J. F. Zimmerman accompanied them home and will do painting etc., for several weeks, in this vicinity.

Mr. Hurd, C. E. Brogan and C. Abrams, the latter from Thornton, made a flying trip to different points in Minnesota, leaving last Friday p. m. They were on a land business trip and expected to return Saturday or Sunday.

W. F. Butz and daughter Irene and two sons were Mason City business callers last Saturday.

Mrs. Unferferth returned Monday from Fort Dodge where she spent a few days with relatives.

COURT HOUSE OFFICIALS CAPTURE $25 REWARD

Webster City News—There was considerable excitement at the court house this morning when it was realized by County Clerk W H. Cunningham that a German Police dog, for which a standing reward of $25 has been offered for some three weeks, was playing about on the court house lawn. Every newspaper in the state has carried a reward of $25 for information leading to the return of a female German Police dog, answering to the name of Gretchen, strayed away from the fine kennels of Mrs. Ruth Reeve-Keefe, at Waucome Kennels, just east of Hampton, three weeks ago.

Mr. Cunningham, aided by his deputy Miss Fanny Baxter and both Sheriff Carl and his deputy Chas. Blair, all pussy-footed around the dog-aristocrat and the latter, who was advertised to be very fond of ladies and children, was easily captured by Miss Baxter. Mr. Cunningham at once telephone the Waucome Kennels and Mr. Keefe drove over at once and paid the reward.

The court house officials are consequently celebrating. The dog has a real history. She is a half-sister of "Strongheart" of movie fame, and the father of both was Kriminalpolizi-Dusternbrook. She has several pups that are three months old and is herself, two years old. The dog is one of the finest in this section and news of her loss was radio-graphed from Davenport almost immediately. The long distance telephone at the farm has been kept warm with calls from persons who thought they had seen the dog, but no actual trace of her was found until Sunday when she was seen at Belmond. Mr. Keefe drove over 100 miles on Sunday trying to locate the valuable animal.

The Waucome Kennels at Homestead Farm now have 14 valuable German Police dogs and the supply is never equal to the demand, Mr. Keefe says. The poor animal is footsore and weary and thin. She has travelled many weary miles on her search for home and was evidently making for home when she reached this city. She was lost while out hunting with other dogs after rabbits. She struck the graveled highway leading north thru Hampton and thinking she was on the home road, evidently traveled north as far as Mason City then west and was swinging about in a circle to reach home when she was seen here.

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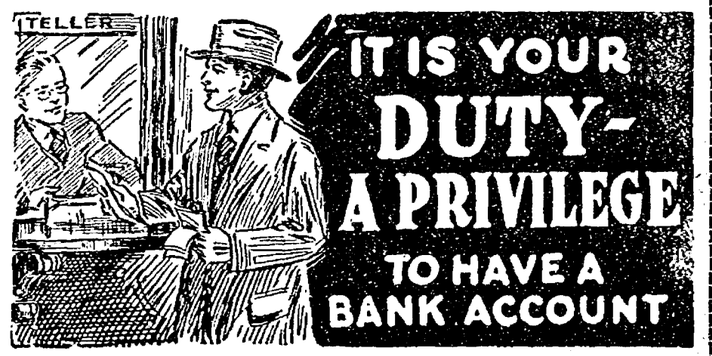

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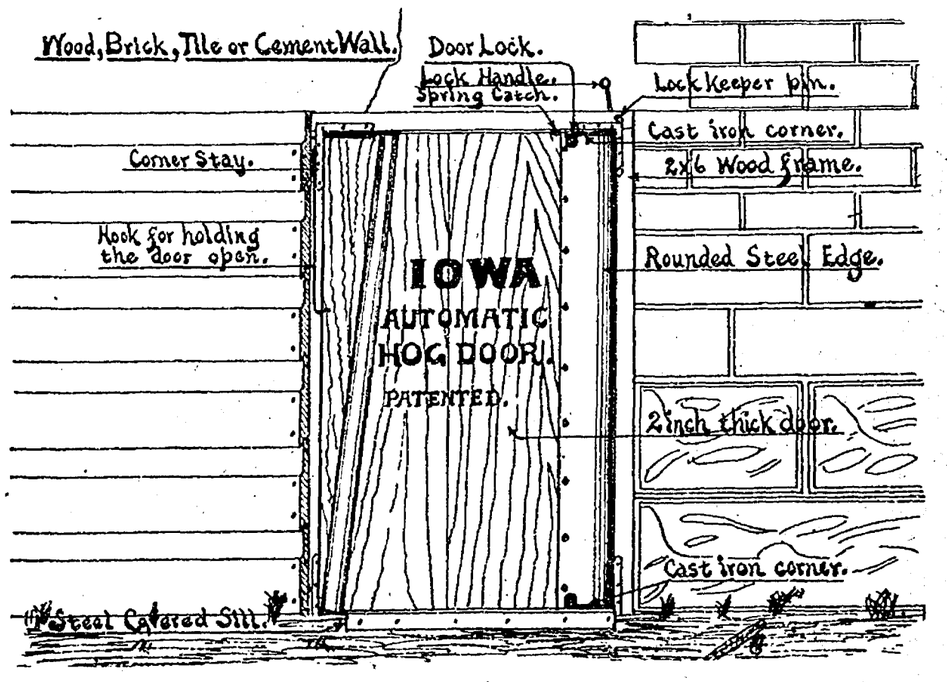

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MESERVEY SCHOOL NOTES

3rd and 4th Grade Notes

Those who were absent during the last week were Benjamin Suntken, Clarence Quandt, Lyle Fischer, Tillie Riekens, Raymond Pals, Everett Enabnit, and Wilbert Frey.

Those having perfect spelling in the fourth grade are LuVern Butz, Grace Koenen, Mervin Morris, Lincoln Paul, Gwethalynn Wenzel, Leona Koenen, Benjamin Boelman, Naomi Schlesselman and Phyllis Agler.

Those having perfect spelling in the third grade are Ivadel Wickershiem, Leona Prillip, Norman Muller, Vona Weaver, Henry Riekens, Ethel Bier and Tillie Riekens.

Friday afternoon the third and fourth grades planted flower seeds on various parts of the school ground. Many collections were brought by the children. The kinds of flowers planted were sweet peas, cosmos, dahlias, pansies and nasturiums.

Primary Room

The second grade had perfect spelling this week also, with the exception of Andrew Boelman. Those who missed in first grade were Theodore, George, Ruth Pals, Harold, Glenn, Arlo and Viola Sunken.

Julia Frye still holds the record for speed in the number works with a time record of 25 seconds.

Harold Riekens celebrated his sixth brithday Thursday afternoon.

High School Notes

Meservey high school won a close game from Swaledale Friday afternoon. The score was tied in the 7th inning 7 to 7 but in the next inning Meservey scored and won the game 8 to 7. The Meservey team is composed of the following: Gerald Braga catcher, Arthur Braga pitcher, Clarence Paul short stop, Clyde Smith 1st base, Harry Smith 2nd base, Bert Groen 3rd base, George Brater right field, Donald Butz center field and Oliver Sprau left field.

Besides the Swaledale game, Meservey has played Klemme and Sheffield losing by close scores.

The games for this week will be Ventura at Ventura, Tuesday and Goodell at Meservey Friday. Ten cents admission is being charged at these games. Come out and root for your home team, you baseball fans.

Dave Enabnit and family motored to Mason City, Sunday, to spend the day at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Enabnit.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hartwig of Thornton called at the Frank Hafferman home last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joan Stattlander had for their guests last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Harm Meintz and children of Chapin, B. Stattlander and family and Henry Meinderts of Latimer, also Lydia Pannkuk and Lydia Groen.

A. E. Muller motored to Mason City last Monday p. m. on business. He was accompanied by Otto Strassburg and John Langlitz. Otto remained to do jury duty.

Frank Hafferman and B. Gruis are driving brand new Sedan cars since last week.

C. K. Pals is the owner of a new Chevrolet touring car, which he drove for the first time last Saturday night.

Mrs. Stinson of Hampton, and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Booth and son Dwight of Bradford were Sunday visitors at the F. Ralston home.

Wm. Lanlitz and family of Goodell were Sunday visitors at the John Langlitz home.

Miss Ona Ulrick spent the week end at the Leland Jacobson home and with other relatives, returning to her school work at Ames on Sunday.

Miss Humke spent the week end with home folks at Ackley. She returned home Sunday p. m. accompanied by two brothers and a sister who motored back the same evening.

Lost opportunities never bother a fellow who doesn't realize that he has lost them.

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ROWAN NEWS

OBITUARY

William Theodore Shreck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Shreck, was born June 2nd, 1901, in Ridgway, Missouri. When a little over two years old he came with his parents to Garner, Iowa. After a time they moved to Rowan, then to Perry, Iowa. Four years ago the family moved to Hayfield, where he resided until death claimed him on April 27th, 1923, being almost 22 years of age. When 16 years of age, his health began to fail and he had not been rugged since that time.

About 3 years ago, during evangelistic meetings, he was converted and his one ambition was to become a missionary and thus serve his Master. While visiting at the place of his birth, two years ago, he joined the Methodist church and has been as active a member as health would permit in all its orgaizations, until death released him from his sufferings. Funeral services were held at Hayfield, Sunday at 9:00 a. m., then again at Rowan in the Congregational at 2 p. m. Rev. Souge of Hayfield conducting the services, assisted by Rev. C. T. Halbert of the local church. Burial was in Graceland cemetery, beside his only brother, Sammy, who passed away 7 months ago.

There are left to mourn, his father, mother, and two sisters, besides a host of relatives and friends. A large company of friends drove across from Hayfield for the service here.

OBITUARY

Eva Emily Madsen was born on a farm near Sheffield, Illinois, June 13, 1880, and passed away at Hampton at the Lutheran hospital, April 25, 1923, at the age of 42 years, 10 months and 12 days. She was the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Madsen. One sister and one brother preceded her in death.

On February 4th, 1903, she was united in marriage to Edwin C. Nelson, of Sheffield, Ill. To this union there were born four children: Everett Morris, Edna Marie, Enid Effie, and Ernest Harry. Besides her husband and children she leaves her aged father and mother, three sisters and one brother, Miss Martha Madsen, Mrs. Sena Munson, Mr. Harry Madsen all of Sheffield, Ill., and Mrs. Frode Thorbrogge of Chicago. These were all present at the funeral service except her aged mother, who is an invalid, and her sister, Miss Martha Madsen. The deceased has been a sufferer for several years, and about a year ago, life was despaired of, but her health improved for a time until a few months ago, when she was stricken again. She was taken to the hospital where she submitted to an operation for gallstones, but passed away two days after this. She realized that the end was near and made plans regarding the funeral service. Rev. Halbert had charge of the service which was held in the M. E. church. Mrs. Nelson will be greatly missed by her family. She was an ideal wife and mother and a true friend and neighbor.

Mrs. L. F. Stevenson left Tuesday for Thornton to accompany her daughter, Mrs. Bert Harris to Rochester, where she expects to undergo on operation for throat trouble.

Mrs. Ellen McCallum and children from Belmond, spent Sunday at the W. G. Bingham home.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosmon Simpson and Mr. and Mrs. Russel Mosely from Corwith spent Sunday at the George Liming home. Mrs. Simpson is a sister of Mr. Liming.

Floyd Whitten and wife moved into the Keith house near the Great Western Elevator, the latter part of last week.

O. F. Braden was in Belmond part of last week, working on the house into which Herb Hadley's are moving.

Violet Patton, who is quite ill with pneumonia, has been out of school for several days. She is improving at this writing.

Dr. Maker was in town last Saturday, shaking hands with old friends.

Mrs. E. P Ingranam came down from Swaledale last Friday and visited relatives and friends over Sunday.

H. J. Whitten and Jack Peddle went to Hayfield last Friday evening to visit at the Peter Shreck home.

A. E. Emerson is riding around in a new Buick Six these days.

Mrs. W. R. McCallum's class of girls met Friday evening with Miss Garnette Stumph to arrange their note books which they have been keeping in connection with their lessons. Mrs. McCallum served light refreshments.

The many friends of Mrs. Avard will be sorry to hear that she fell and sprained her hip quite badly and will be compelled to lie in bed for some time.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of thanking all those who so kindly assisted us during the sickness and death of our beloved wife and mother. Also for the beautiful floral offerings.

Edwin C. Nelson and children.

Commencing with next Sunday, May 6th, the morning service in the Congregational church will begin at 10:30, with Sunday school at 11:00 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 7:00 p. m. and the evening service at 8:00 p. m.

The Ladies Aid society of the Congregational church will serve a May Day supper in the church basement Saturday evening, May 5th.

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Congregational church meets Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Albert Emerson, with Mrs Gladys Whitten as leader.

ROWAN SCHOOL NOTES

The high school baseball team played at Latimer last Friday afternoon. Latimer won with a score of 23 to 6. The Rowan boys however, played a fine game. A number of the high school pupils went along to boost. The return game will be played Tuesday afternoon.

Frances Farran taught school for Miss Parks last Friday.

The 8th grade declamatory contest which was given Tuesday evening of last week was a fine success. The winners were as follows:

First over all was tie between Luelda McKinley and Everett Holliday.

Oratorical

1st Linden Whitten. 2nd Kenneth Whitten.

Dramatic

1st Luelda McKinley, 2nd Dagny Olson, 3rd Elsie Halbrook.

Humorous

1st Everett Holliday, 2nd Ruth Weber and Kate Peddle, 3rd George Brooks.

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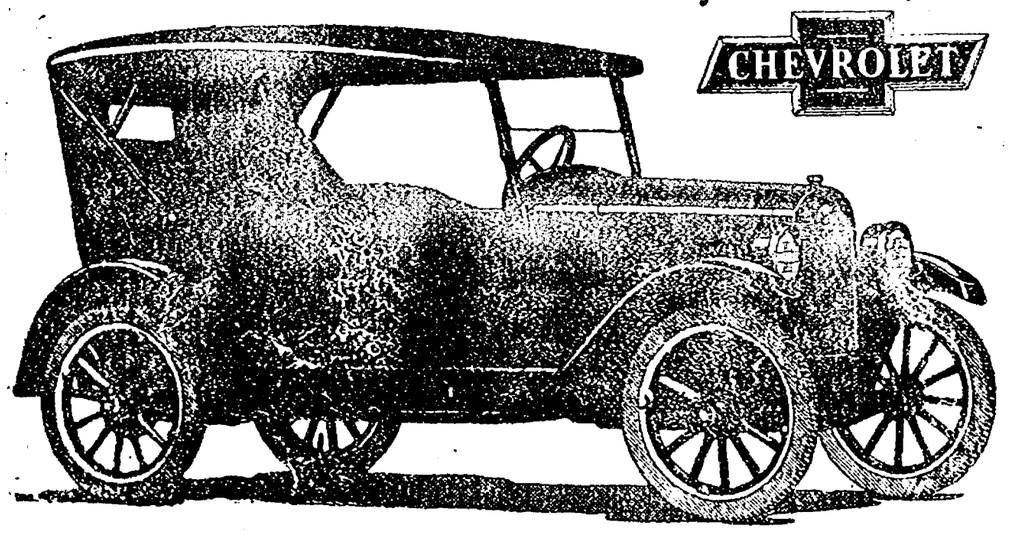

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Among the Neighbors

Miss Nell Delaney of Belmond was a week-end guest at the J. L. Sullivan home.—Monitor.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kessler and son were Belmond visitors Saturday.—Times.

W. H. Drake and family autoed to Belmond Sunday and spent the day with their daughter, Mrs. Norris.—Garner Leader.

Miss Mildred Shultze of Belmond was a week-end guest of Mrs. Leo Nelson.—Monitor.

Mrs. George Jenison, of Belmond, was a Klemme visitor Tuesday.—Times.

Mrs. Harry Bohning of Belmond spent a short time last week at the home of her cousin, Mrs. E. R. Lockwood.—Monitor.

LuVerne Smith was a business visitor at Belmond yesterday.—Times.

Henry Luick, of Belmond, was a visitor with relatives here Monday.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Saatoff of Osage were brief callers here Sunday afternoon. They came here from Belmond where they had spent a few hours with relatives.—Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. William Voiles, of Belmond, were Klemme visitors last Friday.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tyrrell of Belmond, were visitors in our city on Thursday of last week.—Times.

N. E. Brear of Belmond, junior partner of the Garner and Belmond Motor Sales Companies, and a Miss Nelson also of Belmond, were in Garner Sunday afternoon. Nick said that the roads were not the best but that the ride was delightful, nevertheless. Environment, you know, puts a different aspect upon a great many things.—Garner Leader

LuVerne Smith took possession of the Irving restaurant Sunday. He has been doing considerable cleaning up and re-arranging and says he will have a neat, clean place of business. He reports that business has been good since he started. He has an announcement advertisement in this issue which you should read.—Times.

South of town near the Carr farm residence, in Wright county, is a half mile or so of road that is in terrible condition and has been for some time. One or more cars get stuck there almost every day. Such a road is a hindrance to trade in Kanawha and the proper authorities should be requested to fix it. In the north part of town, in front of the Wm. Schroeder residence is another bad place that should be given attention at once. In talking to a traveling salesman this morning he imformed us the worst part of the drive from Britt was on north Main street of Kanawha.—Reporter.

BUSINESS PERSONALS

"Scopp" Larsen, of the Cash Market, was a business caller at Sioux City last week, where he purchased some extra fine beef for his trade.

"Bill" Harbison, of the City Meat Market, was attending to some business affairs at Des Moines, the first of this week.

The White Produce Company's truck was kept busy Monday, when three trips were made to Forest City, with eggs.

W. H. Wolle, of the Wolle Land Co., left Tuesday for International Falls, Minesota, where he has a deal "brewing" for 3,000 acres of land. He made the trip via the Lizzie route, and will be gone several days.

Through the Wolle Land Co., a deal was completed last week whereby Hal Smith of Belmond acquires the J. C. Arends 80 acres one mile west of Alexander. The consideration of the deal was $20,000. Smith trading in his Belmond residence property for $10,000. Mr. Arends and family will move to Belmond in the fall to make their future home.

The Jones Harness Co., reports a nice business this spring in vulcanizing and retreading, at which work they have had a large experience. Many a tire which you are ready to junk may be made good for many more miles if "Cec" is given a try at it.

T. A. Davenport, of the Belmond Telephone Co., returned the latter part of last week from Des Moines, where he had been attending a telephone convention.

The Belmond Storage Battery Co., recently took on the Fisk line of tires, and now have a complete stock on hand.

L. F. Simerson has been tearing down his building, wrecked in the big fire, the past week. We have not learned whether he plans to rebuild this summer or not.

The Johnson-Wright-Sampson Implement Co., got in a new Case grain separator last week.

"Bill" Dempsey has the horseshoe camp fixed up in fine style, with the pegs boxed in and an electric light directly over them, so the devotees of the sport can try for ringers as late as they please. They always have an appreciative audience, and some real players at the ancient and honorable game are developing. Why not get up a game with some neighboring throwers some Saturday night?

"JAP" JOHNSON WRITES OF JAPANESE CUSTOMS

Nagasaki, Japan
March 27, 1923

I just got back last Saturday from a ten days' trip to the Lui Kui Islands, and I found it was a very interesting place to visit.

The Lui Kui Island lie in a chain from the southern part of Japan proper to the Island of Formosa. There are a great many of them, but we visited only two of the larger ones, the principle city of the first being Oshima, and the capitol of the second being Naha. These Islands are very peculiar in their physical fomation, being composed mostly of volcanic soil, with a mixture of coral rocks. Around the city of Naha on most any of the roads you can pick up pieces of coral, not the pink variety that is so often used for decorations, but a white branch variety, and also a specie that is called brain coral, due to its structure resembling the brain of a human being. There are a lot of active volcanoes on the smaller islands, and as we were coming back I saw one of them in the act of erupting large volumes of smoke from its cone shaped crater. We were not near enough to hear any of the noises that it was undoubtedly making, but with a pair of glasses the smoke and the steam was very plain. For the most part the Islands are very low, with a few exceptions in those that compose the northern part of the chain, but in Okinawa, the name of the Island upon which we spent the most of our time, I do not think that any of the peaks reach an altitude of more than eight hundred feet.

The people that inhabit the Islands are somewhat similar to the Japanese and the Chinese, but they have some features that are different, the bridge of the nose is higher, and the face is somewhat fuller than either of the two races that they resemble. But they have the straight dark hair and the brown eyes that characterize the people of the Orient, and in their dress they resemble the Japanese, as both the men and women wear Kimonos. In stature they are about the same as the Japanese, being somewhat shorter on the average than the races of the western world. But they are kind and very good natured; all the time that we were there we at no time suffered from any conduct on the part of the natives. To be sure we were looked upon as rather strange creatures, and every place that we went the children set up the hushed cry of "Saogin", which is the word for foreigners, and followed us at a safe distance. Some times when we got tired of their company we turned around and ran at them, and such a scattering as it would cause in the ranks was sure funny to see. But I guess that you cannot blame them, as we were the first they had ever seen.

Some of the customs of the island are very peculiar, the most noticeable being the habit that the older women had of having their hands tatooed with very strange designs. However, this custom has been prohibited by law, so that the only ones you see with the tatoo marks are the older women. It is said that the custom originated when a Japanese officer was going to take a Lui Kui woman to Japan against her wishes, and to avoid going, she tatooed her hands, and made the officer think that she had contracted some skin disease, which frightened the officer so badly that he left her. Then the custom grew until all the Lui Kui women adopted it. When they were young they had a couple of spots tatooed on their fingers, and when they became married more was added, so that the place of the women's home could be told by the tatoo marks, as each province had some different mark that they used. We got one of the old ladies to hold her hands up in front of her so that we could take her picture; she was very nice about it, and as soon as we get them developed we are going to send her one of them.

I had heard before I left on the trip that one of the interesting things to see in the islands was the method that they used in burying the dead. At first I did not see how that was going to be of any great interest to us, but when I got there I think that about the first thing that attracted my attention was the large tombs they build for the dead. They are built usually on that side of hill and are great horseshoe shaped affairs, some of them twenty feet or more across. They are made out of stone, and some of them are very highly decorated with carvings. The body of the dead person is taken and placed in the tomb amid a great deal of ceremony and wailing; it is said that they have professional mourners whom they hire to go along to the tomb with the dead body, to make a great wail of anguish. The body is left in the sealed tomb for a year or more and then amid another ceremony the tomb is opened up, the bones of the person are washed off, and then placed in highly decorated urns which are set in the back of the tomb. If the tomb happens to be opened and the body is not entirely decomposed, it is supposed to be a sign that the person led a very bad life and is suffering for it, so when a very noted person used to die, as the old Lui Kui kings, the tomb was not opened for from three to ten years, so that they would be sure that they would not have to mourn for the suffering monarch. These tombs are the highest prized possession of the Lui Kui people; a man may not have more than ten yen in actual money, but he may have a tomb that is worth several hundred yen. If a family becomes hard up financially they can borrow money, giving posession of the tomb as security, and it is good security, because the people so highly prize these burial houses, that they will do all in their power to raise enough to pay off the debt. I am not sure what religion the people have, but it seems to be a sort of a combination of Buddism and family worship. One of the things that I noticed was the lack of priests in the places that we visited; here in Japan you see them every day, some of them in their flowing black robes and others of the begging variety in white clothes and large white hats, going from door to door, singing songs, for the few sens that they nearly always receive from the immates of the house.

The main lines of work of the people are raising sugar cane and rice, and the manufacture of cloth and straw hats, the latter a sort of panama which seems to be of a very good quality. Practically all of the farm work is done by hand, though some of them have oxen and horses that they use for plowing, if such it could be called, but most of the work is done by hand with the most crude of implements.

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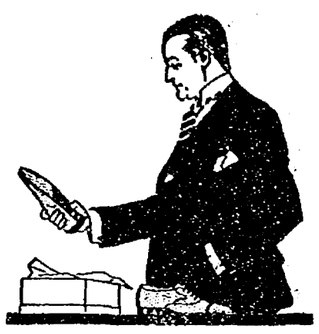

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Disliking the prospect of a month's visit to her austere aunt, Lady Erythea Lambe, at Jervaulx abbey, and her cousin, Alexander Lambe, Aimee, vivacious daughter of the Very Reverend Viscount Scroope, is in a rebellious mood.

CHAPTER II.—She wanders into the park, there encountering a strange youth in trouble with a motorcycle. He laughingly introduces himself as "Billy," American. The two cement the acquaintance by a ride on the motorcycle, the "Flying Sphinx," and part. With Georgina Berners, her cousin, Aimee sets out for Jervaulx. On the way she decides that Georgina shall impersonate her at Jervaulx, while she goes on a holiday. Georgina's horrified protest is unavailing.

CHAPTER III.—Happy in her new freedom, Aimee again meets "Billy." He tells her his name is Spencer, and she gives hers as Amy Snooks, at present "out of a job." Billy offers to take her into partnership in selling the Sphinx. In a spirit of madcap adventure, she accepts. The two proceed to the town of Stanhoe, taking separate lodgings in Ivy cottage.

"Why, yes, sir," she said, smiling, with a civil bob to Aimee. "I've a nice sitting room and a li'll bedroom; Mrs. Dale, next door, has another, if you can do with that?" Mrs. Dale appeared, and confirmed the offer. Both of them looked at the pair with smiling interest and wonder.

"Great!" said Billy. "You take the room here, old chap, and I'll take the other. We'll share the parlor."

Aimee accompanied Mrs. Sunning indoors; the little parlor was clean and cozy, the bedroom, upstairs at the back, tiny but clean.

Aimee made her toilet, descended to the parlor and ordered a meal. Mrs. Sunning acquiesced in everything.

"He's a wunnerful pleasant gentleman, Mr. Spencer," she remarked, and then, hesitating and reddening, she looked at Aimee. "I—I suppose, miss," she said with much embarrassment, "it's all right?"

Aimee stared.

"All right? How?" she said. "Everything's all right. Very much so!"

The woman's eyes betokened belief—and relief.

"Bless your pretty face, who'd think anything else?" she said. "You'll excuse my askin', miss. You see, Lady Erythea is my landlord, and she owns all Stanhoe."

Aimee felt a galvanic shock.

"Whom did you say?" she asked dazedly.

"Lady Erythea Lambe of Jervaulx abbey, the big place half a mile south the cross roads. She fare wunnerful strict, she do. It's as much as my tenancy's worth to have any goings-on here. That's all."

The woman left the room. Aimee stared round her blankly, then collapsed into a chair. She flung her arms across the table, buried her head in them, and broke into paroxysms of impish laughter.

"Oh, my Christian aunt!" she sobbed. "My Georgie! My Alexander!"

Her shoulders were still shaking wildly when Billy came in.

"Say, what's wrong?" he exclaimed in alarm, as Aimee raised a tear-stained face. "Crying—eh? No, laughing! That's good! That's the cure for sentiment! But what's the joke?"

"Just something I thought of, that's all," said Aimee, wiping her eyes.

"That's all right," said Billy imperturbably. "Guess I ain't inquisitive. But folks mostly tell me their troubles sooner or later."

"I suppose they do," said Aimee, regarding him thoughtfully.

Mrs. Sunning brought an abundant meal; chiefly eggs and tea. Aimee found it the merriest feast she had ever sat down to. Finally, she accompanied Billy to Mrs. Dale's door, and, returning, retired to her own room. She was about to let down her hair, but desisted, and instead sat on the bed for some time, thinking. She heard Mrs. Sunning retire, and presently silence reigned throughout the house.

A curious sense of loneliness crept over Aimee's spirit. She remained sitting for nearly half an hour. Presently she blew out the candle, and leaned out of the open window. The window of Billy's room at the other end of the building was in darkness. It had not taken Billy long to retire.

Aimee stayed awhile at the window. She returned to the bed, and reflected again. In that reverie a vision floated before her as of trees and sunlight, and her partner's yellow hair flickering in the breeze.

"Billy!" she murmured thoughtfully. "Old chap!"

She laughed gently.

"He isn't a frump, anyhow!"

The reverie took shape. Then, with a little sigh, she slipped off her shoes, and, carrying them with her, stole very softly down the staircase to the front door. On trying the door cautiously, she found it bolted, and the latch immovable. Also no key was visible. She realized she was locked in the house.

A feeling of intense annoyance seized Aimee. Where was the freedom she had sought? She returned to her bedroom, put on her shoes, leaned out of the window, and inspected the wall critically. It was covered with ivy and trellis-work.

She swung herself cautiously out onto the sill, and began very quietly to descend the trellis. Aimee, active and long-limbed, could climb like a cat. And as noiselessly as any member of that great feline tribe, she dropped upon the soft soil of the garden plot.

CHAPTER IV

In Deep.

Georgina Berners paced the floor of her bedroom at Jervaulx abbey, and wondered why the universe had not crashed in ruins about her head.

"It's like a dream," she said dazedly, "I can't believe in it at all."

To Georgina it came as an incredible climax that she had, after five hours at Jervaulx, been dismissed to bed with an august but approving kiss from Lady Erythea, and a protective, cousinly hand-shake from the sedate Alexander Lambe. She had not been denounced as an impostor, flung out with ignominy, or handed over to the police. All these things had seemed to Georgina not only possible but likely.

"What on earth will happen when they find out?" she said, shivering.

She commenced to disrobe, but had not proceeded very far when a hustle and a click were heard. Georgina turned with a gasp of fright. Someone was trying to force a way in at her window. She caught sight of a flushed face.

With a shriek of terror Georgina retreated to the bed, and prepared to dive under it.

"Don't make such a row, you fool!" hissed a voice.

The casements swung inwards, and Aimee, rather breathless, dropped onto the floor.

"Handy things, these verandas," panted Aimee. "How are you, Georgina, old thing?"

Georgina stared at her in paralyzed amazement.

Aimee sat down beside Georgina on the bed, and put an arm around her waist.

"Well, what's happened here?" she said cheerfully.

"Oh, I am so glad to see you!" exclaimed Georgina with infinite thankfulness. "Now we can clear everything up. It's been awful!"

"Why? Have you given me away?" said Aimee quickly.

"I haven't! You know I wouldn't!" cried Georgina hotly. "Though you ought to be whipped. I never said a word about you, and that's why I'm in this awful mess!"

"Dear old Georgina! You're a brick!" said Aimee, hugging her. "I was only pulling your leg—I knew you wouldn't sneak. But why is it awful? Have they found out?"

"When I got here," said Georgina feebly, "I thought I could explain somehow. But Lady Erythea met me on the steps and took me for you, and everything went right out of my head—"

"Good! I see. You hesitated and were saved."

"Saved?" ejaculated Georgina angrily.

"Well, I was saved. That's more important. You haven't done anything wrong, my snow-white lamb. What then?"

"And then Mr. Lambe came out, and she introduced him as my cousin Alexander. And—and I've been frightened to death all the afternoon, for I haven't had a chance to put things right."

Aimee sat back and looked at her in awestruck admiration.

"You mean to say they've no suspicion at all?" she exclaimed. "Dear old Georgie, how deep you must have been. I never thought you had it in you!"

"I didn't—I wasn't!" said Georgina in almost tearful indignation. "I've hardly said a word all day, except 'yes' and 'no.' And not even that if I could help it."

Aimee gurgled.

"And a jolly safe line, too! I can see we've always underrated you, Georgie. And you mean to say they never even got an inkling, all through, that there was anything unusual? That does rather beat me."

"There were one or two little things that puzzled them for a moment, I think," said Georgina reflectively, "but it all seemed to smooth itself out. And oh!" she concluded, with a great gasp of relief, "I am so glad it's over and we can stop it. Now, how are we going to clear things up and make it all right for you?"

"Stop it? I wouldn't stop it for a kingdom. It's perfectly splendid!"

Georgina stood up.

"You are out of your senses," she said dazedly; "I won't listen to another word! Think how fearful it would be if Alex—if Mr. Lambe knew. He—"

"Aha—Alexander! Yes. Is he as owlish as his photograph? What did you say to him, Georgina?"

"I—I—hardly anything. He told me all about his missionary work in Manchuria. He—"

"Where was that?"

"In the rose garden—" Georgina broke off suddenly.

"Did he squeeze your hand?"

Georgina was speechless with indignation.

"You were thinking about him when you stood at the window!" said Aimee, with the air of a prosecuting counsel. "You were being sentimental. I saw your face. It had that gooey look."

"Aimee," said Georgina, fairly roused at last, "how dare you! I am going straight to Lady Erythea, and you can talk to her! I have done—"

"No, no! I'm sorry, Georgie," said Aimee soothingly. "I couldn't help pulling your serene leg. I won't say a word against your cousin Alexander."

"He is a gentleman, at any rate," said Georgina, rather spitefully "he is a person one can respect."

"I am sure he is."

"Well, what are we going to do?"

"The thing for you to do," said Aimee, "is to go on respecting Alexander. And for him to go on respecting you. Think how awful it would be if it came out now. Alexander," said Aimee, with a pathetic little break in her voice, "is good. He doesn't get into scrapes. He isn't in horrible trouble like me—and nobody to help me. I didn't think," she added with a gulp, "that you'd go back on me, Georgie!"

"I won't and I can't," said Georgina mournfully, "and you know it." But she softened visibly. "You haven't told me where you've come from, and what you've been doing! I've been frightfully worried about you."

Aimee regarded her thoughtfully. It was clear that Georgina already had all she could bear. This was no time to tell her about Billy.

"You needn't worry about me. I'm staying at a little place nearby. I'm quite all right, and I've got some money. We simply must keep it up for a few days—father is leaving Scroope Towers soon, and then I'll show you how we can smooth it all over."

"But don't you see how impossible it is! Your father will come here to see you before he goes. And he—he'll expect you to write to him!"

"How bright you are tonight, Georgie. You think of everything," said Aimee briskly. She sat down at the writing table by the wall, selected a sheet of the Jervaulx note-paper with the Lambe arms—three fleeces argent on a field vert—and with an immensely serious face began to write rapidly, pausing occasionally for thought. Georgina watched in fascinated horror.

"Listen!" said Aimee, blotting the sheet and reading it aloud with much satisfaction.

My Dearest Daddy: I arrived here safely, and already I'm quite one of the family. Aunt Erythea likes me much better than she thought she would; she is very nice and kind, and I have a lovely bedroom. I am enjoying myself very much at Jervaulx. (That's all perfectly true.)

Cousin Alexander is awfully interesting, and I like hearing him talk about Manchuria. He is a gentleman, and one feels he is really good, and that makes me respect him.

I'm awfully sorry I made such a fuss about coming here, but I never thought I should have such a lovely time as I'm having. So you needn't worry about me, because I'm going to be quite happy.

Your loving daughter,

AIMEE.

P. S.—In case you thought of coming over to see me soon, I ought to mention that the whole place is simply devastated with mumps. Of course it's quite all right for me, because I've had them.

Georgina emitted a moan.

"A very proper letter," said Aimee, affixing a stamp to the envelope, with a determined thump. "One should always, consider one's parents, and spare them pain. And that postscript is a touch of genius; the only thing in the universe Dad is afraid of is mumps. He hasn't had them, and he says they are a formidable affliction to the aged, and very undignified. And it's quite true; I saw five children at Stanhoe with mumps this afternoon. I should hate to tell a fib. Unless," she added, wrinkling her smooth brow, "it became absolutely necessary."

She moved toward the window.

"Aimee!" cried Georgina, starting up panic-stricken. "You're not going! Are you serious about this?"

"Not a bit. And don't you be, either," said Aimee, as she clicked off the switch of the electric. "See you tomorrow—if I can. Good night, old thing."

The room was plunged in darkness, and there was a scraping sound at the window.

"Aimee!" gasped Georgina wildly, fumbling round the wall for the switch. It was some time before she found it, and when she turned it on the room was empty.

"Aimee!" cried Georgina, leaning out of the window.

There came a sudden thumping on the bedroom door.

"Aimee!" said the stern voice of Lady Erythea. "Why is your light on at this hour? What are you moving about for? Is anything wrong?"

"No-no—aunt!" said Georgina, choking, "n-n-nothing much."

"Extinguish your light instantly, and go to sleep!"

With shaking fingers Georgina turned off the switch, and undressed pathetically in the dark. She crept into bed and thought of Alexander—the one touch of untroubled calm on the waters of Jervaulx.

CHAPTER V

On the Job.

Morning and the song of birds. The sunshine streamed into the room, bringing with it the God-given promise of a fine morning; it [illegible] flowers and greening thorn-hedge. Aimee stood and drank it in thankfully, till she realized with a shock that it was past ten.

The only bath available at Ivy cottage was a tub of spring water. Aimee made the most of this, and, dressing hurriedly, came downstairs glowing like a picotee. Billy was in the parlor.

"Morning!" he cried.

"Have you been down long?" exclaimed Aimee.

"'Bout three hours!" he chuckled. "I've covered sixty miles since then. Just a little breather."

"Why—you haven't waited breakfast for me, have you?" she cried.

"Oh, that's all right. Rang a baker up an' got a roll an' milk at Syderford. Nothing done yet—couldn't breakfast without my partner."

Mrs. Sunning, with bare, dimpled arms and her face wreathed in smiles, brought in the breakfast. There were brown ducks' eggs, cream, watercresses and a brace of brook trout.

Billy glanced at his companion from time to time, with a quiet watchfulness.

"Sleep all right, old chap?" he asked presently.

"Rather. Didn't wake up till just now," said Aimee, taking a large spoonful of comb honey. "Did you?"

Billy paused.

"Middling," he said slowly. "Say, partner, what'd you like to do now? Rest a bit?"

"Rest!" said Aimee scornfully. "I want to live, not rest!"

"Ready to get busy on the Sphinx, an' cleave the ether?"

"Yes, right away."

"Good! I'll get her fixed."

Twenty minutes later they met by the shed where the Sphinx was stored. As Billy wheeled the machine out, he looked keenly into Aimee's eyes.

"Partner," he asked, "you haven't anything on your mind, have you?"

Aimee laughed aloud. Her eyes sparkled.

"Do I look as if I had?"

"No, by the Great Horn Spoon, you don't!" said Billy, eyeing her with a flash of admiration. "You look as if you'd face the world and laugh at everything it handed you—from a bunch of roses to sudden death. You're IT! Come on."

They went out through the little gate. Billy did not offer to mount the Sphinx till they were clear of the lane. When he stopped, Aimee observed for the first time that the Sphinx had a brand-new spring pillion-seat clamped to the carrier.

"What's this for?" exclaimed Aimee.

"Why, for you, old chap. Easier riding."

"I didn't need it, Billy. The carrier was good enough."

"Nope," said Billy with determination, "not nearly good enough. Carrier! You ain't baggage, are you?"

"Don't know. It's what a lot of people have called me."

"Who?" said Billy indignantly.

"Oh, frumps."

"There's a lot of indiscriminating people about," said her partner abruptly.

The Sphinx started, and Billy threaded lanes at an easy pace. The soft wind of the morning caressed them as they rode. Not that it had any pacifying effect on Aimee's spirit. The sense of adventure mounted to her head like wine.

"Here we are!" said Billy, turning onto a long, deserted stretch of high road, running delightfully level and straight. He let the Sphinx out. For eighty seconds the hedges flashed by like long green streamers. At the end of a mile and a half Billy stopped and dismounted.

"Now," he said, "we're not going to talk about how to sell the Sphinx yet awhile; the first thing is to put you wise to her. You've got to know her inside out and backwards—and she's the sweetest thing that ever burned gas. Now, look here!"

Aimee kneeled eagerly on the grass, and Billy fluently explained, dismantling the parts as he talked.

For twenty minutes she followed him, testing for herself.

"Why," said Billy with delight, stopping and looking at her, "it's like teaching a duck to swim! You catch on quicker than I can show you—you were born to it!"

"I'm an infant to you," said Aimee admiringly. "What a head you've got. It's everything a motor engine ought to be but never is. Let's take down the cylinder."

They busied themselves dismantling and re-assembling the engine.

"I'll show you how to drive her now," said Billy. "Stationary, till you get the hang of her."

Aimee mounted the saddle, while the machine remained on its stand, and Billy showed her how to control the engine running free with the clutch out. She took longer to grasp this. The controls, though simple, were of an unusual type. In ten minutes, however, she mastered them pretty efficiently.

"Fine!" said Billy enthusiastically. "Parther, the Sphinx is your big sister! Now we'll run her on the road—I'll ride the pillion an' coach you. But for the land's sake go easy with the throttle. She'll rush you clean off the British Isles if you give her any gas."

Aimee started dead slow. The ease and resiliency of the drive, once the Sphinx was running, astonished her. Gradually Aimee increased speed to fifteen and twenty miles. She was intoxicated by the sense of power, answering to the least touch of her fingers.

"Glorious!" she gasped.

"You're doing fine," said Billy, watching keenly. He made her practice stopping and starting, including emergency halts. "Say, isn't she the last word in lady's mounts?"

"Rather!" said Aimee, in spite of a sense of difficulty with her dress and the Sphinx's tank, low though it was. "Except—I feel as if I were all stockings."

"Shucks! what of it?" he answered impatiently. "There's nobody here to see. Try her on the high gear now."

Aimee changed gear deftly enough, and for awhile drove steadily. But the intoxication of speed confused her senses. She made the one mistake she had been warned against. The Sphinx dashed forward like a whippet, and, in trying to rectify the error she made it worse.

"Throttle down!" said Billy sharply.

Intending to obey, Aimee blundered again, and closed down the extra air inlet. The Sphinx roared in protest, and shot ahead like a bullet from a gun. The pace was awful. How the machine kept on the road was a miracle. Every moment promised a devastating crash. In front was a right-angled bend, inviting sudden death. Billy leaned swiftly forward.

Billy Leaned Swiftly Forward.

"Valve-lifter—left!" he said quietly in her ear. Aimee's left hand tightened on the lever—just in time. The steady voice—when a fool would have yelled aloud—brought all her faculties back; she throttled down as the machine slowed, and swung round the bend safely at a bare eight miles an hour—but without sounding the horn.

There was an astonished shout and a cry of warning ahead. A large carriage, with two fat horses and a fat coachman, seemed to be right on top of Aimee's handlebars. She swerved and braked violently, while the horses were reined back on their haunches; the Sphinx toppled sideways, shooting Billy clean through the screen of brambles that covered the ditch.

Aimee performed a sort of semi-somersault, and landed on her feet with an intoxicated stagger. For one awful moment she found herself facing the amazed occupants of the carriage.

She was conscious of the face of Georgina, very white, staring at her open-mouthed, with eyes as big as saucers. Beside Georgina sat a tremendous, elderly lady, gripping a lorgnette, and speechless with anger. A large young man in black, his eyes matching Georgina's for size, had started up and was grasping the side of the carriage.

In a fraction of a second the truth telegraphed itself to Aimee's flustered brain. Aunt Erythea!

Aimee leaped the ditch like a chamois, right over the top of Billy; plunged through the tall hedge as a circus rider goes through a hoop, and vanished.

"Is anybody hurt, there!" gasped Mr. Alexander Lambe. "Is—"

"Nope. Not here," said Billy's voice feebly from the ditch. A pair of booted legs waved among the brambles.

"I never saw anything so disgraceful in my life!" cried Mr. Lambe. "Your number! I want your number. I—I"

Lady Erythea, whose face was crimson, leaned forward and smote the coachman twice violently in the back with the handle of her parasol.

"Drive on—fool!" she said explosively.

The coachman started and whipped up the fat horses. Mr. Lambe staggered as the carriage went forward.

"Aunt," he said, "that—that woman, who was driving, ought to be apprehended! If I had my way—"

"If I had my way," retorted Lady Erythea, "she'd be whipped! She and all her tribe. But the idiot Gervase, of course, was on the wrong side; we've no case. I hope their wretched machine is wrecked. Sit down, Alexander, do you hear!"

Mr. Lambe obeyed, protesting faintly. Georgina, with one hand pressed to her bosom, felt as though she were on the point of heart-failure.

Continued next week.

ALEXANDER NEWS NOTES

ST. JOHN'S EVANG. LUTH.

Sunday school 2 o'clock.

Preaching 3 o'clock.

Our ladies Aid meets with Mrs. John Walzing Tuesday afternoon May 8th.

This will be our last Service before conference which meets at Burlington, Iowa, May 12th.

C. J. Barth, Pastor.

M. E. CHURCH NOTES

Next Sunday May the 6th we change the time of services. They are as follows:

Preaching at 9:30 in the morning. Sunday school at 10:30. We desire a large attendance at these services and extend a hearty welcome to all. Study: the Life of Samuel for next Sunday's Lesson. Class No. 4 is having an interesting time on these studys.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Harmon of Goldfield were visiting at the Nels Larsen home the first of the week.

Carl Grieman of Latimer was a caller in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hensel and sons, Carrol and Donald, visited with his parents at Webster City last Sunday.

Alfred Anderson was a business caller at Waterloo the last of the week.

John Arends and sons, Bennie and Jesse, were visitors at Hampton last Sunday afternoon.

Lloyd Green a Sunday visitor at Hampton.

Bennie Arends was a caller at Belmond last Saturday.

Mr and Mrs. Forrest Gillett and son, Alvie George, visited relatives at Hampton, Sunday.

Will Foughty was a business caller at Hampton last Thursday.

Oscar Hensel and Ben Arends were at Hampton, Wednesday, on business.

Mrs. Carl Bohlen and children were callers at Meservey, Wednesday.

Arthur Winwood was a caller at Hampton last Friday.

Dr. Martin of Latimer was a professional caller in town several days the past week.

A. M. Butler was a Dows caller Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Beenen were Sunday visitors with relatives at Hampton.

Mrs. Lillian Seegar, who has spent the past several months at Popejoy, came Sunday for an indefinite stay at the Albert Larsen home.

Otto and Andrew Helland of Belmond, were Sunday visitors at this place.

Will Vestwber of Belmond was in town on business several days the past week.

R. L. Carlock, Fred Greenfield and son, Frederick, Misses Ethel Roulet and Florence Zara were among the callers at Belmond last Saturday.

Jap Rais of Coulter was transacting business at Alexander one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Claas Symens were callers at Meservey last Saturday.

Mr.and Mrs. Clarence Murphy and children visited with relatives at Aredale last Thursday.

Miss Nellie Bell was having dental work dose at Hampton last week.

Miss Eva Whetstone, principal of our school, visited with Miss Lillie Cornwell at Dows the latter part of the week.

F. L. Greenfield, John F. Bell and R. L. Carlock were business callers at the county seat last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Larsen and children visited with relatives at Hampton last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Rodemeyer and family were Sunday visitors with relatives at Iowa Falls.

Harold Aigley of Belmond was a caller in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Clay of Mason City were calling on friends in town on Sunday afternoon.

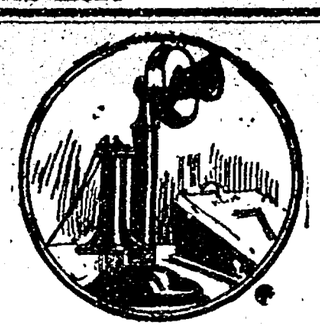
The Cemetery Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Otto Kieslick next Monday afternoon, May 7th, and will hold their annual business meeting and election of officers. Hostesses for the meeting are the Mesdames Otto Kieslick, Jesse Latham, and George Dunn.

Of course right will always prevail—when there is no opposition.

It is comforting to know that somewhere in every person there is something good.

Take care of the little troubles and there won't be any big ones to bother you.

Independent Wants Ads are little but they bring Big Returns. Try one for what you have to sell or rent.



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Belmond Local News

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Webb visited their son, Harry, at Woden, Iowa, Sunday, and attended the protracted meetings held in Harry's church Rev. Metcalf of Sioux City is the Evangelist conducting the meetings, the evangalist singer being John Peterson. Harry is meeting with fine success in his charge at Woden.

A large number of Belmond people autoed to Galt, Sunday, to see the remains of the big fire there Saturday night.

"Another charmingly simple, wholesomely human play for the multitude is 'Daddy Long-Legs,'"—New York Evening Mail. Senior class play, May 11.

Miss Marguerite Leonard, who has been working in Minneapolis, is spending a vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Leonard.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stacy, and children and the twins, drove to Hampton, Sunday, for a visit with relatives and friends.

We have a complete line of base ball goods. Prices reasonable.—Schultz Drug Co.

Kill your gophers now before they get your corn. Use Strychnime.—Schultz Drug Co.

C. J. Stoffer, of Alexander, was a business caller here on Saturday of last week.

L. D. Bingham of Rowan, was a pleasant visitor in town last Saturday, driving up with some Rowan shoppers.

D. E. Packard is having his home repainted, his son Ned. doing the work.

Several lots to rent for garden purposes.—Mrs. Val Griesy. 242c

Mammoth Brown Turkey Eggs for Sale. Fifty cents each.—Sheriff Bros. 241c

"Daddy Long-Legs" possesses a quality that holds interest and moistens the eyes and makes one feel altogether better for having seen it."—New York Telegram. Senior Class play, May 11.

Louis Tokman, of the Belmond Auto Co., was a business caller at Des Moines yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Brooks spent the day, Sunday, at Kanawha, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Thompson.

Mrs. Luella Devereanx from Fort Dodge is staying with her sister Miss Knox while Mr. and Mrs. Earl Madsen are at Rochester.

Carlton Johnson is the latest victim of the Radio bug, having purchased an At-Water Kent Radio set of the Townsan Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kinney have been spending a few days at Clarion, at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Duran Nagle, and family.

Rev. J. M. Jensen and family went to Dows on Tuesday, to attend the Circuit Meeting of the Eagle Grove district of the Trinity church.

Jerry Blau, of Alexander, was in town on business affairs on Tuesday of this week.

Will Ammerman, of Alexander, was a business caller in town on Tuesday.

If it's a good used car you want, we have it. All makes. Make your own terms—Belmond Auto Co.

The vicinity of Alexander experienced a hard rain and electrical storm Tuesday afternoon. Ye Editor made a drive to Hampton that evening, and plowed deep mud around Alexander for eight miles. Along the way lightning had struck a tree beside the road, reducing it to splinters and scattering bits of wood for rods into the pasture adjacent. We have never seen a tree so thoroly ruined as this one was.

James Leavy was on the sick list on Tuesday.

Mrs. A. A. Andrews returned Tuesday from Magnet, Ark., where she has spent the winter with her brother.

Father Barry of Webster City has been visiting his brothers and sisters here the past few days.

Mrs. Ellen Schultz went to Rochester, Tuesday, to visit her son, who lives there.

Rev. and Mrs. Meier of Manson, were here on business Monday.

C. L. Groh has raised his house and is having a basement put under it.

John Brooks and mother drove to Hayfield, Sunday, to visit relatives.

Mrs. Spooner and children from Storm Lake spent the week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Thompson.

Mrs. E. L. Madsen, accompanied by Miss Hill, went to Rochester, Saturday, to see her husband, who is at the hospital there.

Sheriff Bros. recently sold 20 head of good fat steers for an even $2,000. Which, we would say, shows they are mighty good feeders.

See the Bock Lumber Co., for low prices on barb wire and genuine American Field Fence. 24tfc

Mrs. Herman Schultz was a caller at Mason City on Tuesday of this week.

"Critics were caught smiling simply and sentimentally; elderly ladies beamed; if anybody came with a carping spirit he soon had it bewitched out of him. It was a pretty little story, a gay little story, a sad little stroy, a quaint little story, and the salt of wit and the sense of character were there to lull the suspicions of the sophisticated."—New York Evening Post. Senior Class Play, May 11.

Rev. and Mrs. Jensen were entertained to dinner, Sunday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Swenson.

V. F. Mikesell, auditor at the sugar factory, was a business caller at the county seat Monday afternoon.

Supt. W. J. Guthrie attended a school superintendents' meeting at Iowa City last week.

The next ball game here will be Friday this week, when Sheffield comes over to meet the local high school team. Last Friday, Belmond won from Garner 11 to 5.

The appeal of this play is overwhelming. It will defy even the sophisticated to resist it. There is a constant tear behind every laugh in it."—New York Evening Globe. Senior Class play, May 11.

Rier Rierson and John Anderson have been in attendance this week at the three-day meeting of the Trinity church at Dows.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Munson left the first of the week for Roland, Iowa, where their daughter, Eva Vienna, will be married today to Mr. Otis Twedt, the marriage taking place at the home of the bride's grandmother.

Dead animals removed from your premises FREE.—Belmond Rendering Works. Phone 2119. 48tfc

Mrs. M. C. Madsen, accompanied by Mrs. F. O. Fitts, left Tuesday night for Rochester to visit Earl Madsen at the hospital there.

Rev. and Mrs. Van Farrowe of Kanawha were shopping in Belmond Monday.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY, MAY 11

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The Juniors went to the grove Monday evening for a wiener roast.

Bill Butts received the certificate stating that had he been awarded the Gold Medal for proficiency on a Remington Typewriter. The medal is now being made up at the Jewelers and will be forwarded upon its completion. This is the highest award given by the Remington Co.

Supt. Guthrie attended the Superintendents' meeting at Iowa City last week, and incidentally visited several other colleges.

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

At the Belmond Bakery next Saturday, a new line of cakes and pastry. Try some of our new pastry and white layer cake. If you don't say it is the best you ever tasted we will be disappointed. Watch our front window.

Mrs. M. R. Pierce was a visitor at Mason City on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Henry Madison left yesterday afternoon for her old home in Wisconsin, to visit old friends and relatives.

Earl Madsen, who is at Rochester for treatment, underwent an operation Tuesday for Tumor on the brain. Owing to excessive loss of blood, the operation could not be carried thru to completion, only part of the tumor being removed. Earl stood the ordeal nicely, and if all goes well it is expected to operate again in a week or ten days to remove the balance of the tumor.

The Congregational Ladies' Aid realized a nice profit from their annual May supper, given Tuesday night, something like $75 being the net profit.

COURT HOUSE NOTES

The criminal docket was practically cleaned up last week and the liquor violators given a taste of the law, but it is generally conceded by all law abiding citizens that the "teeth" in the liquor laws should be both longer and sharper. Joe Thurman of Clarion plead guilty and was sentenced to sixty days in county jail. He is said to have been a partner of Henry Lammers. When arraigned on the charge of bootlegging he stated that he had no money with which to employ an attorney nor did he possess any property. His occupation, he told the judge, was what ever he could get to do. The court appointed G. R. Hill to look after his interests, who, after looking into the matter, advised his client to enter a plea of guilty. Practically the same procedure was had in the case of H. M. Paul of Pegle Grove, who also drew sixty days. Attorney Henneberry was appointed to defend him.

The bootlegging charge against Lloyd and Claire Waite of Rowan was dismissed by County Attorney Jensen upon the understanding that they would enter a plea of guilty to the charge of keeping intoxicating liquors with intent to sell, which they did and Judge McCall imposed a fine of $200 in each case. On Thursday they handed Clerk Goslin their checks for the above amount. The people of Rowan are not satisfied with the outcome of these cases, nor the verdict in the concealed weapon trial.

The bootlegging case against Chas Moon, of Rowan was tried before a jury, occupying three days time of the court. The case was given to the jury shortly before the supper hour and it was nearly midnight before a verdict was reached. The ladies of the jury, to their credit, were for conviction. One or two of the gentlemen held out on the grounds that there was not sufficient evidence to convict. While it was not directly shown that Moon was engaged in the traffic of liquor, the circumstances were such that there was little doubt about the matter. The testimony of witnesses as to his character, his presence at the train with an auto the morning Waite was arrested with a suitcase containing liquor as it was being carried to the auto when the officers interferred, all tend to confirm the verdict of the jury. Mr. Moon was given a fine of $200 and costs by the Judge and given a week in which to raise the money. It is rumored that he may make a clean breast of some of the goings on at Rowan for the past year or more, as he now feels that he has been made the goat in the present matter.—Monitor..

BELMOND MARKETS

Hens, heavy	17c
Smooth springs	17c
Roosters	08c
Stags	10c
Leghorns	08c
Geese	08c
Ducks	12c
Turkeys	25c
Old Toms	16c
Eggs	20c
Cream	40c
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WANT ADS

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FOR SALE

For Sale—White Pekin Ducks Eggs. $1.25 per setting of 10.—Ralph Baker. Phone 3515. 223c

For Sale—Three used tractors: 1 Waterloo Boy; 1 Moline, complete with plows; 1 Fordson, plows and double tandem discs. All in first class shape.—Johnson & Wright. 21tfc.

For Sale—Eggs, S. C. B. Orpingtons; heavy winter laying flock, culled. $1.00 per 15, $5.00 per 100.—Mrs. L. E. Titzell. 232*

R. C. R. I. Red Hatching Eggs for sale. Phone 299.—R. E. Webb. 234c.

For Sale—Car of Grundy county clover and timothy hay, mixed, at Rock Island tracks last of this week.—J. E. Lamb. 241*

For Sale—Yearling Spotted Poland China boar, 60 per cent white. Has sired 101 live pigs to 10 sows. Guaranteed. Also yearling sow for July farrow.—Roy Jenison, Belmond. 241

For Sale—Some very good clothing; ladies suits and silk dresses, slightly used.—New Belmond Tailor Shop. Phone 28. 24tfc

October Steer Calves for Sale. Also milk cows. Good quality.— M. Halfwassen, Meservey. 242c

For Sale—Some good hay. Sheriff Bros. 241c

FOR RENT

For Rent—6 room house one block south of State Bank of Belmond. Inquire at this office.

For Rent—Seven room house, one lot and barn, on Main street.—Call 247.

Parties interested in spaying heifers,see or phone Dr. R. G. Brown Belmond. Phone 159. 243

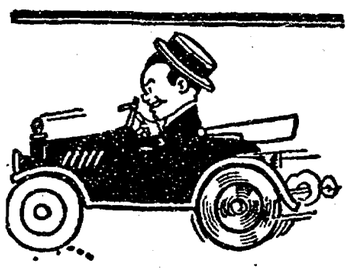
BELMOND TRAIN SCHEDULES

(Corrected to date.)

ROCK ISLAND
Going North
Passenger, daily ------ 8:15 a. m.
Freight, daily ---------- 10:55 a. m
Combination, daily ------ 2:15 p. m.
Going South
Passenger, daily ------ 6:28 p. m.
Freight, daily -------- 1:10 p. m.
Combination, daily ---- 11:58 a. m.

M.& ST. L.
Going West.
Combination, daily ---- 8:30 a. m
Going East
Combination, daily ----- 3:55 p. m.

GREAT WESTERN
Going North
Motor, daily ---------- 9:24 a. m.
No. 16, pass., D & S ---- 1:35 p. m.
No. 12, pass., D & S ---- 1:26 p. m.
Local Freight -------- 7:55 a. m.
Going South
No. 11, pass., D & S ---- 1:23 a. m.
No. 15, pass., D & S ---- 3:40 p. m.
Motor ---------- 5:19 p. m.
Local Freight -------- 3:20 p. m.



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Kinseth's Store News

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—K—

If you want a good milk pail with a cover, and the pail full of good crackers, come in and get yours for only $1.18. There's a lot of crackers in one of these pails, to say nothing of the pail itself. You never got a bigger bargain. And you know how handy crackers come in, as well as a good pail. Get yours now.

Of course, if you are raising little chicks this spring, you want them to do well. They will of you feed them Buttermilk Mash. It's the finest feed going for the little chicks. We have it. Get some for those chicks of yours—you'll soon see the difference.

—K—

And don't forget we have a complete linq of Shoes, overalls and men's shirts. Come in and see, and look at the prices.

—K—

So for goodness sake come to the Store on the Corner and be contented.

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With the late cold spring would it not be good business to put in a few less acres of small grain and corn and put in beets where you are guaranteed a set price with all the possibilities of the High Sugar Market. Beets are the surest crop you can raise. Think it over and call the factory or field man at once.

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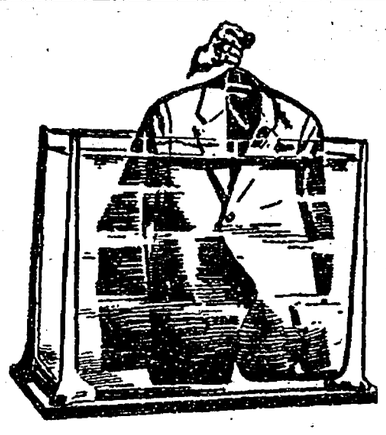

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Meeting Tonight For 4th Celebration

Business Men To Meet To Decide About Celebrating In Belmond This Year.

TALK ABOUT A BAND TOO

A meeting will be held in the library basement this (Thursday) evening at 7:30, to discuss the advisability of Belmond celebrating the Fourth of July this year. It is desired that a full turn-out of the business men and citizens attend, so that accurate sentiment may secured on the question. The question of a band will also be brought up.

TWO BIG TIMES

The two divisions of Dr. McBurney's Sunday school class have enjoyed big times the past week. Last Thursday Ray Klemme's division had a "circus" in Tyrrell Park, with a big attendance. It was a real circus, too, in more ways than just the name. All the circus entertainment was there including the tight rope walker, the bareback rider, the ferocious bear and the rest. Tuesday Mrs. Martin's division took a trip to "Fort Dodge," some 22 cars being in the train. The Earn Luick home was the first stop, "Cornelia," where the party had hootch. John Campbell's, the next stop, "Clarion," brought coffee and sandwiches. "Florence"—W. H. Wolle's—found pop, "Eagle Grove"—C. O. Fitts'—brought deviled eggs, cheese and crackers; Bert Anfinson's, "Vincent," was headquarters for pop corn, peanuts and candy; and "Fort Dodge," Ward Martin's, brought ice cream and cake. From there they all attended the movies and wandered home around midnight. Between 70 and 80 people were in the "train." Both affairs were just good time doings, get-together affairs to meet each other and welcome new members to the class, and "they say" both were highly entertaining.

KANAWHA GETS FIRE SIREN

The own of Kanawha has acquired an electric fire siren similar to the Belmond yowler, and now have it installed. The siren will be sounded every noon, as is done here, and in addition the fire company has evolved a system of signals to designate in which part of town the fire may be, when the alarm is sounded. The idea is all right, but the chances are pretty slim of their being observed. When a fire comes along that siren is just going to yell, regardless.

GET NEW FIRE TRUCK

All these small towns around seem to be acquiring the fire-prevention idea, the latest being Kanawha, where they have acquired a Ford truck and are fitting it up for a fire truck, with two chemical tanks recently purchased by the city council.

YEAH, WHO IS HE?

Says the Wright County News last week, under the heading "What Is His Name We Wonder?"—A Belmond man, or a man claiming to be from Belmond, got drunk in Iowa Falls last week and annoyed the nurses and patients in the hospital. He was arrested and given three days in the city jail.

SULLIVAN NEW MAYOR

A special meeting of the city council was called on Tuesday evening, at which time R. C. Morse resigned as mayor of Belmond, and M. D. Sullivan was elected to fill his place by the council. Mr. Sullivan has been one of the council, and as mayor will give Belmond the same good service he has given as a member of the council. Mr. Morse has been in ill health for some time, and decided that he could not under the circumstances give his official duties the attention he felt they deserved. Belmond may feel assured that under Mr. Sullivan the affairs of the city will be given the same watchful care as "Rufe" has given them.

BELMOND SCHOOL NOTES

The Belmond high school track team went to Clear Lake yesterday and came home victorious with 61 2-3 points to 56 1-3 points made by Clear Lake. This was very good for the first meet this year. Coach Crozier took 15 boys in his team. The boys won nearly all the track events but were weak in field events. William Tyrrell took first place in broad jump, Chapman first in 100 yard dash, William Tyrrell first in 220 yard dash. Edwin Christie and Madson tied for first in the 440. Edwin Christie took first in the half mile and Ray Stapley first in the mile. They also won both the half mile and the mile relays.

Last Wednesday the baseball team went to Clarion and defeated the Clarion high school team with a score of 13 to 7. The base ball team is establishing the same record as our basket ball team.

The boys go to Britt, Thursday.

The big event of this week is the Junior-Senior banquet to be held Friday evening in the gymnasium. The Juniors are entertaining the Seniors, high school faculty and the members of the Board of Education and their wives.

We wish to thank all the business firms and individuals who so kindly aided us in the Senior class play by loaning us costumes and stage settings. We are especially indebted to the Hat Shoppe, C. C. McGuire Carlston & Skovlin and the Belmond Furniture Company. We appreciate the cooperation of the public in all our undertakings.

Normal Training examinations come Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

BASE BALL MEETING FAILURE

The meeting called for last Thursday night, at the city hall, was a flat failure, but half a dozen being on hand to discuss ways and means of securing a team for Belmond this year. It is reported that the Legion is considering a team to play week day games, but nothing definite has been done about it at this writing.

TRINITY CHURCH NOTES

Wednesday evening choir practice at the church at 7:30. Let us have an anthem sung fitting our patriotic service.

Thursday evening prayer meeting at the church at 8. Why so few at this important service!

Saturday morning at 10 the class meets at the shurch.

Sunday morning Sunday school at 10 and Bible classes. We had a record attendance last Sunday. We want it increased. Let us have many children in services next Sunday. English service will be conducted. Do not forget that Penticostal Sunday is as much a festive day as Christmas and Easter, yet it is scarcely considered so. Mothers' Day was well observed. We are glad of that. But what about God's Day? Sunday evening the young people will have a devotional service. Let old and young come together in the House of God.

ST. OLAF CHURCH NOTES

Thursday afternoon at 1:30 the class meets at the church.

Thursday afternoon the South Ladies' Aid meets at the home of Mrs. Severt Enger.

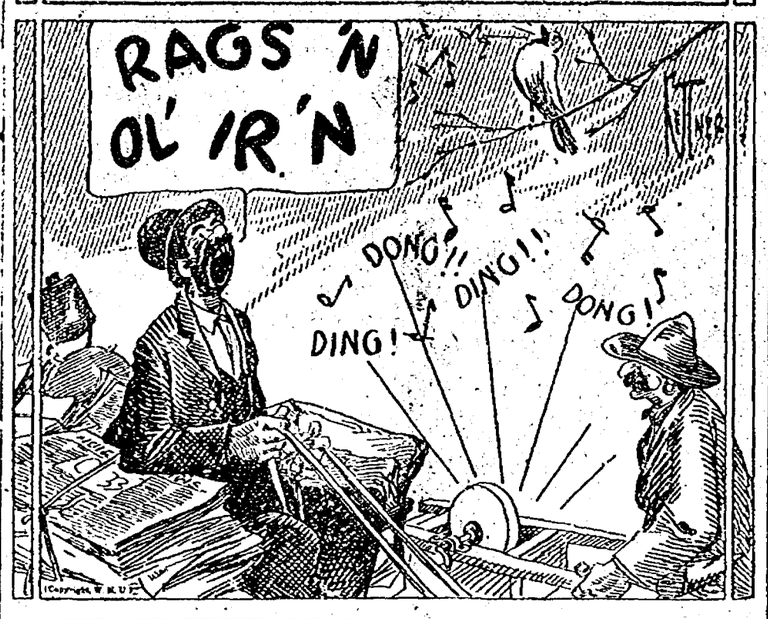
Sunday afternoon at 2:00 the Sunday school will be conducted instead of at 10:30. At 3:00 o'clock Penticostal service will be conducted in the English language.

We look for a good attendance at Sunday school and service. Let teachers and parents urge upon the young the importance of regular church attendance. Early piety is the crying need of the time. Let us pray for it and work to that end.

LOSES FINGER IN EXPLOSION

Some small children of a Humboldt family found some dynamite caps along the road last week, and carried them home. The caps looked innocent, and the children did not know what they were. They were placed too near the fire in the house, and one of them exploded, blowing off a thumb and forefinger of one of the boys, and badly injuring the hand.

The Spring Song



Doings In The District Court

Several Cases From Belmond Are Disposed Of Within The Past Week.

COURT IS ADJOURNED

Judge Thompson of Webster City adjourned the April term of the district court on Friday after a five weeks' session until June 19th, when he will again return to Clarion to dispose of some unfinished business.

Chas. Moon of Rowan, who was found guilty by a jury of having intoxicating liquors in his possession, has filed an appeal bond in the sum of $500. This gives defendant six months in which to file a petition for a new trail.

Hulda Ersland was given a divorce from her husband John Ersland of Belmond on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment.

State Saving Bank of Rowan has been awarded judgment against Frank and Gertrude Toyne in the sum of $13,241.61. The mortgage in question covers 464 acres in Iowa township against which a special execution is ordered. Sheriff Lang will sell the same or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said judgment at Sheriffs sale on June 11 The defendants are allowed the usual year in which to redeem.

In the case of S. J. Osgood of Iowa Falls vs D. J. Bell administrator of Lewis Bell et al, the court finds for the plaintiff in the sum of $3100 and orders a special execution to sell such portion of their interests in the estate as may satisfy the judgment.

E. W Stone is given judgment against the Anderson Music Co., of Eagle Grove in the sum of $1043.92. The court also finds that plaintiff has valid lien against the property of defendant—all pianos, talking machines, sewing machines, etc.

The Farmers' Cooperative Co. by agreement of parties is awarded judgment against Berkland & Littel in the sum of $401.78 and costs.

F. B. Mathias of Clarion is given judgment against Jones Produce Co. in the sum of $215.90. The case grew out of a dispute over the sale and quality of a carload of apples.

Ina Stumph of Rowan has been granted a divorce from her husband Guy Stumph, who is alleged to have become addicted to habitual drunkenness. Plaintiff is given the custody and care of Garnette and Bernard Stumph and is to receive $30 per month alimony.

Messrs. Stewart, Reese and Richardson, inheritance appraisers, met at the court house on matters pretaining to the estates of Danile Filkins of Eagle Grove, Geo. Nelson of Goldfield and E. B. Roblin of Clarion. The latter estate footed up $18,702.

Another case for the October term of court, filed last week, is that of the Clarion Cooperative Shipping association vs Sam Umstead. Plaintiff alleges that Umstead violated his membership agreement in selling several head of hogs to the livestock firm of Nelson & Russell of Clarion; that the terms of the agreement provide defendant shall

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Last Dance In The Old Opera House

Firemen To Hold A Last Big Carnival Ball As Farewell In Old Hall.

ON MONDAY EVE., MAY 21

The last dance in the old hall—the opera house—will be held next Monday night, May 21, when the Firemen will stage a Carnival Ball with full trimmings. Piersol's five-piece orchestra from Fort Dodge will furnish the music, and a big time is planned. The hall is being used thru the courtesy of the Motor Inn Co., who are giving the hall free to the firemen. The opera house has been turned into a garage, and this dance will be the last one for Belmond, unless a hall for such purposes is erected at some later date.

LOOKS LIKE A BARGAIN

Here is a bit of Illinois history that is worth reading and it shows the marvelous development of this country in less than 200 years. In the year 1732 the state of Illinois was bought from ten Indian chiefs by 22 white men of Pennsylvania and England. The territory was in two tracts, one called southern Illinois and the balance of the state together with a portion of southern Wisconsin, was called northern Illinois. The consideration was 200 blankets, 360 shirts, 2500 pounds of gunpowder, 4000 pounds of lead, one gross knives, 1000 gun flints, 200 pounds tobacco, 2 dozen gilt looking glasses, one gross fine steels, 16 dozen garter, 10,000 pounds of bour,, 5000 bushels Indian corn, 12 horned cattle, 20 bushels salt, 12 horese, 29 guns. The articles were paid in full council. The deed was signed and executed before a French notary public at Kaskaskia.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The large number present Sunday morning at Sunday school and also at the preaching service was very much of an inspiration to the pastor. We welcome all to our social meetings.

The Ladies Aid will hold an all-day quilting in the parlors of the church on Wednesday.

Sabbath school at 10 a. m.
Morning worship at 11:00.
Junior at 3:00 p. m.
Evening services at 8:00.

TRYING TO SAVE EAST LAKE

Interested sportsmen and citizens from Goodell and Kanawha met at the theatre in Kanawha last week to discuss the saving of East Lake, northwest of Belmond. A canvass has been made in the territory around Goodell and Kanawha, and it is understood some $1,200 has been secured to assist in saving the lake. The dam at the lake went out a year or so ago, and since then the lake has been mostly a slough. It is proposed to install a permanent dam, of conrete, and to take other measures looking toward the saving of this natural beauty spot. In the list of donators is J. W. Griggs, of near Goodell, who heads it with a contribution of $600.

A CORRECTION

In the obituary of Jacob Jacobs last week, it was stated that six brothers survived, whereas there are eight brothers. The Independent was misinformed. He leaves to mourn his loss, two children, eight brothers and one sister. His sister is Mr. John Dorenkamp of Belmond, his brothers are Claus Jacobs of Belmond, Fred of Crawford county, Otto, John and Arnold of Monona County, Herman of Sioux Falls, S. D., Hans of Scotland S. D., and Alfred of Bloomfield, Neb. Four of the brothers from a distance, Fred, Otto, John and Herman were here to attend the funeral. Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at St. John's church in charge of Rev. Wipperman. The members of the Belmond Fire Company, attending in a body, served as pall bearers.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to say to our friends and neighbors how much we thank you for your kindness and sympathy and help during the illness and death of our brother Jacob Jacobs and as well to the members of the Belmond fire company for their help and for the flowers sent for his funeral.

His Sister and Brothers.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY BRINGS $310.

The Belmond Senior class play, "Daddy Long-Legs," given at the high school auditorium last Friday evening, drew a crowded house and was a pronounced success from beginning to end. The parts were exceptionally well acted and carried thru, not one of the characters having to be prompted. A matinee was given in the afternoon for the school children, besides the evening performance. The total taken in was $310. This goes to help defray graduation expense such as speakers etc., and any balance will go into the school fund. The universal comment upon the play has been highly commendatory, and the success of it reflects much credit upon those who had charge of the training.

MARRIED

Miss Verna Jones and Mr. Ed. Riggs were united in marriage at Mason City on Monday of this week. Miss Marion Pech and Donald Jones accompanied them. They returned to Belmond the same day and will go to housekeeping here in the near future. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, and has been making her home with her parents. Mr. Riggs is employed at the Brady Barber Shop. Their many friends, with whom the Independent joins, extend their best wishes and congratulations.

BUILDINGS COMING FAST

The several new buildings and improvements being carried on in Belmond are now going full blast, and beginning to take definite shape. The Schmelz building is well under way, as is the addition to the Belmond Auto Co. garage. E. H. Sands has his building where he will be able to move in within a short time. The Zook Produce building, being erected by Hanson and Fitts, is pretty well completed. The Motor Inn this week moved into their new quarters in the old opera house, which has been remodeled. Work has started on the new Service Station of the Belmond Deep Rock Co. at the Belmond Motor Sales garage. A number of other improvements and some new buildings are in prospect for the near future.

BELMOND TRIMS CLARION 13-7

Last Wednesday the Belmond school base ball team took the measure of the county seaters in a ragged game at Clarion by a 13 to 7 score. The game was rather loosely played on both sides, altho some good work was done at times. Ability to weild the willow to advantage tells the same old story. The Belmond team seems to be able to hit 'em where they ain't at opportune times, and from present indications are going to clean the slate this year.

"A Word To The Wise Is Sufficient"

A Few Of The Laws On Fishing Should Be Learned To Avoid Trouble.

SEVERAL ARE FINED

The Belmond Fish & Game club wishes to call the fishermen's attention to Section 5, Page 27, of the Fish Laws:

Two Lines—No person shall use more than two lines with one hook on each line, in still fishing or otherwise, except that a trot line as above provided. (See 2 page 25.)

Season—May 15th to December 1st.

Sizes—Section 2, page 25: Bass, Catfish and Trout, 10 inches or more. Pike and Pickeral 12 inches or more. Croppies, eight inches or more.

It will be well for all who weild the pole and line to learn the foregoing rules by heart. State officials are coming down hard on all whom they catch violating the fishing laws this spring, and several cases have been taken into court where stiff fines were assessed. Among the recent "victims" were Glenn Thomas of Belmond, A J. Clark of Klemme, and A. E. Johnson of Goodell, all of whom caught game fish without thinking about breaking the fishing laws, and who "suffered the consequences."

In a mix-up at Cornelia last week when deputy game warden D. H. Eley arrested the latter two gentlemen, it is reported that others got tangled up in the affair also and that the warden may prefer further charges. Might just as well play it safe, all who angle for the finny tribe, and save the costs.

GRAVES ENDOWMENT FUND

Eimbrix Post, American Legion, at Belmond,, will place a box on the street Saturday, for the purpose of receiving contributions to the American Legion Graves Endowment Fund. This fund, just started by the Legion of the country, will be invested in perpetuity and the income used annually to provide decorations for the graves of 32,000 American soldiers and sailors whose bodies will forever lie overseas. At least $100,000 is needed—$200,000 can well be used—to increase the nucleus of the principle of this fund, the nucleus of which is a million francs now on deposit in France. Drop your bit in the box Saturday; you never gave for a better cause. "Lest We Forget."

TWO DIE AT EAGLE GROVE

Coronor Walker was called to Eagle Grove Saturday afternoon by the death of Jesse Langland, who committed suicide by hanging himself a few hours previous. The deed was committed in the barn on a farm three miles south of that city, where he was employed by his brother Geo. Langland. Deceased had been in poor health for some time suffering from heart trouble. He was missing for about three hours when a search was instituted and his body found lying on the barn floor. He had tied a rope to the rafter and after adjusting it about his neck, jumped from a partition on which he had perched himself. The fall, some six feet, broke his neck as well as the rope.

Omer Omudson, an attache of World Brothers circus, was instantly killed Saturday night by a Northwestern train a few miles south of Eagle Grove. No one saw the accident and the body was not discovered until two or three trains passed over it. It was badly mangled. Identification was established by means of his membership card in the American Legion at Jewell, where he had resided for some time before joining the circus. His job was to look after the circus horses and it is supposed he fell between the cars while going over the top of them in the performance of his duties. For some reason he traveled under the name of Davis. His father was located in Illinois. The remains were taken to Jewell for burial.—Monitor.

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EDITORIAL

A business man of Belmond told the Independent recently that several different farmers wives had askd him if Belmond was going to have a band this year. They expressed themselves as very emphatically in favor of a band, and stated they would willingly give a donation to help finance one. Other people in Belmond have made the same statement; the sentiment is strong that Belmond should have a band. There doesn't seem to be any question but what Belmond needs one, or that one would be a fine thing, both for the merchants and the people. But no one seems willing to take a hold of a band and start it going; no one wants to be responsible; and a lot of people don't want to part with the little necessary coin to get one. Some of the business men think that the crowds will come to town just the same, band or no band; "they want to come to town and they're going to come." Some of them will, undoubtedly; but not all, by a long ways. Those who reside half-way between towns, or even a little closer, are going where the entertainment is. Belmond needs a band, but the chances of one are slim, sadly slim.

The meeting called last Thursday evening to see what could be done about a base ball team this year drew a large crowd of six men. It takes nine players to make a team. Another meeting called later failed to bring out enough to do more than play One-Old-Cat. A great many folks want a ball team this year; a great many favor having one; but it is "let George do it." As "George" is of the same mind about letting someone else do it, nothing is being done. Belmond needs a team, has the material for a good one, and any differences as to when and where to play can be ironed out in meeting. But the chances are slim, sadly slim, of getting one.

What is the matter with Belmond? Why is it so almighty hard to stir up enough enthusiasm to put anything over? You ask your neighbor what he thinks about this or that or the other, and he is heartily in favor of it—sure! But as for getting into the harness and doing a little something to help it along—nay, nay, brother; too busy, no time. "let George do it." Hardly anyone but what thinks a band is a fine thing; a large number want a ball team; but nobody wants to be counted among the front rank in getting them. Where is our community spirit? What has become of the progressive thoughts we entertained but a few years ago? Were they killed in the war? Why, when other towns—smaller than this, with fewer people and less money—can put on community affairs, can we not do it? Isn't it rather a poor recommendation for our town? Donated community labor has accomplished much in other places; why can't Belmond do as well? The trouble with Belmond, folks, is that we all want things, but we want a few people to do all the work, take all the responsibility suffer all the grief, put up all the money, and then let us enjoy it when they have put it across. Co-operation is one way of spelling success, and nowadays it is becoming about the only way of spelling it when used in a community sense. If YOU will work and help and be a good scout, Belmond will go right along, but if you sit back and wait for some one else to do it, you're going to wait a long, long time!

THE 4TH CELEBRATION

A meeting will be held tonight, at the library basement, to discuss a Fourth of July celebration in Belmond. The Independent believes a GOOD celebration would be worth putting on, but there are a few things about one which the citizens of Belmond should take into serious consideration before they jump into it.

There is on use having a celebration unless we have a real one. Everybody has had too much of "celebrations" which were nothing but noise, dirt and crowds.. If we are going to have one, let's make it a good one, put money enough into it to make it a real attration. How much money will it take, and can it be raised?

Belmond needs a band worse than it needs a celebration. If it is to be one or the other, which will we take? Can we have both? Can we get money enough for both? We can if we want to. Do we want to?

If Belmond is to celebrate, then by all means let it be a business men's affair. It it their place, their duty, not that of some other organization. The Legion is talking of having a celebration. The Independent believes that a celebration should be financed, run and controlled by Belmond business men. Not that the Legion would not give us a good one, or that they haven't the finances or abiliy, but that it is not their place to shoulder the obligations of the business men. It is not just or proper that the Legion should do things which the business men by every token are called upon to do. The business men should do it. or it shouldn't be done; there should be no "passing the buck."

If a celebration is decided upon, how are we going to manage it? Before you build a house, you must have a foundation. Why not organize a new Commercial Club, or Chamber of Commerce, tonight, and with this organization go ahead to secure our band, our celebration, and the countless other things Belmond needs so badly? And we need them, gentlemen, far worse than many of you realize. When Belmond becomes a joke over the country; When it is known as a dead one, its credit restricted, its name a cue for grins, it is high time that we woke up. And this is just what it is today. We have let our city drop from the height of progressiveness to the depths of depression; we have retrograded 20 years in the last three, until now we are a standing joke among the traveling men.

By those who are present tonight you will be able to judge what you can do. Every man among us who has a spark of progressiveness about him, who cares a solitary whoop about Belmond other than the number of dollars he can get—and keep—from it, will be there. See what you can do.

MICKIE SAYS—

SOCIETY

Community—

The next meeting of the Community Club will be held next week Friday May 25.

A splendid program on automobile Highway Legislation has been arranged, and is as follows:

Song—Mr. Varland.

Talk—What can't be done in this man's town—Atty, Bullard.

Question box.

Highways as means of Transportation—Mrs. R. H. Klemme.

Primary and Secondary Roads in Iowa—Mrs. Tiara.

Beautifying the Highways.—Mrs. Thiltgen.

Everybody, both men and women are welcome to attend this meeting.

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Delphian—

Mrs. C. M. Morse entertained the Delphian club at her home Monday evening. The lesson for the evening was on recent American writers and was led by Mrs. R. H. Klemme.

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Kensington—

The members of the Kensington club were entertained by Mrs. C. P. Luick, Wednesday afternoon. A two course luncheon was served by the hostess.

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Announce Engagement—

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Guest announce the engagement of their daughter, Edna, to Mr. Verne Hall, of London, Ontario. Miss Guest has made her home with her sister, of Toledo, Ohio, for the past year and a half. The wedding will take place the first day of June.

THE FARMER'S WIFE

Canning Season Starts—Rhubarb fresh from the garden starts the canning season, and this fruit, in addition to making fine pies and sauces, can be canned to use during the winter with raisins, oranges, prunes, or in marmalades. These recipes are worth trying.

Canned Rhubarb—Remove skin and cut in one inch lengths. Put into sterile jars, cover with water which has been boiled and cooled. Seal. When opened for use, sweeten and cook. You will find that the fruit tastes like fresh rhubarb.

Rhubarb Butter—Chop 2 quarts rhubarb, 2 oranges, ½ lemon and ½ lb. seedless raisins, or put them through food grinder. Cook fruits with 2 cups sugar one hour, or until butter is almost smooth. Pour into sterile jars and seal.

Rhubarb Marmalade—Cut 2 lbs. rhubarb in one-inch pieces; boil with ½ lb. nutmeats in one cup water until nuts are soft. Add 1 cup sugar and 2 thinly sliced lemons from which seeds are removed. Cook until syrup is thick; seal in sterile fruit jars.

Black stockings should always be washed in blue water as this preserves the color much longer.

Figuring that she is cook, nurse, laundress and assistant hired man, it is reckoned that the average farm woman earns $3,796 every year. But she doesn't always get it. —Exchange.

To clean rusty shoe buckles—Scrub with stiff brush that has been dipped in thin paste of sweet oil and emerydust. This removes rust and polishes buckle at same time.

Use discarded phonograph needles for cleaning sour milk bottles, etc. Put a handful of needles in the bottom of bottle with some water and shake thoroughly.

Read The Ads

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ALL BRANCHES

Kinseth's Store News

We want to see every wife in Belmon send her husband to the library basement tonight to take part in the meeting for a band and celebration. If he won't go, don't give him any supper! But if he will, why give him a dandy good one, and come to the Store on the Corner to get the things for it. We have them, real quality goods and at prices that won't make hubby mad either.

—K—

And while you are in our store just take a look at our ladies double mesh hair nets for a dime, silk hose of the best there is, and the best for the money, and our five-yard pattern dress voiles.

—K—

And then our ginghams and percales; you haven't seen the latest and neatest patterns until you have looked at ours.

Our shoe department grows every day, both in numbers and sales. Shoes for women, men and children.

—K—

Every sack of our flour is guaranteed and makes bread just like mother used to make. Try one sack the next time you need flour, and if you don't say it's the best you've had, we're going to be badly fooled.

—K—

How are your chicks coming? A lot of bad luck has been had this year, seems like. If you'll feed them Buttermilk Mash you'll see the difference in a few days.

—K—

So just remember the Store on the Corner is the place to begin being a wise one. We'll deliver any old time you want, whatever you want. Our number is 19.

Every man has his price

---what's yours?

We don't think that every man can be bought, but we do think you all have a price when it comes to buying.

It strikes us that many a sale has been lost by talking a $3,000 car to a man who has only $1,500 to spend.

YOUR price---why not?

It's going to be your suit---isnt it?

If you say $25, $30, $35 to us we don't debate---we deliver. We meet your request with action---not argument.

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FARM BUREAU NOTES

Junior Livestock Judges Work At Drury Farm.

The first meeting of the Junior Livestock Judging club was at the Frank Drury Polled Hereford farm, last Monday evening, May 14th. About fifteen boys were in attendance at this meeting and took part in the practical judging work. The county agent was present and gave the boys a work-out on Hereford cattle and Duroc hogs..

The time was spent in going over the score card and explaining each point in detail by pointing out the *different points on the livestock.* It has been felt that the best way for boys to get first hand information on judging livestock is to actually see and handle the animals which they will be expected to judge. Through the kind cooperation of Mr Drury, two classes of each cattle and hogs were arranged for the boys to work on.

The work is being planned in such a way that the livestock farms of Wright county will be visited during the next two months and trips will be made to farms of the neighboring counties where good livestock can be found. The junior judges will make trips later to the neighboring county fairs and in this way get practical experience in judging the different classes of livestock. A few of the boys who are taking active part in the judging work are as follows: Everett Woodley, Max Miller, Lynn Thompson, Leo Woodley, Milan Buck, Gilbert Mathias and Fred Moellering.

Soil Erosion Demonstration

A soil erosion demonstration will be held at the Raymond Paine farm five miles northwest of Eagle Grove on Tuesday afternoon, May 22nd, at 2:30. Prof. H. H. Sunderlin of the agricultural engineering department of the extension service at Ames, will be present to conduct the demonstration along this line of work.

The object of this will be to demonstrate and explain the successful methods of filling ditches and preventing erosion. The specialist will discuss methods of preventing erosion and will help build one or more styles of dams.

All farmers who are interested in learning the methods of preventing soil erosion should not miss the opportunity of witnessing the demonstration at the Paine farm next Tuesday. There are many other problems along agricultural engineering lines which will be discussed at this meeting.

Joint Picnic-Club Exhibit in August

At the last farm bureau board of director meeting, President J. E. Kirstein was authorized to appoint a committee of three to plan and organize a joint picnic and club exhibit for sometime next August. The president has named Harry Poundstone Dayton township, chairman and Mrs. Harry Woodley of Grant township and Will Tillman of Lincoln township as the other two members of the committee.

An effort will be made to secure some very prominent man to speak at this picnic. Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and ex-Senator W. S. Kenyon have been suggested as possible speakers. The board has realized that the speaker which we get for this picnic will determine in a large measure the size of the crowd and for that reason every effort is being made to secure a good man. It has been thought best not to attempt to hold a picnic in June as has been the custom in the past because the season seems to be so backward this year and by holding over, it will be possible to hold the farm bureau picnic in conjunction with the club exhibit.

The Boys' and Girls' club exhibit will be held in connection with the picnic and the livestock, poultry and handiwork of the various clubs will be shown. The county has not decided as yet where the picnic shall be held but it is hoped that it can be arranged at some central point. Wright county is unfortunate in not having a county fair and for that reason it will be necessary to arrange some sort of a county-wide exhibit where the youngsters can show their products in the various departments. Expert judges will be present to judge the different club products and award the prizes.

Federation Speaker To Address Booster Meeting.

J. E. Wooters, director of the organization department of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation at Des Moines, will meet with the officers, directors and members of the Wright County Farm Bureau at the county agent's on Wednesday afternoon, May 23rd at 2:00, for the purpose of planning and organizing the spring membership drive which is to follow the publication of the special farm bureau edition.

All officers and directors of the farm bureau are urged to be present at this meeting to get the suggestions which Mr Wooters will give out relative to the effective methods of conducting a membership drive. An effort will be made to appoint territories for new members. The farm bureau has a good live membership at present but it is planning to give every non-member an opportunity to join hands with the other farmers of the county in the support of their own organization.

State Veterinarian Testing T. B. Cattle.

Dr. L. N. Jargo from the state veterinarian's office at Des Moines spent three days last week in the vicinity of Belmond giving the tuberculin test for several herd of cattle.

Dr. Jargo will return to Wright county during the last week in May to follow up the testing work in the herds which have been on the waiting list for the last year or two. According to Dr. Jargo the dread tuberculosis exists quite extensively through the state in some of the best herds. Every farmer of our county should realize the danger which lies in keeping tubercular cattle or livestock of any kind which is affected by this most subtle disease. The fact that it is transmissible to the human family should cause every farmer enough concern to have his herd tested.

HINTS FOR PRUNING

1. Proper pruning gives more and better fruit.
2. It costs less to spray and pick a well pruned tree.
3. All varieties are not pruned alike.
4. Heavy pruning tends to increase wood growth, and may be used to rejuvenate a run-down tree.
5. Light pruning tends to increase fruit production.
6. The growing habit of a tree varies with age.
7. Watersprouts are suually the result of heavy pruning. Those sprouts near the base of the scaffold limbs may be tipped back and caused to produce fruit.
8. A limb grows more from the tip buds than from the lateral buds.
9. Fruit may be thinned by pruning.
10. Pruning wounds need to be painted.
11. Keep the top of tree somewhat open. Light helps to make extra fancy fruit.
12. If the buds on your peach trees have been killed and the fruiting wood is in the upper third of the top "dehorn' your trees back heavily to limbs one inch in diameter.
13. Learn the principles of pruning, the details will vary with the tree.
14. Common sense and good judgment will help a great deal.

The more some people have the more they want, and the more they get, and the sooner they shuffle off and leave it to others to enjoy.

The radio has developed yet another wonderful side. You can listen to a Sunday sermon without getting out of bed.

Instead of envying the man of wealth get busy and accumulate more than he has. That's the way he did it.

Rip Van Wingle had the edge on lots of present day folks. He woke up.

Is your subscription paid up? If not, why not drop into the Independent office and square accounts? Pay in advance and save 25 per cent.

Belmond Local News

Maurice Dillon captured five wolf cubs near Cornelia last week. The bounty on cubs is $2.50 each, which makes pretty fair wages for the day. Wolves are exceedingly scarce around here, altho a stray animal is seen occasionally in different sections of the country.

Everything in House Plants at Belmond Furniture Co., May 12-26.

Mothers' Day, Sunday, was observed in the local churches by appropriate ceremonies and programs.

A beautiful soaking rain last Friday hit this vicinity just at the right time to do an immense amount of good to the crops. The rain as general all over the state, and was a tremendous boost for Iowa's crops in all sections of the state.

Every kid in town—including a number of grown-up ones—was all excited last Thursday when a trick bear came to town. The animal was a special attraction at the Lyric theatre that evening, where he went thru a number of stunts, including roller skating. In the afternoon he was taken to school, where he performed for the school children, and later he drove a Ford car about the streets. The bear was certainly a good performer and greatly amused all who witnessed its acts.

S. B. Heath, of Rowan, was a pleasant caller in town last Thurs day, on business affairs.

County Agent Edwards, of Clarion, and Mr. Metcalf, of the Extension department at Ames, were in town last week in the interests of the Farm Bureau.

Selected House Plants at same price as at Greenhouse.—Belmond Furniture Co., May 12-26.

A sister of Herman Schultz sang over Radio station WEAF, at New York City, last week Sunday. Herman endeavored to "tune in" and listen to his sister, but was unable to catch the New York station. Church services were broadcast, and Miss Schultz had a solo part in the program.

The German Lutheran church's new bell was rung for the first time Sunday evening, about 8:30. The bell sounds so much like the the fire bell, that a great many thought there was a fire and came racing down town to see the blaze. The new bell, the first the church has ever had, has a full, round tone, and makes a fine improvement to the church, and one of which the congregation has reason to be proud.

Cabbage, Tomato, Cauliflower, Pepper, Sweet Potatoe, Ground Cherry Plants at Belmond Furniture Co., May 12-26.

Mrs. T. D. Rankins spent the week end at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Leonard, at Swaledale.

H. J. Klemme came home from the west last week, to look after business interests and visit his children here.

There are reports or rumors that Belmond may have still another Service Station before many more moons.

The fine new country home of Rev. and Mrs. S. U. Leinbach, on their farm east of town, is getting pretty well along toward completion and is now in shape where its size and beauty can be appreciated. When completed this will be one of the finest farm homes in Northern Iowa.

Mrs. Lee Stacy and children went to Hampton last week Friday to spend the week end with her mother, Mrs. Pratt. They returned Sunday with Lee, who drove over after them.

Firemen's Carnival Ball, Monday, May 21. Belmond. The last Dance in the old opera house. A Big-time! Come!

Syvert Halverson, of Jewell, Iowa is teaching Vocational school in religion in Dist. No. 6. St Olaf church will have about five months' of this school. Mrs. (Rev.) J. M. Jenssen is teaching one month's school in District No. 5. It is hoped to have good attendance and a live interest.

George Braun, Sr., of Peru, Illinois, came last Saturday on a brief business trip to look after his farming interests west of Belmond.

Mr. and Mr. Clair Meacham and Mildred, Claude Meacham and Miss Goldie Werts, from Titonka, were visiting at the home of Mrs. Meacham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Sorenson, last week.

A card from Ralph Wilcox states he is now located at Racine, Wisconsin, where he is employed in a tire factory.

To know how good a cigarette really can be made you must try a—

Griesy's Store News

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DOES ACCURATE PLANTING PAY?

Fifteen farmers in this vicinity have answered that question by buying new planters of us this year. Here they are:

Amos Larsen—Hayes.
Hiko Goeman—Hayes.
C. C. Christie—Hayes.
L. Wessels—Hayes.
Ray Green—Hayes.
Jas. Finn—Hayes.
Steve Dorenkamp—Hayes.
A. W. Smith—Hayes.
Henry Meinders—Hayes.
Chas. Haupt—Hayes.
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If your old planter isn't working better come in and see us about one that WILL work.

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It is easier for some girls to make up their faces than their minds.

Give Us A Chance

If you are in need of a new plow, culi-packer, or tillage tool, give us a chance to quote our prices and go over the machines with you. And don't buy any farm machines on price. The man who buys machines by price alone it taking a dangerous risk. It pays to buy reliable plows

P & O

and tillage implements the same as reliable binders and mowers. Furthermore, it pays to buy from a firm at home, one that pays taxes in your county, one that helps with the donations for local enterprises, and in fact is a booster for everything that's good for your community. Be sure that the machine you buy carries a reputable manufacturer's guarantee such as is carried by P. & O. plows, Dunham Culti-Packers, and McCormick-Deering tillage implements.

Many a man realizes that his sins too often find him out, but that doesn't worry him half as much as when his wife finds him out.

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Easy is the right word. It fits the McCormick-Deering Jewell Hammock Cultivator. If there is one feature on this cultivator more noticeable than all the rest, it is the comfort the operator enjoys while doing good work. The hammock seat and easy, natural movements required in handling the cultivating parts, provide comfort which we honestly believe is to be found in no other cultivator. This is not a new, untried cultivator. Far from it. It has twenty-six years of approval back of it. It is a dandy cultivator, easy on the driver and easy on the team. If you want to see a cultivator that is just a little better than any other riding cultivator you ever saw or used, come in and let us show you the McCormick-Deering Jewell Hammock.

Sugar prices "soar," the newspapers say, but the prices aren't nearly as sore as the people who pay them.

Funny thing, but the Sahara Desert is wet while the Atlanic Ocean is dry.

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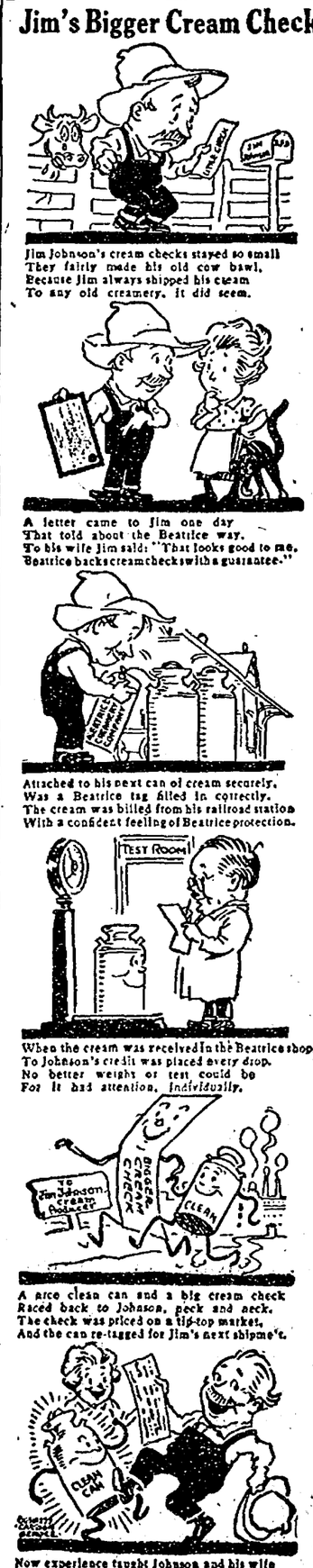

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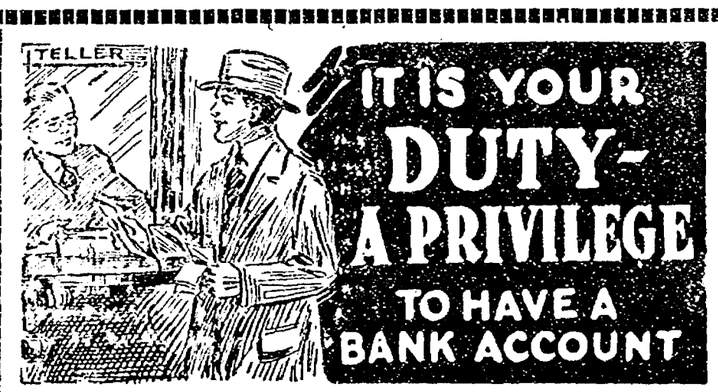

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TREES FOR THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

J. Nissen and Theo. Wendell motored to Hampton last Thursday to buy evergreen trees which the school board had authorized them to get. In the afternoon of the same day a crew of five men were busily engaged setting them out on the school grounds, and worked well, as anyone who will take the trouble to inspect can see for themselves. They planted 250 trees, which do credit to the grounds. And in due time serve as a splendid wind break.

For Sale—Rose Comb Brown Leghorn Eggs for hatching, from pen of old stock. Price $4.50 per 100, $1.00 per 15. Phone 1718.—Mrs. S. H. Schmalle, Thornton, Iowa. 224*

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Jacobson are rejoicing over the arrival of an 8 pound boy which came to their home on May 9th. All concerned getting along nicely even Leland is putting on "fatherly" airs.

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Brenner The Florist. Phone 134. Clarion, Iowa.

Lost—A Shepherd dog with brown ear and white and brown body. Notify John Halfpop, Thornton, Iowa, if found. 241c

Hartley Blewitt, wife and baby of Thornton were calling in town last Wednesday evening.

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Laundry Dry Cleaning

Rev, Schlesselman and son Orvis drove to Des Moines, in Heiko Janssens truck, last Wednesday to bring back a cow which they purchased the first of the week.

H. Fischer and G. E. Raecker motored to Waverly last Thursday spending the day at the Rev. Raecker home.

C. Enabnit Sr. departed last Wednesday for Storm Lake to visit a short time at the home of a daughter.

H. K. Pals and John Wieman were Hampton callers last Thursday taking advantage of the bargains at the Ferris Nursery.

Let Lenze & Kurtz of Garner do your well drilling. Inquire of C. E. Brogan, Meservey, for full particulars and prices. A satisfactory job is guaranteed. 26tfc

Supt. Herbster was a Mason City caller from Friday until Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Wendell who has been confined in St Luke's hospital at Mason City is getting along nicely, altho she is still quite weak. Her many friends hope for her complete recovery soon, and that she may return home before long.

Miss Holroyd spent the week end with relatives and friends at Plymouth, returning Sunday.

Miss Humke was a Mason City caller Saturday.

O. Strassburg Sundayed with home folks, returning to Mason City Monday where he has been faithfully doing jury duty for the 3 weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Fischer and family motored to Mason City Sunday to spend the afternoon at the Geo. J. Fischer home.

A. E. Muller and family were calling on Belmond friends last Sunday p. m. Wilma Pals and Lyda Groen accompanied them.

W. F. Hartfelder and wife and Irv. Nissen and wife were Mason City business callers last Monday.

The Little Herald Promotion exercises given at the Evangelical church on Mothers' Day, was largely attended and a good program rendered. The L. H. offering amounted to $16.64, and the Mission band collected $18.00 from their boxes. Plate offering was $20.56, total $55.20.

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EVANGELICAL CHURCH

A. W. Schlesselman, Pastor.

Wednesday, German Class meeting 8:00 p. m.

Thursday, English class meeting 8:00 p. m. followed by Choir Rehearsal.

Friday, Worker's Training class 8:00 p. m.

Saturday Catechetical Instruction 2 p. m.

Sunday Bible school 9:30 a. m.

Morning worship 10:30 a. m.

E. L. C. E. 7:30 p. m. Leader Selma Fischer.

Evening worship 8:00 p. m.

Rev. H. Raecker Sr. and wife arrived here Monday, accompanied by Rev. Henry Raecker and family of Abbot, where the parents had been spending a few days, while their house hold goods were being shipped to this place. They expect to make this their home, having leased the Peter Pals house for the present. Friends of the family will welcome them into their midst. Rev Raecker once held the pastorate at this place, so they are well known to many. They have resided in Waverly for a number of years.

Misses Mildred Gealow, Tillie and Ollie Pals and "Lobo" Pals attended the Senior class play "Daddy Long-Legs" at Belmond last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Nissen, Marvin and Marjory were business callers at Mason City last Monday.

L. B. Hulsebus transacted business in the Northwestern part of Minnesota the first of the week.

Albert Wendell and wife motored to Waseca Minn., last Saturday to spend Sunday at the home of the latter's parents. They returned Monday evening.

Plan to attend the program to be given on the school grounds, by the primary children, on Friday p. m. beginning at 2:30. All are cordially invited.

Henry Wendell motored to Mason City last Sunday, spending the day with his wife who is slowly recovering after having had an operation for mastoid.

Mrs. Mary Butz departed Saturday for a few days visit at the home of her granddaughter Mrs. Clyde Smith and with her son Dr. Butz and family at Monterey Minn.

Theo. Wendell and wife, Nels Faburg and wife and C. J. Wendell and family motored to Mason City Sunday p. m. and spent a few hours with Mrs. Henry Wendell.

Don't fail to attend the class Day program to be held at the M. E. church Friday evening, May 18th.

The "Friends" Young Men's class of the Evangelical S. S. held their monthly meeting at the Brater home, and the S. O. S. boys class met with Donald Butz, both on Tuesday evening of last week. A fine time was had at each place.

Mrs. Emma Stadtlander enjoyed a surprise party last Thursday, the occasion being her birthday. Those present were Rev. and Mrs. Pannkuk and Lydia, Mr. and Mrs. John Stadtlander and her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Pals and sons, and Herman Ludtke. Refreshments were served and an enjoyable time was had.

MESERVEY SCHOOL NOTES

High School

Meservey high school won from Sheffield high school Wednesday evening in a 5 inning game by the score of 6 to 2. Sheffield was delayed in arriving and the game was not called until 5 o'clock.

Thursday afternoon Ventura high school was played on their grounds. The score was tied in the last inning and two extra innings were played with Ventura winning 14 to 9. Our boys were handicapped by the absence of Bert Groen our 3rd baseman, who was too busy performing his many duties to attend. After the game the boys went fishing but their catch was limited to two bullheads. A number of high school girls chaperoned by Mrs. Albert Wendel and Miss Holroyd attended the game.

The games for this week are as follows: Klemme here Monday, Goodell there Tuesday and Swaledale there Friday.

The Senior class will give a class day program at the M. E. church, Friday evening, May 18th at 8 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited. The following program will be given:

Address of Welcome—Peter Koenen.
Music—Peter Koenen and Anna Pals
Class History—Anna Pals.
Class Prophecy—Mildred Koehler.
Key Oration—Agnes Fischer.
Response—George Brater.
Class Statistician's Report—Evelyn Thomas.
Song "When the Seniors Bid High School Goodbye—H. S. Students.
Class Will—Ollie Pals.
Class Donor—Agnes Fischer.
Class Song—Class of 1923.

County play day and grade school field meet will be held Saturday May 19th at the Roosevelt Stadium in Mason City. The program for the morning begins with a parade at 9:30 and is similar to last years program with the exception that in the afternoon the boy scouts will hold their annual spring field meet which will consist of the following events: Assembly and inspection, first aid race, dressing race, scout race, water boiling, signaling, obstacle race, fire making, message relay race, and wall scaling.

All who can find the time will be very well repaid for attending as this is going to be one of the big events of the school year.

The May festival which was to be given by the primary pupils last Friday afternoon was postponed because of rain and will be given Friday afternoon May 18th.

Third and Fourth Grades

Perfect spellers in third grade for the last week were Ivadel, Leona, Vona, Henry Boelman, Harm and Ethel.

Perfect spellers in fourth grade were Phyllis, Naomi, Mervian Lincoln, LuVern and Grace.

Those who were absent from school during the week were Raymond Pals, Benjamin Suntken, Benjamin Boelman, Clarence Olson and Wilbert Frey.

We redecorated our room last week. The colors chosen for the last weeks of school were orange and blue. The burlap and blackboard boarders are mother goose character with rhymes.

Russel Wenzel visited school Friday.

The primary program which had to be postponed on account of the rain, will be given next Friday, May 18th at 2:30 p. m., if the weather permits.

THE NEED FOR PRAISE

A craving for praise is characteristic of most young people. But they do not care to be flatterd; they like to have praise when they feel they have earned it. Undeserved commendation gives them little satisfaction and often prejudices them against the amiable but injudicious person who has conferred it.

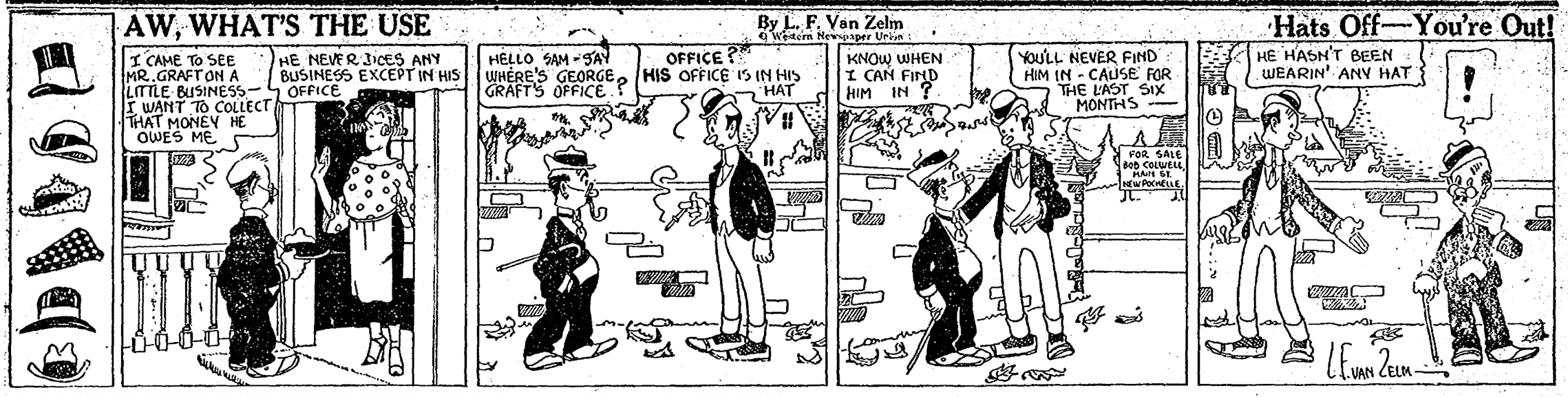
The hope of winning praise is a stimulus to them. And probably no one ever grows quite indifferent to praise, or disposed to undervalue it, even though the desire to receive it may become less powerful as a motive with advancing years.

"Our praise are our wages," said Hermione in the Winter's Tale. It would make life brighter for many people if that fact were more generously understood than it is. The ordinary person feels that when he pays to have anything done he pays to have it well done, and that he is receiving nothing more than he paid for. Tacit approval is the only appreciation that he permits himself to offer.

"I come to you because you're so pleasant," a lady said to a salesgirl in a department store; and the salesgirl was more pleasant than ever to everyone that day.

Perhaps one of the reasons for the industrial discontent that prevails everywhere is that in the complicated organization of labor and capital there are no pleasant homely relations between employer and employee—no relations in which there is any opportunity to add praise in money, over which dissatisfaction is so often and so disagreeably expressed, might sometime seem not so unacceptable if they were accompanied with some personal and sincere expression of praise.

A stimulant to the young, a lubricant to the middle-aged and elderly, praise helps the world along Give it when you honestly can—and only then.—Ex.



ROWAN NEWS

Brenner The Florist. Phone 134. Clarion, Iowa.

The Last Dance! Monday, May 21. Firemen's Carnival Ball at Belmond.

Mrs. Stella Kepford of Waterloo came Monday morning to visit for a time with her mother, Mrs. J. D. Brooks. Mrs. Brooks is recovering slowly from her recent illness.

Mrs. Mary Beever of Goldfield, who has been keeping house for her brother, L. F. Stevenson, during the absence of Mrs. Stevenson, returned to her home Monday.

Nellie Hackley came up from Dows last Wednesday, remaining until Thursday evening with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hackley.

Mrs. Ina Stumph, Garnette and Bernard spent Sunday at the Ed. Miller home in Clarion.

Miss Mabel Azeltine came home Monday morning to spend a few days visiting relatives and friends.

Lorraine Weber fell from a swing last Sunday and broke her arm Dr. George set the injured bone.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tresidder visited at the home of their son, Howard, and wife in Clarion, last Sunday.

Mrs. Etta Denio of Galt was over last Friday and Saturday, visiting at the O. E. Ballou home, and attended the Senior class play.

Mrs. Dan Fletcher and Izetta spent Sunday visiting relatives in the Lincoln neighborhood.

Rev. Ross had charge of the morning service at the M. E. church last Sunday, and Dr. Bushnell delivered an excellent Mothers' Day sermon in the evening. There was special music appropriate for Mothers' Day at each service.

The Womans Foreign Missionary Society will hold their annual thank offering service at the M. E. church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Miss Grace Stockwell will be the speaker of the hour. On Saturday afternoon there will be a parlor meeting of the ladies of the society at the home of Mrs. D. E. Harris. Miss Stockwell will also be present at this time.

Mrs. Fred Webber received word last Tuesday from her brother at St. Paul, Minn., of the serious illness of her father, C. Chipman. His condition was such, that they thought he could not recover.

T. A. Davenport of Belmond was in town on business last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Myers returned last week from an extended trip to Des Moines, Indianola and other southern points in the state.

About fifteen of the ladies of the M. E. Foreign Missionary society attended the parlor meeting held by the Clarion ladies in the church there last Tuesday afternoon. Miss Grace Stockwell addressed the meeting. Refreshments were served and a very profitable and pleasant afternoon was spent.

Mrs. John Richards returned Wednesday from Iowa City, where she had been the past few weeks helping to care for her new grandchild at the home of her son and wife.

Word received from Lou Vennum at Fort Dodge states that he has been seriously ill with pneumonia and has been recenty taken to the hospital to have the lungs drained.

Mrs. Peter Shreck came down from Hayfield last Friday to see her mother, Mrs. A. A. Williams, who is on the sick list.

John L. Steffens, who has been visiting in this community for some time, returned to Spring Valley, Minn., last Friday.

H. L. Hadley and family of Belmond spent Sunday here.

Wesley Azeltine came up from Iowa Falls, Friday, to spend the week end.

Dr. Maker was in town last Friday on his way home from Des Moines, where he had taken two patients to the Methodist hospital at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Whitten and Gladys went to Goldfield, Sunday, to spend the day at the C. R. Snow home.

Ed. Azeltine made a business trip to Minneapolis the first of last week.

Miss Mildred Azeltine has accepted a position for the coming year as Home Economics teacher in the high school at Green Mountain, Iowa.

Miss Alma Ramsey went to Latimer last week to assist in the work at the LeRoy Azeltine home.

The Henry Church family of Garner motored down and called at the S. B. Heath home, Sunday.

Arthur Box and family of Clarion spent Sunday at the H. J. C. Box home.

Lou Hoke and Gay Fletcher went to Milford, Iowa, last week where they will engage in gravel hauling for the season.

The Carl Webber family from near Dows Sundayed at the Fred Webber home.

The school Orchestra very pleasantly entertained their mothers and all of the school faculty in honor of their esteemed coach, Miss Gertrude Mohr, at the Clint Kercheval home on Monday evening. The orchestra, as do the townspeople, regret that Miss Mohr is not to remain in Rowan for another year,

Rev. C. T. Halbert is in Ottumwa this week, attending the state meeting of the Congregational ministers. He went from there on to Powersville, Missouri, to visit with his brother, whom he had not seen for 10 years.

The Baccalaureate sermon will be preached by the Rev. C. T. Halbert Sunday evening, May 20th, in the Congregational church. This will be a union service.

The Congregational Ladies Aid society in session last Thursday voted that each member earn a dollar within the next four weeks, and at the meeting a month hence to report—in poetry—the means by which it was earned.

The Mothers' Day services at the Congregational church last Sabbath morning was well attended and all enjoyed the men's chorus and beautiful violin solos rendered by Alfred Hansen.

The Story "My Mothers Letter," read by Rev. Halbert was to be long remembered.

The R. H. Keith family accompanied by Misses Mohr and Parks autoed to Goldfield, Sunday afternoon and called at the Andrew McCutcheon home.

The Senior play, "The Deacon Entangled," given at the school auditorium last Thursday and Friday was attended by a good crowd of enthusiastic listeners. Each actor took his part exceedingly well. To Miss Mohr is to be given much of the credit for the success of the play.

ROWAN SCHOOL NOTES

The students taking part in the Senior play were excused Thursday and Friday of last week.

The base ball game between the Galt team and the local team played here last Friday p. m. was a victory for Rowan. The score was 9 to 2.

Rev. Dr. Bushnell, District Superintendent of the M. E. church, conducted the devotional exercises, Monday morning of this week. He gave a short address which was greatly enjoyed by the students.

The Baccalaureate sermon will be given in the Congregational church Sunday evening, May 20th. Rev. C. T. Halbert will be the speaker of the hour.

Bring your poultry and eggs in to S. B. Heath, Rowan, and get the highest cash price. 263eow*

Few women can help admiring persistency when they themselves are the objects.

GOODELL NEWS

Brenner The Florist. Phone 134. Clarion, Iowa.

The Last Dance! Monday, May 21. Firemen's Carnival Ball at Belmond.

Last Tuesday Mrs. Frank Clark went to Mason City for treatment.

On Wednesday of last week Amos Hanson went to Mason City to attend a Goodrick Tire convention.

Mrs. Amos Hanson on May 9 entertained the teachers at her home.

Wednesday of last week Mr. and Mrs. Okrueg, Mrs. Harry Ruka and Mrs. Walter Thada drove to Mason City.

Last Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. George Ness autoed to Story City.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ellseworth were in Klemme on Thursday on business.

Dr. and Mrs. Snearly drove to Mason City on Wednesday of last week.

Miss Ethel Hughes of Garner attended the high school play given on Friday night. She remained over Sunday with relatives.

Mrs. Dulce Hughes Mayland came down from Garner on Saturday and attended the high school exercise at the U. B. church on Sunday.

Miss Cora Weiland who has been helping at the Harvey Christensen home went to Webster City on Sunday.

The play given by the pupils of the high school was well patronized on Thursday night. The receipts were over $59. The rain reduced the attendance on Friday night. The play was a credit to the teachers and the pupils.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Miller visited at Mrs. Millers brother's home near Knanwha on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Trumbell and daughter Florence, of Mason City, visited at their son Summer Trumbell, of Klemme, on Saturday. Sunday they spent at Harry Trumbell's.

Mrs. Kuntzner was called to Ventura on Saturday morning because of sickness of her mother.

Mrs. Wesenberg and Miss Butts attended the play "Daddy Long-Legs" at Belmond on Friday night.

Mrs. Okrueg was in Mason City on Saturday having dental work done.

Rev. Tomkinson of Clarion gave a fine address to the graduating class Sunday night at the U. B. church. The church was packed.

Mrs. T. R. Burgess enjoyed a visit from her brother who lives in Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Beier and Mrs. Graeber attended the May Day Pageant at Garner on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ellesworth and Rev. and Mrs. Miller drove to Garner to attend the May Day Pageant on Monday.

U. B. CHURCH NOTES

The Ladies Aid have repapered four rooms of the parsonage which adds much to its appearance.

A large crowd attended the Mother's program Sunday. The talks were right to the point. The mothers choir did credit to themselves.

About 50 attended the Ladies Aid at Mrs. George Ruka's last Wednesday. Mrs. Graeber, one of the hostesses was unable to be present because of sickness.

Next Sunday will be the fifth Anniversary of the dedication of the church. The services are as follows: Sunday school at 9:45, Preaching at 11:00, picnic dinner at noon in the basement, services at 2:00 p. m., and big song service at 7:45 p. m. Dr. Cronk, the state Supt., will be with us and preach. Every one is invited to come and enjoy the day.

TO GIVE PROHIBITION LECTURES IN SCHOOLS

The prohibition movement in Iowa is to be still further broadened during the coming year to embrace a state-wide educational effort among all school children, according to detailed plans given out by state headquarters of the Anti-Saloon League.

William L. Wade, superintendent of the Wyoming Anti-Saloon League, comes to Iowa on May 15 as associate superintendent to take direct charge of this and other expansion of activity for the Iowa organization.

State Superintendent R. N. Holsaple stated in giving out the augmented plan of work that this would give Iowa the most comprehensive prohibition movement in any state in the union.

Lecturers and exhibit are to visit as many schools as possible in the state during the year, explaining to children the evils of alcoholism and pointing out the benefits of prohibition.

"Young men and young women growing up free of the curse of liquor promise a great future for America", Holsaple said today. "by this work in the schools we hope to end all time any danger of the saloon ever returning to America again."

STRAYING PIG CAUSES ARRESTS AND SUITS

Livermore Gazette: "Sheriff Hanson was up from Humboldt today and took Pat Hoy into custody, and Geo Biegger drove them both back to Humboldt. The charge against Mr. Hoy is threats and obscene language in the presence of some of the Van-Horn family, and complaint was made by them. We believe the matter grows out of a stray pig which was recently taken up by Horace Van Horn, which belonged to Mr. Hoy and which he replevied. Since then the relations between the two have not been of the most cordial, and culminated in the action taken today."

The final chapter of this affair was enacted in Humboldt. The Hoys and Van Horns appeared with their council before Judge Bicknell. Mr. Hoy was accused of threats and vile and abusive language, or matters to that effect. He counter charged abusive and vile language. The testimony tended toward the belief that there had been an altercation over a stray pig that belonged to Mr. Hoy, and that in gaining possession of it he had evoked the strong arm of the law and aided and abetted it with personal conversation about what he could do and would do, and what the victim of his remarks might do if they so wished. It was alleged that Mr. Hoy said he would kick one of the Van Horn women and that he further declared that he would knock her brains out if he ever caught her on his premises. Mr. Hoy explained this as a mistake. His illusion to knocking brains out was in connection with some chickens that were supposed to belong to the Von Horns, and it was the brains of these wandering hens that he was feeling like knocking out.

He also said that the Van Horn woman had used very disrespectful language to him, and had told him to do things that he had no intentions of doing.

The upshot of the whole affair is that Mr. Hoy was put under bonds not to kick any of the Van Horns nor to do anything else bordering on personal violence, nor to aggravate them or annoy them in any way.

All's quiet along the Patomic.—Republican.

It may be true that love is blind but jealousy can see a lot of things that do not exist.

Do the little things well and the big ones will come your way.

ALEXANDER NEWS

The Last Dance! Monday, May 21. Firemen's Carnival Ball at Belmond.

John F. Bell was a business caller at Belmond, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Green visited with relatives at Hampton last Sunday.

Miss Eva Whetstone and Arthur Butler were Dows callers last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Murphy of Hampton and Mrs. John Murphy and daughter Bernadine of Aredale spent Sunday visiting at the Clarence Murphy home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Winwood and son Kenneth, Mrs. William Winwood and Miss Mary Winwood were callers at Hampton last Monday afternoon.

Misses Florence Zara and Ethel Roulet spent the week end with their friend Miss Mary Kernen at Belmond.

Mrs Peg, who is working as agent for the Delineator spent the first of the week at Alexander.

Miss Nellie Bell and Arthur Winwood were visitors at Belmond last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Beenen were callers at Belmond last Monday.

John Bell and daughter Miss Nellie were callers at Dows last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Clark and two sons Donald and Lyle were visitors at Cornelia last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bell are the happy parents of a nine pound baby girl, born Tuesday, May 8th.

Miss Emma Eickmeyer of Sheffield was a visitor at the Fred Greenfield home the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Finkle and daughter Leona and Mrs. Joe Veeder and daughter Virginia Ruth of Hampton, were Sunday visitors with relatives at this place.

Mrs. Geo. S. Yaw and Arthur Thomas of Iowa Falls, visited with relatives at this place Thursday.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church will hold a bake sale and also a sale of plants in the W. P. Aldinger store window next Saturday evening May 19th. Come and get something good for Sunday dinner.

FORD FACTORY LARGEST AUTO PLANT IN WORLD

Covering a total of nearly 300 acres, of which 123 are under roof, the Highland Park plant of the Ford Motor Company is the largest individual motor plant in the world. Here the Ford car is built, the castings being received from the River Rouge plant and bodies from the various Ford body-building plants.

The unit of Highland Park includes the main offices, the Highland Park power plant, the Detroit sales branch, the boys' industrial school and the manufacturing unit.

Under the latter head are included the motor assembly, car assembly, motor test, top and upholstery departments, stock rooms drop forge plant, glass factory and others.

Today these plants present the scene of the greatest activity in the history of the company, as every energy is being directed to reaching the 6,000 cars a day schedule set by the manufacturing department.

The manufacture of 6,000 separate units daily presents staggering production figures and calls for the highest degree of accuracy in each manufacturing operation. It means that in the motor assembly department 6,000 motor blocks are handled, 24,000 connecting rods, 48,000 valves and necessary mechanical materials, the installation of 18,000 main motor bearings with other production figures in the same ratio and to a uniformly high standard of quality.

Each of these parts is subjected to exacting balance and micromotor tests and as production at the Highland Park plant increases it is necessarily accompanied with an increase in the accuracy with which each individual part is made in order that the various assembly operations may progress smoothly and without interruption.

Production at the plant has not been increased equipment capacity by increasing man power to the utmost of the mechanical equipment capacity and at the present time 60,000 men are employed at the plant, working in eight-hour shifts six days a week on a twenty-four hour day basis.

In the huge drop forge plant where 6,000 front axles, 6,000 crank shafts and other drop forge parts are made, there has been added aquipment and greater man power is being used to produce the necessary parts and at the same time there has been an increased quality marking every phase of Ford construction.

To guard against the possibility of outside manufacturer failing in this huge production schedule the glass plant, the fabric plant and other allied plants at the Highland Park group are all working on a twenty-four hour schedule.

In the glass factory there is a never-ending flow of molten glass from the furnace mouth at which it is rolled out and slipped along in a 465-foot ribbon to the cutting and where it is cut into lengths and sent to the polishing machines.

In the plant the work on top tops and upholstery are cut and material goes on uncreasingly and sowed by hand into proper parts.

IT PAYS TO SPRAY

By selecting proper sprays, by applying them exactly as directed by the spray schedule and by spraying thoroly so that every part of the tree and fruit is covered, it is possible to produce clean fruit in every orchard in Iowa, according to the Extension Service at Iowa State College.

The kind of spray to be applied in each individual case depends to a large degree upon whether the trouble is a disease or an insect and upon its method of attack.

For all insects having biting mouth parts, as the canker worm and codlin moth, which cause wormy apples, the college advises that lead arsenate be used at the rate of 1 lb to 50 gallons of water or spray solution, together with a half pound of soap to increase the spreading and sticking qualities, will do the job.

Lime sulfur is advised for certain fungus diseases, such as apple scab, and certain insects, such as oyster scale. If liquid lime sulfur is used it should test 32 degrees Beaume. Liquid which has stood for some time should be tested with a hydrometer. When the powder form of lime sulfur is used, from 2.5 to 3 pounds are usually considered equal to a gallon of liquid. In large quantities the liquid form is the more economical.

Bordeaux mixture, a combination of copper sulfate and stone lime, will not control scale, but is an important fungicidal spray. It is usually made by using either 3 or 4 pounds of stone lime to 50 gallons of water. The usual way is to dissolve the copper sulfate and dilute to 25 gallons, then slake the lime and add enough lime to make the other 25 gallons. The two liquids are then poured into a spray tank.

There is plenty of room for you at the top, but the top isn't the place to start.

Many a man with a hard punch is never there when it is time to do the punching.

BUSINESS PERSONALS

Cato Griesy left for Rochester the first of the week, to visit Earl Madsen, who was to undergo his second operation Monday.

The Motor Inn Co. moved the first of the week into their new location, next to the Standard Service station, formerly the opera house, and are now busy getting arranged in their new quarters. The old opera house has been quite extensively remodeled and the Motor Inn Co. will have a well equipped and nicely arranged shop. A few improvements on the building are yet to be made.

Johnson-Wright-Sampson have acquired the building occupied until recently by the Motor Inn Co., and will use it as a storehouse for their line of farm machinery and implements.

"Scoop" Larsen, of the Cash Market, keeps adding to his stock, and now has about everything needed to feed the family, his latest addition being flour.

The Deep Rock people have started work on their new Service Station, to be located in the garage of the Belmond Motor Sales. It is expected to have the station ready for business in a very few weeks.

B. K. Kinseth report business getting better every day in every way, and to judge by his crowded store he must be right. The store has had some attractive window displays lately.

P. Barban, of the Belmond Bakery, has been having some attention compelling window displays lately of his French Pastry. The Pastry is every bit as good as it looks, too—we've tried it.

The Belmond Furniture Co. sold out all of their first order of carnations for Mothers' Day. They tried to order more, but were unable to get anything but pink ones, the greenhouse being sold out on the others. Mr. Trafford states the greenhouse sold 8000 carnations just before Mothers' Day. An untold number of flowers and potted plants have been sold by the Belmond Furniture Co. the past couple weeks, and altho they had a large stock on hand they were forced to go after a truck load the first of this week to keep their customers supplied.

John Cantwell has gone into the nursery business again, and has secured land in the east part of town for his stock of plants. He is busy now getting them planted and started.

Clarence Townsan drove to Des Moines the first of the week, where he has a position in the Bronn-Camp Hardware, and where he will make his headquarters. For the present his family will remain in Belmond.

W. J. Holloway, who has been employed in the Foster Cafe, last week resigned his position and left Saturday for Fort Dodg, where he will be employed with the Turk Mercantile Co. as salesman in their floor covering and drapery department.

F. J. Tuffree, of the New Belmond Tailor Shop, has purchased the complete outfit of a Forest City Cleaning establishment. He will keep most of the machinery and use it in his own shop, as it is larger and better equipment. With his new equipment F. J. will be in fine shape to handle his growing business.

Theo. Wright, of Johnson & Wright, was on the sick list Tuesday, suffering from a gathering in the head.

L. M. Foster, of Foster's Cafe, has just installed a handsome new player-piano for the entertainment of his customers.

Mrs. W. E. Stevens, of the Gift Shop, has purchased a hemstitching machine, and now has it in use.

Independent Wants Ads are little but they bring Big Returns. Try one for what you have to sell or rent.

Read The Ads

POLLYANNA COLYUM

BE CHEERFUL

There is no need of worry,
We've not got long to stay;
Then why not take things easy
As we pass along life's way?
'Twill do no good to worry
If things are going wrong,
We may as well be pleasant—
Meet reverses with a song.
Not one of us is perfect
And few of us that stay
Who ever stray and wander
From the straight and narrow way.
So when we start to hammer
Some one who's gone astray
'Twill do no harm to pause and think
We may lose our grip some day.

The side to take in a family row is the outside.

Some of the idiots are behind tall, iron fences, and some are behind steering wheels.

When the husband asks if he needs a shave, he isn't after information, he's after an alibi.

The date of a woman's birth has nothing to do with her age.

Glen Thomas says a philosopher is one who is surprised when he catches any fish instead of disappointed when he doesn't.

What has became of the old-fashioned merchant that stopped up the spout of the oil can with a potato? Asks Tom Finn.

Matt Barry says it is possible that the long-distance dancer who went crazy didn't have such a long distance to go.

When grandmother starts to object tell her she can't realize how beautiful and sweet she would have looked as a girl had she dressed like the girls today.

Just a few more weeks and gardeners will be making two weeds grow where one grew before.

The man who tells you what to do if he were in your place, seldom knows what to do in his own.

RULES FOR EMPLOYEES

(Notice in a Factory)—All requests for leave of absence on account of toothache, severe colds or minor physical ailments, on account of church picnics, weddings and funerals and the like, must be handed to the foreman before 10 o'clock on the morning of the game.

An obituary read that a man who died left a "bride of five months" Evidently this man was talked to death.

"One of the prettiest inland lakes I have ever seen," was the expression of W. H. MacFarland, general passenger agent of the Chicago Great Western after a trip made last week to Clear Lake, Iowa.

MacFarland went to Clear Lake to make arrangements for the handling of the summer crowds that will visit this popular resort. Altho last year Clear Lake played host to more visitors than any year in history this year will be far beyond what last year's record was, according to observers there.

Several state and national conventions have already been booked including the National Whist Association gathering in August and the Trans-Missouri passenger association in June—Advertisement.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Johnson left Tuesday evening for Des Moines, where they attended the graduation exercises Wednesday evening of their daughter, Alma, who graduated from the Iowa Lutheran hospital as a nurse.

Willard STORAGE BATTERY
TRADE MARK REGISTERED
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POISON

Fort Dodge Messenger: One of the nation's leading magazines sent an investigator out in a number of American cities to find out how hard it is to get booze under prohibition. He had no trouble in getting so-called liquor that bootleggers were selling and people were drinking.

"He found it so easy that he could have stocked a saloon in a single day" says the magazine. "In New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington, Kansas City, Richmond Baltimore—wherever he went—the bootleggers sold him openly."

The hooch this magazine investigator bought was called "old stuff" and it was claimed to have been smuggled in from Canada or Cuba, with labels that were known before prohibition.

The magazine—which is The Ladies Home Journal—had the hooch analyzed and found it "loaded with death."

Wood alchol bichoride of mercury, carbolic acid lead, acetate nitro-benzol were found in these liquors purchased from bootleggers. Not enough poison to kill instantly but enough for a slow death—and not so very slow at that.

Men and women are drinking his poison everywhere. They think is is "real stuff."

The Ladies Home Journal, calling attention to this feature, is running full page ads in newspapers published in the cities where the investigation was made. The ads are headed "Poison" and a short, effective summary of the investigation is given. Bootleggers will feel the effect of this action. Patrons of bootleggers may not care about the moral side of the liquor question. They may be indifferent to the fact that they are law violators. But they will not drink poison. That possibility will put fear into them that nothing else could.

One of the most effective means in bringing about public sentiment in favor of prohibition was the publication of the facts regarding the effect of alcohol upon the body. Factories, offices and public buildings were flooded with pamphlets and charts prepared by medical authorties telling how alcohol injured the body. That was an argument that "went home." The prospect of ruined health and shortened lives did what all the other arguments in favor of prohibition never could do. It made the matter of drinking something that concerned the individual, not his home, his town, his state or his nation. It said, in short: "Drink if you must, but remember you will be the chief one to suffer—and you will suffer with a wrecked body and a crazed mind." That was the argument that won the day, of man. And those were the days when the best quality of liquor was sold, when the government assured the purity of bonded liquor. That safeguard is gone—another telling point that the Ladies Home Journal brings out in its article. There is no safeguard on hooch. It may be "good stuff" and it may not—very likely it is not. If good liquor is dangerous, how much more damaging must poisonous hooch be? That's a question that will make men ask themselves if it's worth while to take the chance. The Ladies Home Journal is on the right track if it wants to stop the bootleg business.

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We have a business proposition in your territory which will pay you large returns on your investment and which are as safe as Government bonds. Party must be financially responsible and devote time to management of same. Unless you are progressive do not reply. All correspondance treated confidentially. Address Box 549. Mason City, Iowa.

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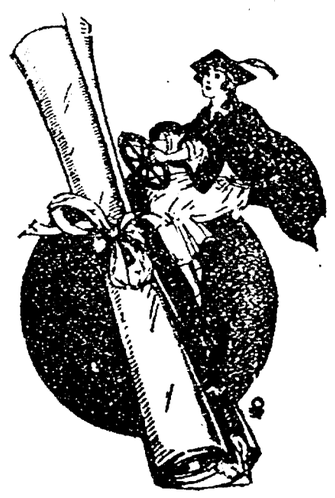

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Schultz Jewelry Co.
Belmond, Iowa

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Are they doing well---as well as you would like? Are they getting the necessary mineral in their rations?

Completion of the mineral feeding experiments at the Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station show that all the hogs which were fed minerals in their rations made better gains than the hogs in the check lots fed only on a cornbelt ration. The experiment also showed that the pigs fed minerals made quicker gains and were in better shape physically than the no mineral pigs.

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Will make your hogs grow and gain. You haven't fed the best until you have tried Occo-Mineral Mixtures. They increase your profits.

OCCO DRY DIP does not wet the nest, and will positively keep lice from the hogs, mites from chickens, and bugs from plants.

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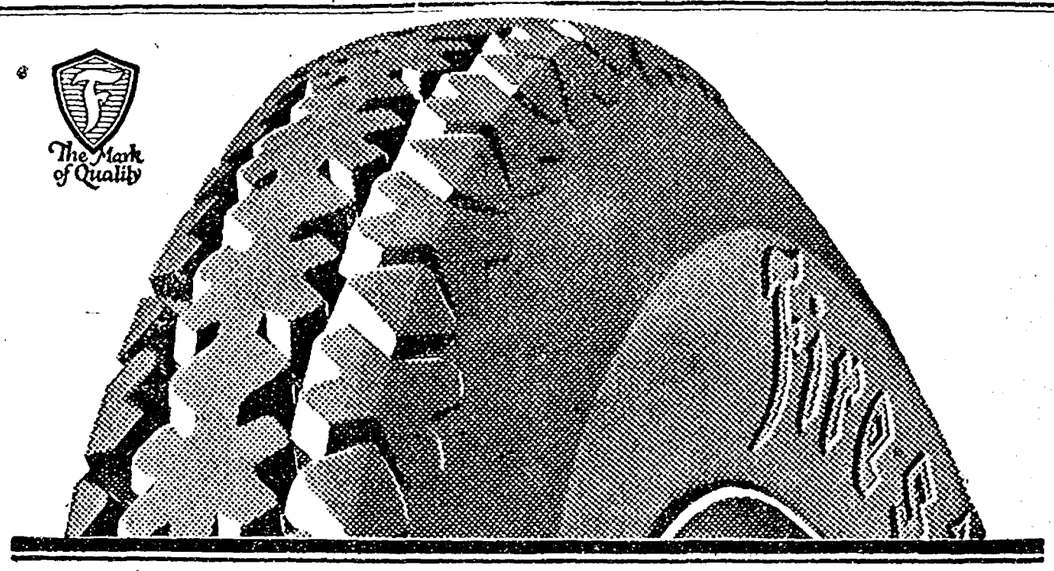

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194% Sales Increase in Last Six Months Shows Trend Toward Firestone

The public has emphatically spoken. The popular preference in all territories is unmistakably the Firestone Gum-Dipped Cord.

A standard of service has been set by these famous tires without parallel in the past. It has brought a sales increase of 194% for the past six months over the same period of a year ago—the greatest gain in all Firestone history.

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Ask owners about Firestone performance on their cars. Note the big taxicab fleets Firestone-equipped. Watch the new cars you see—just from the factories; Firestone Gum-Dipped Cords are seen everywhere in fast increasing numbers.

Get the maximum extra mileage that only the Firestone name assures you. Only by insisting on this name can you be sure of getting the genuine gum-dipped construction.

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Disliking the prospect of a month's visit to her austere aunt, Lady Erythea Lambe, at Jervaulx abbey, and her cousin, Alexander Lambe, Aimee, vivacious daughter of the Very Reverend Viscount Scroope, is in a rebellious mood.

CHAPTER II.—She wanders into the park, there encountering a strange youth in trouble with a motorcycle. He laughingly introduces himself as "Billy," American. The two cement the acquaintance by a ride on the motorcycle, the "Flying Sphinx," and part. With Georgina Berners, her cousin, Aimee sets out for Jervaulx. On the way she decides that Georgina shall impersonate her at Jervaulx, while she goes on a holiday. Georgina's horrified protest is unavailing.

CHAPTER III.—Happy in her new freedom, Aimee again meets "Billy." He tells her his name is Spencer, and she gives hers as Amy Snooks, at present "out of a job." Billy offers to take her into partnership in selling the Sphinx. In a spirit of madcap adventure, she accepts. The two proceed to the town of Stanhoe, taking separate lodgings in Ivy cottage.

CHAPTER IV.—That night Aimee visits Georgina and learns that the deception has not been discovered. By her dominant personality she compels Georgina to continue the subterfuge.

CHAPTER V.—On a trial spin next day on the Sphinx, with Billy, Aimee almost collides with a carriage in which are her aunt, Georgina and Alexander. The pair escape unrecognized.

CHAPTER VI.—Georgina learns that Lord Scroope is coming to visit Lady Erythea and, realizing what will happen on his arrival, is in hopeless bewilderment.

"Yes—I was rather upset. But I am better now. Don't let us talk of it. O-Cousin Alexander, there is something I want to ask you," she said suddenly. "I should like your—your guidance. Imagine that somebody who was dear to me—somebody one loved very much—had got into difficulties, and was in danger of exposure. And punishment. That it was in one's power to save them. Supposing that it would help, would it be very wrong to tell a—a fib?"

Alexander regarded her wonderingly.

"Let us give things their proper names," he said. "You mean a lie. You know the answer. A lie is in all cases not only inadmissible, but unthinkable."

"N-not even a little one?" said Georgina faintly. "I don't mean for one's own benefit, of course, but to shield the other."

"There is only one answer," he said sternly. "That other must make a clean breast of it, and bear his own punishment—or hers. No matter how bitter it may be. Whoever indulges in such shielding is equally guilty."

Georgina felt utterly chilled.

"Is not that a little hard?" she said.

"The hard way is the way of the transgressor," said Alexander, with some grimness; "there is authority for that. And yet the friend—I think you said a friend—may give all aid and succor to the sinner, even to the extreme sacrifice of himself. But deceit, even the shadow of it, must by no means enter into the matter. You are asking me what you know perfectly well. But why talk of unpleasant things," he continued, "tell me of yourself, and your life at Scroope, Aimee."

There was small comfort for Georgina the rest of that day. She dressed for dinner in a state of despair. Lady Erythea, as her custom was, even when en famille, came down splendidly bejeweled, and wearing the famous Lambe emeralds—said to be worth a prince's ransom—on her somewhat bony chest. As usual at dinner she was in a good temper.

There was a late delivery at Jervaulx, and a letter was brought into the drawing room afterward, addressed to Aimee Scroope.

"Surely, that is your father's handwriting, Aimee," said Lady Erythea. "My letter will have crossed his. Let us hear what he says."

Georgina would as soon have thought of picking a pocket as of opening another person's letter. But there was no help for it. The letter was dated Scroope Towers, Thursday. At the word of command, Georgina read it aloud, somewhat falteringly.

My Dearest Aimee:

I am writing to your aunt, to whom my love, but find myself with only time before the post goes to tell you I am obliged to leave Scroope earlier than I expected. As I wish to see you before I go, I will come over for an hour on Saturday. I'm sorry it is impossible for me to stay the night. I have news of importance for you.

Your loving,
FATHER.

"It will be the first time," said Lady Erythea, a trifle acidly, "that anybody ever saw your father in a hurry."

The letter put the finishing touch to such a day as Georgina had never dreamed of. She went to bed half an hour later. Before she fell asleep, her pillow was wet.

CHAPTER VII

The Way of the Transgressor.

Georgina awoke with a start. The light from a tiny electric torch dazzled her eyes; somebody was shaking her violently.

"Wake up, old thing," whispered Aimee's voice; "it's like trying to rouse the dead. I'm anxious about you. What did they say about that little stunt on the Syderford road?"

Georgina sat up with a gasp, and clutched Aimee with both hands as a drowning person clutches a life-buoy.

"It's you, is it!" she said fiercely. "I've got you, Aimee—make up your mind to it! This dreadful business is finished. We're done for—especially you!"

"Eh!" exclaimed Aimee, a little startled. "What have you got the breeze up about now?"

"You'll know very soon! Who," said Georgina sternly, still holding her, "was that Man that was with you? Who was he?"

"Man?" said Aimee. "Oh, you mean Billy. One of the best that ever stepped! A clinking good sort."

"B-Billy?" echoed Georgina in a shaking voice. "Tell me. Tell me all!" she said, tightening her grip.

"Well, why not?" said Aimee, and forthwith she related the Saga of Billy. The tale, as it proceeded, seemed to affect Georgina with creeping palsy. When it ended, she was trembling violently. She made two unsuccessful efforts to speak. She reminded Aimee of a hen with something stuck in its throat.

"You are staying with this Man?" gasped Georgina. "This Spencer—in Stanhoe? And he let you do it? The man's a cad!"

Aimee sprang up, tearing herself loose from her cousin's hands.

"How dare you say that! Cad? If there's only one gentleman on this earth, it's Billy!"

She glared at Georgina.

"There's no beastly sentiment in Billy, thank heaven. That's why we became pals; because we want to get away from it all. I see nothing wrong in it—nor does he."

"Then he's a fool!" said Georgina bitterly. "Oh, what can one say?" she groaned. "I know there's nothing wrong. That you are incapable of—of—" she choked. "And this man. From what you tell me, he is just such another as you. He is not a man—he is a child! Or he is from some place where things are—very different from what they are with us. But you are living in Eastshire—not in the desert. You know what Eastshire is. If ever this comes out—as come out it must—your reputation and your good name are gone—finished!

"That, I suppose, you do not care for," she said bitterly, rising and facing Aimee, "but one thing I can tell you and you may believe me. This thing will kill your father!"

Aimee stared at her blankly.

"I know your father, better, perhaps, than you do, Aimee. To Lord Scroope, black is black and white white. No one is more proud, more sensitive. That his daughter should be living in an obscure lodging, under an assumed name—with a strange man she picked up on the high road. I tell you, quite soberly and certainly, that it will break his heart."

There was a long silence.

Suddenly Aimee sat down on the bed and began to cry. She cried with the abandon of a child of ten, but very piteously.

"I never wanted to hurt Dad!" she snuffled. "I didn't think—I didn't see—!"

"Do you understand at last?" said Georgina grimly.

"Y-yes," gulped Aimee slowly, "I believe I do. Dad! I—" she caught Georgina by the arm. "I must keep that from him—I must!"

"We must keep it from him," said Georgina trembling, "at any cost. We must find a way, for his sake and yours. This muddle at Jervaulx cannot be hidden; we must face it. But your father must never hear of—the other thing. What are we to do? He is coming here tomorrow afternoon!"

Tearfully she gave her cousin the news in Lord Scroope's letter. Aimee stared in blank dismay.

"We have till five o'clock tomorrow," faltered Georgina. "I don't care what happens to me—there's nothing I won't do to save you, Aimee." Her face brightened suddenly. "I've thought of a way—"

"And so have I!" said Aimee eagerly. "There's just a chance—go on—let's hear your plan!"

"If we can keep the whole thing quiet till five tomorrow we shall pull through—with luck. Should anything turn up before then, to show that you're not here where you ought to be—we're done for," said Georgina, tragically. "My plan is this: You must go at once—"

A loud clanging interrupted her, as of a vibrating hammer striking a gong. It jarred horribly on the silence of the dark abbey. Followed the crash and tinkle of breaking glass, and the sound of a fall. A second gong spoke with a brazen tongue.

Georgina went very white.

"Great Scott! what's this awful row?" exclaimed Aimee.

Georgina pressed a hand to her bosom.

"It's—it's one of Lady Erythea's burglar alarms," she said faintly. "The house is full of them!"

In half a minute the abbey was galvanized into extraordinary activity. Swift running feet padded along the corridors. The squeak of a maid-servant broke shrilly through the chorus.

Aimee and Georgina stared at each other open-mouthed.

There was a violent pounding on the door. "Are you awake, miss?" said an excited voice. "There's thieves in the house—her ladyship's jewels stolen! Keep your door locked till she comes to you!"

The speaker was heard retreating swiftly down the passage.

"That's torn it!" gasped Aimee, running to the door. "If aunt finds me here—!"

She unlocked the door swiftly and opened it.

"Aimee!" breathed the trembling Georgina, "don't—"

"I've got to get out, I tell you! I can't stay here!"

Aimee looked rapidly up and down the passage. It was all clear. She fled at an amazing pace, and, reaching the landing, was aware of a figure of wrath, very like Britannia, but holding a fire-shovel, striding toward her. It was Lady Erythea.

Aimee doubled like a hare.

"Stop that woman!" cried Lady Erythea. "Stop her!"

Aimee reached the head of the stairs just as Mr. Alexander Lambe, with a jacket over his pajamas, flew to intercept her.

"Stop!" he shouted commandingly. Aimee, in full career, gave him a

"Great Scott! What's This Awful Row?" Exclaimed Aimee.

desperate two-handed push. Mr. Lambe's heels flew from under him, and he came down on the slippery oak flooring with a hearty thump.

Down the broad stairs, three at a time, sped the fugitive; in the lower hall the butler, his bald head shining like a comet in the gloom, rushed across the line of communications. Aimee dodged too late; the pursuer made an active plunge, and caught her by the skirt.

"I've got her!" shouted the butler triumphantly. His voice rose to a yelp as Aimee kicked his shins, but he held on inexorably. "I've got her!"

CHAPTER VIII

The Plot Thickens.

By sheer force of arrested impetus, Aimee and the butler spun round each other at arm's length like skaters on a rink; something ripped loudly, the butler, shooting off at a tangent, collided with a suit of armor pedestaled near the wall. The ensuing crash suggested an insurrection in a hardware shop.

Aimee skidded against the wall and, recovering, leaped wildly over the two prostrate relics of feudalism—the butler and the coat of mail—and dashed for the double doors that stood open before her. There was a curious flashing effect as she ran—a gleam, as it were, of whiteness. The next moment she had vanished into the night.

Alexander rushed to the open doors and stared out into the darkness. He heard the sound of the hunt somewhere beyond the fir-trees. For a moment he thought of joining it. But the starlit gloom gave faint encouragement—pursuit seemed very useless. With a sudden impulse Alexander ran back through the hall, turned on the light, and pulled open the door of the telephone call room. He snatched the receiver from the hook.

"Stanhoe police station—put me through quick!" cried Alexander.

Lady Erythea descended the stairs, a superb model for Boadicea among the wreck of the Roman legions. Her eyes flashed fire, her lips were compressed in a thin, tight line, her hand gripped the brass shovel. She glared at the disgruntled butler.

"Tarbeaux!" she cried sharply. "Tarbeaux!"

Mr. Tarbeaux came forward, limping. One hand pressed a crimsoned handkerchief to his nose, which had impacted rather violently upon the good knight's breastplate. His other hand grasped a yard of torn blue cloth, which he waved before him.

"Did you stop that woman?" cried Lady Erythea.

Mr. Tarbeaux' inarticulate answer was in the negative.

"Why not, idiot!" said his mistress. "A houseful of useless incumbrances unable to stop a single—" The empurpled handkerchief caught her eye. "Why, what is the matter, man? Are you wounded?"

"Proud—shed m' blood—ladyship's service!" snuffled Mr. Tarbeaux. "Couldn't help skirt tearin', m' lady."

"What!"

Mr. Tarbeaux, with a silent but splendid gesture, laid the piece of torn skirt upon the hall bench.

"Clue, m' lady," he said, with the air of a bankrupt making the most of his assets. "With this it should not be difficult to trace the thief."

"Trace her!" snorted Lady Erythea. "If you had held on to her there would would have been no need to trace anything!"

Mr. Lambe joined them; his mild eye at once apprehended the significance of the piece of serge.

"I cannot see that Tarbeaux is to blame," he said in his aunt's ear; "he did his best, and after all it is unimportant."

"Unimportant! The infamous creature has got clear away!"

"My dear aunt! That stupid girl cannot have been the thief. You do not really suppose this burglary was committed by a woman!"

"Most certainly I do!" cried Lady Erythea. "I can believe anything of the modern woman—anything! She hid when the alarm sounded, and made a desperate dash for escape when I discovered her. It is as clear as daylight to anybody but a fool! It is certain she had my emeralds upon her at the time, and it is lucky none of you are killed—though it would be very little loss. Tarbeaux, did you recognise the creature whom you allowed so egregiously to escape?"

"No, my lady. It was too dark. And the incident was somewhat sudden," said Mr. Tarbeaux apologetically. "It was a young person—I am unable to say more. But I am sure she was not one of our household."

"I have telephoned the police at Stanhoe," said Mr. Lambe; "they are coming immediately by car."

"A gleam of intelligence at last! Thank you, Alexander—and forgive me—I am overwrought. My censure does not apply to you. The whole affair is appalling!" said Lady Erythea, clenching her hands. "My pearls, the diamond chaplet—these comparatively are trifles—but the emeralds are gone. The Lambe emeralds!"

The audience shrank before her wrath.

"It is incredible! Twelve years ago the abbey was broken into—this is the second case. I had taken every possible precaution, under skilled advice. My safe is modern; I considered I had made the house itself impregnable at night. So it would have been, had I been adequately served. What measures did you take, Tarbeaux? I was absurd enough to think I could rely upon you, in an emergency like this!"

"I retired at the usual hour, my lady, to my room in the passage," said Mr. Tarbeaux unhappily, "as I have done for years, by your instructions, in view of—er—er—an emergency like this. One of the alarms roused me; I rose immediately, only waiting long enough to don a garment—"

"Go on, man, go on!"

"While putting them—while putting it on, my lady, I sounded my bell, which connects with the other menservants' rooms, and ran into the hall. At that moment I thought I heard feet on the gravel outside, and unbolting the front door I rushed out—"

"Leaving an exit for any thief in the house to escape by!" snorted Lady Erythea. "Continue your brilliant narrative."

"But when I reached the open there was no one to be seen," pursued the butler, whose throat ached with the effort to make his mistress hear; "there was, however, a dim light, a mere glow, in one of the windows; I shouted, asking whose it was—"

"Which window?" asked Mr. Lambe sharply.

"I am unable to say for certain—either her ladyship's or Miss Scroope's, which is next to it. Perhaps, if we went out—"

Lady Erythea immediately led the way through the front entrance.

"There is a light full on in one of the rooms now!" said Alexander.

"It is Aimee's room," said Lady Erythea. Like a thundercloud she swept upstairs and beat upon the door of her niece.

"Aimee! Open the door. Why is your light on?"

"I—I'm so frightened, aunt!" cried a trembling voice. "I dare not be in the dark—I dare not."

"I cannot hear you!" said Lady Erythea.

"Have they c-caught the thieves?" screamed the voice tragically.

"Caught them?" snorted Lady Erythea, shaking the doorhandle. "Is it likely a mob of mental deficients could catch anybody? No!"

"Thank heaven!" said Georgina with an explosive gasp.

Lady Erythea started.

"Er! What are you talking about! Will you open the door or not!"

"I'm frightened, aunt! I—I—!" Georgina's voice rose to a shrill whoop.

CHAPTER IX

"Marvelous!"

Lady Erythea recoiled. There were, after all, enough hysterics in the house already. Evidently nothing was to be learned from her niece.

"Go back to your bed and don't be silly. There is no danger," snapped Lady Erythea. The sharp whirr of a motor on the drive below drew her attention, and she hastened downstairs.

The car drew up at the entrance with a jerk and ejected three policemen; a constable, a sergeant and Inspector Panke of Stanhoe, a man of enormous energy for his bulk, with thick black eyebrows and a singularly bitter expression. He ran up the steps, but before he could open his mouth Lady Erythea forestalled him.

"You are wasting your time here! Go at once in chase of a motorcycle that got away ten minutes ago by the Stanhoe road!"

"A motorcycle!" exclaimed the inspector almost joyously, as one who seems his theories confirmed. "Sergeant, get after them at once in the car—take Polson with you. As we didn't meet them they must have taken the branch lane at the crossroads—away with you, man—quick!"

"I shall consider no reward too great, if my emeralds are recovered!" exclaimed Lady Erythea, as the car drove away. "Do you think your men will be successful, Inspector? My butler allowed the malefactor to slip through his fingers in the most fatuous manner. Can you—"

"One moment!" interrupted the inspector. "The thieves were seen then, by your ladyship's servants! Was one of them a woman?"

He had to bawl the question into Lady Erythea's ear-trumpet, which Alexander brought. When she understood, Lady Erythea's eyes flashed fiercely.

"Yes!" she exclaimed, "a young woman. You suspected a woman then—before you came here?"

"I do more than suspect, my lady," said Inspector Panke grimly. "I know!"

"Who was this woman, Inspector, and when do you propose to apprehend her? We have a piece of the creature's skirt!"

"Hah! let me see it at once!" said the inspector, his eyes lighting up. It was brought to him and its capture explained. Inspector Panke examined the yard of cloth, tried its strength, rubbed it, held it up to the light, peered keenly at the torn edges.

"Good!" he said under his breath, and turned upon Mr. Lambe so sharply that that gentleman jumped. "Your telephone, sir—where is it?"

"Who is the abominable creature?" exclaimed Lady Erythea. "And why is she at large, a scourge upon the country, breaking into—"

"She won't scourge it much longer," said the inspector grimly. "I'll very soon give your ladyship news of her—I want the telephone, quick!"

"This way," said Mr. Lambe, and led him to the call-room. Inspector Panke remained at the instrument a considerable time. He emerged triumphant.

"If they get away now—well, may I never handle another case," he said quietly to Mr. Lambe. "I can't answer questions at present, sir; I've got to get busy. If I might suggest that you induce her ladyship to retire, and come round with me yourself—it hampered me a bit, that ear-trumpet, and we've got to be quick—you can explain to her afterward."

Alexander was successful in persuading his aunt to retire from the field, though she went breathing threats of vengeance, and mourning aloud for the emeralds. Inspector Panke made a rapid examination of the safe, the wall beneath Lady Erythea's window, and the ground outside. He took a full description of the missing jewels, and briskly questioned the servants.

"I've only time to say this, sir, before I go," he said, turning to Mr. Lambe. "I recognize the work of Jack the Climber in this case, as plainly as if they'd left the name written on the wall! It was him and Calamity Kate. I thought for a moment it might be Bender Williams, who was released from Portland last month. But it's undoubtedly Jack's job. For some months past a series of daring burglaries have occurred at country houses in various parts of England, and, so far, I'm bound to say they've beaten us; no arrest has been made. The methods of the thieves are so similar in each case, that it is clear to an expert all these jobs were done by the same person—or, rather, two persons, a man and a woman. The man, besides being as smart a hand at cracking a safe as ever lived, seems to have the training of a steeplejack as well. He can climb anything that a fly could get a foothold on; in fact, he's known as the Climber.

"The woman, if anything, is more dangerous than the man. All that's known of them is that they're probably foreigners—some say Americans—and that they use a motorcycle when they're on the job.

"Briefly, what happened here is this: The man got in through Lady Erythea's window. There's the marks of him on the wall. He might have got in still easier by the next one, where the veranda is. But he went in through her ladyship's bedroom."

Mr. Lambe's eyes met those of the inspector; the same thought passed between them; whatever might be said of Jack the Climber's moral character, he was a brave man.

"And so to her anteroom, and opened the safe without waking her—of course, she's pretty deaf. The burglar-alarm didn't go till he'd done it; and for that matter all these precautions of her ladyship's are simply bunco; the house is an easy job for a cracksman. Jack got away by the same road he came, and the only thing that puzzles me is why Kate had to bolt for it downstairs. It isn't usual for her to be in the house at all—we believe her job is helping her partner up and watch-keeping outside.

"However, there it is. And this bit of blue cloth, sir," concluded Inspector Panke, holding it up, "is going to put Calamity Kate in my hands."

He folded the torn fragment of cloth, put it in his pocket, and moved briskly to the door. "Goodnight, sir! Before very long I'll show you the rest of this skirt—and its owner!"

CHAPTER X

Action and More.

Billy Spencer, sitting in his austerely furnished bedroom, looked unusually thoughtful. The night was still young, but his candle was not lit. The whole house, indeed, was in darkness. He sat on the window sill and stared out into the night. At last he wandered back to the bedside, his hands thrust in his pockets.

"The partner," he said pensively, "has got something on her mind. A fellow doesn't need any X-rays to see that."

His lips curled down at the corners.

"I'd give a lot to know what it is. I hate to seem inquisitive. But I'd hate a lot worse to have anything happen to the partner. An' I can sure smell trouble coming. She doesn't fear man or devil. But that isn't always goin' to help a girl. There's times when it's more useful to call up a husky with big feet—like me.

"She'd sure be mad if she thought I was interfering. And she can get mad—the partner. Gee! but she's great! The dinkiest thing that ever happened. But I don't like the way things are framing."

He stood for a while, as if listening; then sighed and lay down on the bed, fully dressed. In twenty seconds he was asleep, breathing regularly and easily.

It was a doglike sleep, of which some men hold the faculty, and very doglike was the manner in which Billy roused himself some hours later. In a moment he was broad awake, and swinging his legs off the bed, sat listening with cocked ears. He moved swiftly to the window and peered out.

There was nothing to be seen. Billy remained where he was for some seconds, all his senses alert. Then, with a gesture of decision, he snatched up his cap, heaved himself out of the window, and climbed down the trellis.

He came silently under Aimee's bedroom window, glanced up at the open casement, took a little nickel torch from his vest pocket, and bent down. Shading the glow with his hand, he examined the soft soil beneath the window. There were five unmistakable neat little shoe-prints visible; the first pair deep and pointing inwards to the wall, the others leading outwards.

There Were Five Little Shoe Prints Visible.

Billy at once ran noiselessly round to the garden gate and peered up and down the lane. No one visible. He returned quickly, got a rake from the shed, and carefully raked over the footprints; also those beneath his own window. Then he made for the gate, and, after a moment's thought, unlocked the shed where the Flying Sphinx reposed. He wheeled the cycle out, freeing the engine, and tiptoed softly down the path with it.

Not till he was clear of the lane and well out on the high road did Billy start the Sphinx, and then only at a very gentle pace. At an easy seven miles an hour he ambled along the road, heading for Jervaulx abbey.

It would have surprised Aimee Scroope considerably had she guessed for one moment how far Billy was abreast of affairs. The carefree, insouciant Billy, who seemed to live for nothing but the Sphinx, was infinitely more wideawake than people gave him credit for. The cool blue eyes missed very little; the brain behind them was able to connect facts together shrewdly.

Aimee had not the faintest suspicion that anybody at Ivy cottage knew she had made an unconventional exit by the window the night before. Billy, however, was perfectly well aware of the fact. Early that same morning, before setting off for Syderford, he had observed the footprints beneath her window, which, to a keen eye, told plainly that Aimee had dropped from the trellis, and later on had regained her room by the same path.

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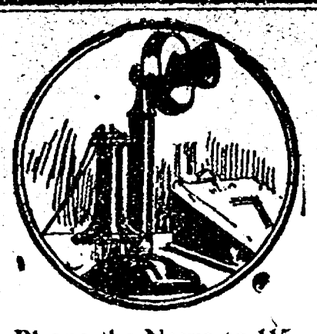

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Belmond Local News

Brenner The Florist. Phone 134. Clarion, Iowa.

Miss Katherine Barrows spent the week end with some friends in Mason City.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Butterfield of Mason City came down last week to spend a week with relatives here. They returned Tuesday.

C. Butterfield of Mason City was here Tuesday.

Everything in House Plants at Belmond Furniture Co., May 12-26.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hadley were visitors, Sunday, with relatives and friends at Rowan.

Notice—Big discount on all hats as we are closing out our stock.—Tyrrell Millinery.

Cabbage, Tomatoe, Cauliflower, Pepper, Sweet Potatoe, Ground Cherry Plants at. Belmond Furniture Co., May 12-26.

Miss Irma Leese spent the first of the week visiting at the J. E. Pfaltzgraff home.

Virgil Steffens drove up from Ackley on Sunday to spend the day with friends in Belmond.

Mrs. W. J. Finn, of Garner, spent Sunday visiting with relatives here.

Congoleum 9x12, $15.00—Belmond Furniture Co.

Mrs. Ernest Stapley and Mildred, Mrs. Chas. Obrecht and Iris went to Hampton yesterday. Mildred and Iris will have their tonsils removed at the hospital there.

Mrs. Rosecrans drove in her car to Rochester last Sunday. She was accompanied by Mrs. Arkwright of Buffalo Center. Mrs. Rosecrans is taking treatments there this week. They expect to return Saturday.

Full line of Sterling chick feed at Farmers Elevator.

Mrs. Ed Riley came up from Rowan Saturday morning and accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Fuller Bailey to Mason City in the afternoon.

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, May 22, for work on poppies. All members are urged to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wenzel spent Sunday with relatives at Swea City.

F. J. Tuffree was a business caller at Forest City on Monday of this week.

Mrs. Isaacson of Algona spent the week end at the home of Mrs. Dan Brooks. Mr. and Mrs. Isaacson are moving to Florida next week. They were formerly residents here.

Miss Nell Sullivan, who has been in California the past ten weeks, has accepted a position as music teacher in the Highland Park Studio, Los Angeles. This is Los Angeles' conservatory of music, and it speaks very highly of Miss Sullivan's ability as a teacher that she was offered the position. She will remain in California indefinitely.

T. A. Davenport was a business caller at Rowan one day last week.

Mrs. J. P. Larsen was a visitor at Klemme on Saturday last.

John Thayer, of near Rowan, was visiting in town on Tuesday.

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Parties interested in spaying heifers, see or phone Dr. R. G. Brown Belmond. Phone 159. 243

Sugar Cane seed for sale, 5 cents a pound. Inquire Roy Halfpop Belmond. Phone 2811. 261c

Firemen's Carnival Ball, Monday, May 21, Belmond. The last Dance in the old opera house. A Big-time! Come!

DISTRICT COURT NOTES

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pay the association 25 cents per hundred weight for failing to list and deliver his stock; that said hogs weighed 1640 pounds and that damages have been sustained in the sum of $5.15.

Marriage licenses were issued during the week to Edward Paul Haymond and Ruth Elva Harring, both of Galt; Thomas Murley of Aurora, Ill., and Martha Shaw of Kanawha; Raymond Lester and Florence Edith Troyer, both of Goldfield; Leland Finn of Belmond and Emma Christiansen of Mason City; Robert Wernet of Eagle Grove and Mrs. Emma Shreves of Mason City.

Monitor—This is the fifth and last week of the April term of the district court. The time is being devoted to the hearing of equity cases and Judge Thompson expects to have the docket pretty well cleaned up of the cases ready for trial.

Attorneys for Henrietta Frohling of Belmond have appealed from the finding of the insane commission, ordering her committed to Cherokee and the case will come on for hearing at the October term of the district court.

Two divorce cases were disposed of last week. Haller vs. Haller being granted on the grounds of desertion without opposition and Emma Johnson vs. Geo. Johnson on the charge of cruel and inhuman treatment. Plaintiff in both cases are residents of Clarion.

The last jury case of the term was that of the Nordschow Motor Co. vs. John L. Thompson of Belmond, who sought to collect a garage bill. The jury awarded him $425 and interest for the past year.

The case of Jennie Short vs Chas Troyer of Goldfield was heard before Judge Thompson Tuesday, the arguments being concluded at adjournment time. The case grew out of a land deal and involves the validity of a mortgage.

The county is in receipt of another army truck for use in hauling gravel. It was secured through the highway commission at Ames and brought to Clarion last week.

The board of supervisors has set May 16 as the date for receiving bids for the grading and draining of the mile of road east and west of Clarion, being a part of primary No. 10. On the same day bids will be received for grading and draining the Eagle Grove road south to the Hamilton county line, known as project No. 199.

Marriage licenses were issued during the week to Fred Joseph Fellman of Colfax and Sevilla Brassfield of Eagle Grove; Lawrence Peterson and Beulah Boyd, both of Hardy.

G. H. Klemme went to Minneapolis on Monday night on business interests.

H. G. Nordschow went to Fort Dodge yesterday to look after business matters.

Mrs. Wm. Wenzel of Swea City, and John Wenzel of Kanawha, were visiting at the Dan Wenzel, Sr., home here the first of the week.

Miss Hazel Fritze has been elected to a position in the grades of the Belmond school. Miss Blanche Rohrbach, who taught there this year, was reelected—Monitor.

Wm. Dittmer went to Belmond Sunday where he has accepted a position with the Iowa Valley Sugar Co., Mr. Dittmer superintends the overhauling of the machinery for next season's run—Monitor.

Cato Griesy returned yesterday from Rochester, where he has been with Earl Madsen. He reports that Earl is coming in nice shape, feeling much better, and that he was able to be up Tuesday. Monday he was given another transfusion of blood, which greatly helped him. The physicians are waiting until he gains a little more strength before operating for the tumor, which they believe will be in about two weeks. Earl's host of friends in Belmond are anxiously awaiting his recovery, and trust that he may soon be home with us again.

Tell your faults to your wife, and they won't seem half as glaring to her as when she learns them from others.

After we have boosted some men up the ladder of fame they begin to acclaim themselves as self made men.

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Belmond Storage Battery Co.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Snyder and baby, Donna, arrived Wednesday morning for a visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Snyder. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scott drove to Garner to get them.

See the Bock Lumber Co., for low prices on barb wire and genuine American Field Fence. 24tfc

Ferns, Geraniums, Foliage, Vincas Martha Washingtons, Astors, Cannas, Salvies, Verbenias, Pansy and Snap Dragons at Belmond Furniture Co., May 12-26.

Miss Mable Cramer has returned home from Dows, where she just finished a successful term of school as teacher.

R. E. Lee Aldrich, of Rowan, was a business caller here Friday.

Full line of Sterling chick feed at Farmers Elevator.

PUBLIC AUCTION

Saturday, May 19th, 1923

The property of the late Jake Jacobs will be sold at public auction at the Schultz Jewelry Co., corner on the above date, consisting of painters tools including ladders, brushes, decorating tools, a complete outfit in excellent condition. A lot of carpenter tools and butchers tools, including saws, knives, tackle blocks, ropes, etc. Also several shot guns and rifle of the best make and some furniture consisting of plush couch, tables, chairs laundry stove and a number of other small articles. Everything is A. No. 1 stuff and in fine shape. Also a striking machine in first class order.

W. T. Gfeller, Clerk.
T. D. Rankins, Auctioneer.

BELMOND TRAIN SCHEDULES

(Corrected to date.)

ROCK ISLAND

Going North

Passenger, daily	8:15 a. m.
Freight, daily	10:55 a. m
Combination, daily	2:15 p. m.

Going South

Passenger, daily	6:28 p. m.
Freight, daily	1:10 p. m.
Combination, daily	11:58 a. m.

M.& ST. L.

Going West.

Combination, daily	8:30 a. m

Going East

Combination, daily	3:35 p. m.

GREAT WESTERN

Going North

Motor, daily	9:24 a. m.
No. 16, pass., D & S	1:35 p. m.
No. 12, pass., D & S	1:26 a. m.
Local Freight	7:55 a. m.

Going South

No. 11, pass., D & S	1:26 a. m.
No. 15, pass., D & S	3:40 p. m.
Motor	5:19 p. m.
Local Freight	3:20 p. m.

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For Sale—Eggs, S. C. B. Orpingtons; heavy winter laying flock, culled. $1.00 per 15, $5.00 per 100. —Mrs. L. E. Titzell. 232*

R. C. R. I. Red Hatching Eggs for sale. Phone 299.—R. E. Webb. 234c

For Sale—Good White Seed Corn. Inquire of John Dorenkamp, Jr., Belmond. 261c

For Sale—Some very good clothing; ladies suits and silk dresses, slightly used.—New Belmond Tailor Shop. Phone 28. 24tfc

For Sale: Oliver No. 9 Typewriter, nearly new. See Bert Groen, Mesevery, Iowa. 251c

October Steer Calves for Sale. Also milk cows. Good quality.— M. Halfwassen, Meservey. 242c

White Seed Corn for Sale—A. W. Martin. 24tfc

For Sale—Holstein bull, of serviceable age. Priced reasonable. Inquire at this office. 262c

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For Sale—Seed corn, white and yellow.—Chris Sorenson, Belmond, Iowa. 261c

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Lost—A brown fox ladies fur, on No. 10 highway south of Belmond. Finder please return to Independent for reward.

Found—A pair of spectacles. Owner can have same by calling at this office and paying for advertising. 263c

FOR RENT

For Rent—Seven room house, one lot and barn, on Main street.—Call 247.

BELMOND MARKETS

Hens, heavy	18c
Smooth springs	17c
Roosters	09c
Stags	13c
Broilers, 1½ to 2 lbs.	35c
Leghorns	08c
Geese	08c
Ducks	12c
Turkeys	25c
Old Toms	16c
Eggs	19c
Cream	40c
Dairy Butter	40c
Creamery Butter	58c
Corn	68c
Oats	38c

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We advise farmers who expect to make a new loan on their farm or refinance the old one to make arrangements now.
Some farm loan organizations are raising their interest rates. Others are simply not making loans.
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We will take your application, through the First-Trust Joint Stock Loan Bank of Chicago for a long time loan
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Ask for circular or let us explain this loan to you
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Belmond, Iowa

ANNOUNCEMENT
WE TAKE PLEASURE in announcing to the public the completion of our redecorating and painting.
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WE INVITE YOU to come in and inspect us. We will give you prompt service and make you feel at home.
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Belmond, Iowa

Suggestions for Commencement
As A Suggestion for An Appropriate and Useful Gift To the 1923 Graduates We Offer---
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Belmond, Iowa

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Graduation Exercises Fill Next Week

Next Week To Be Busy One With Various Commencement Doings.

EIGHTH GRADE ON MAY 28

Anyone having any unpaid bills against any high school class or organization, send them to Miss Thomas by Monday, May 28.

Annuals were out Monday. They were sold to high school pupils at four o'clock. The usual excitement prevailed until everyone had seen the annual.

Anyone wishing an annual, phone or see Caryl McIntyre. They are selling at $1.25 this year. The Herald-Press did the printing and they did excellent work.

The base ball team went to Britt last Friday and won from the Britt team with the score 7 to 2.

Next Friday and Saturday the team go to Britt to the invitation tournament. Eight schools in this section of the state have entered.

The Seniors take their semester examinations the latter part of this week. The semester examinations for the rest of the high school will be next week Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

The Baccalaureate services will be held in the high school auditorium next Sunday night at eight o'clock. The Rev. Waalkes will preach the sermon.

On Monday night of next week will be held the Eighth grade play and graduation exercises. Admission 25 cents and 35 cents.

The Commencement address will be given next week Thursday, May 31. The Honorable Howard Clark will give the address. No admission will be charged.

Last Thursday after school the Freshmen had a picnic at Tyrrell Park. All seemed to have had a very good time.

The Eighth grade have their annual out this week. It seems to be a very clever little book. It is all hand work. The mimeograph was used instead of printing.

The Junior class wish to thank all those people who helped them in different ways for both the Junior-Senior banquet and play. We certainly appreciate the willingness of these people to lend their best things to us.—Alfred Wilkinson, President Junior Class.

Junior-Senior Banquet

The Junior-Senior banquet, one of the most important social functions of the school year, took place Friday evening, May 18, in the school gymnasium. Invitations were extended to the Seniors, faculty, and board members and their wives. There were 88 people present besides the six boys and girls who waited tables.

The reception hall was decorated in crimson and gray streamers, these being the Senior class colors. The gymnasium was also decorated with crimson and gray streamers suspended from wires and extending across the entire length of the room The word "Seniors" made from crimson and gray letters was hung in the center of the room.

At six o'clock an elaborate five-course dinner was served. Tables seating four people were arranged around a large table in the center of the room. The table decorations also carried out the class color scheme. Crimson and gray place cards, crimson nut cups and candles being used. The menu was—

Fruit cocktail, wafers, salted nuts, olives, chicken a la King, mashed potatoes, escalloped corn, rolls, butter, salad, cheese straws, ice cream, Angel food cake, coffee, mints.

The dinner was served by Laura Brooks, Loretta Barry, Erma Maland, Helen Elder, Esther Amblie, Kathleen Barry, Cyril Jenison, Paul Johnson, Samuel Leinbach, Marshall Nourse, Philip Axen and James Olson.

After this sumptuous dinner the following toast program was given Tosat Master—Alfred Wilkinson.
Broadcast—William Tyrrel.
Q. S. L.—Winston Thiltgen.
The Dial—Minnie Madison.

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IOWA DISTRICT YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION

The Iowa District Young People's Convention will be held at Ft. Dodge with Rev. T. B. Thorson in charge, on May 25-27. Very good things are in store for as many as can attend. On Sunday, the big day of the convention, noted speakers will address the meeting. The district president, Rev. H. C. Holm, Dr. Olson, president of Luther college, Dr. M. Hegland, professor of religion at St. Oaf and president of the National Young People's League, and Prof. Carl Wesvig, professor of history and Homiletics of the Theological seminary in St Paul, will give stirring, edifying and instructive addresses. All delegates and pastors are given free lodging and breakfast. Attend Sunday, at the least.

TRINITY CHURCH NOTES

Thursday evening prayer meeting at the church at 8 o'clock.

Sunday morning, Sunday school as usual at 10 o'clock. No services as the pastor will be in attendance at the Iowa District Young People's League convention at Fort Dodge on May 25-27.

Thursday, June 7th, the Ladies Aid meets at the church, in the church parlors.

ST. OLAF CHURCH

Sunday, Sunday school will be held at 10:30. Let there be a good attendance.

Thursday, May 31, the North Ladies Aid meets at the home of Malvin Hanson.

BURNS TO DEATH

Guy Barton, residing near Belmond, received word last Thursday that his sister, Edith Barton, residing with her parents at Adeline, Illinois, had been very badly burned in an explosion. The young lady, 21 years of age, was washing out clothes. The fire got low, and she poured kerosene on it from a can. The oil exploded, setting her on fire and burning her body so badly that she died the next day. Mr. and Mrs. Barton left Friday to attend the funeral, which was held Sunday. They returned yesterday.

SOME FISH!

This is the time o' year when the fish stories begin to come out, and you generally hear some good ones. We heard one Tuesday that sounded good; Matt Barry and J. M. Jensen went to Clear Lake and got ten—count 'em—pike, all of due legal size. And the funny part of it is, they did! We know, because they brought them home, and Wednesday Mrs. Matt cooked 'em and they sent the editor and wife one of them, all cooked an' everything. Boy, they sure were good, and we extend our thanks.

M. E. CHURCH NOTES

Services at the high school auditorium, Sunday a. m.

Sabbath school at 10 a m.

Union Memorial Service at 11:00 a. m. Everybody invited to attend.

Mrs. Voiles' division of the Aid will meet with Mrs. Bayliss Friday afternoon, May 25.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends for the many acts of kindness and sympathy during our sorrow, also for the beautiful floral offering and spiritual boquet.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McLaughlin and Family.

Harry Bohning hands us the following letter from W. E. Albert, fish and game warden, regarding the sizes of fish that may be caught. He states "the other game fish referred to in the section in question means such fish a sunfish, perch, etc., which are game fish and can only be taken during the open season, but upon which there are no size or catch limits. Practically the only fish not game fish which are taken in our waters are carp, buffalo, red horse, suckers, gars and bullheads."

Miss Mary Barry was a caller at Mason City on Wednesday of this week.

MEMORIAL DAY

Belmond May Have Fourth Celebration

Meeting At Library Thursday Draws Few Business Men Who Favor Event.

LOOK AFTER BAND, ALSO

Library basement, Belmond, Iowa May 17, 1923.—Pursuant to call a good representative number of Belmond business men met in the library basement to consider the advisability of holding a celebration July 4th this year. W. H. Trafford was made chairman, and T. A. Davenport secretary. It seemed to be the opinion of all present that we should celebrate this year. C. M. Morse, Commander of the Eimbrink Post proposed that the Legion boys would like to put on the celebration, they to have all concessions, and to furnish all police and clean up the streets after the celebration, and be allowed to charge a nominal price for the ball game.

The matter was quite thoroughly discussed and every one present seemed to be favorable to the plan of letting the Legion boys have complete charge of the celebration, and it was moved and carried that the whole matter of the 4th of July celebration be placed in complete charge of the Eimbrink Post, with the understanding that the Mayor and City Council would have to be asked to give their consent. Dr. A. W. Russel being present, said that as for himself he thought the mayor and City Council would be willing to give their consent.

The idea of band concerts for the season was next taken up and talked on to some extent. Adolph Skovlin said that the Clarion band was considering making Belmond an offer to give us weekly concerts for the summer.

On motion Adolph Skovlin, Cyril McGuire, and C. M. Morse were appointed a committee to ascertain what can be done in regard to a band and also to see what can be done in the way of raising funds for the maitenance of a band.

C. O. Fitts gave a short report of the condition of the Belmond Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Larsen gave a report as to the workings of the Garner Chamber of Commerce.

On motion meeting adjourned.
T. A. Davenport, Secretary.
Wm. H. Trafford, Chairman.

BELMOND IN TOURNAMENT

The Belmond high school team is among the teams entered in the tournament at Britt on Friday and Saturday of this week. Their first game with their first opponent will be Friday at 9:00 a. m., when they meet Plover. The same day Kanawha and Garner, Buffalo Center and Corwith, Bode and Britt meet. The winners play Saturday forenoon, and the winners of the winners will fight it out Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. Belmond is doped to win the tournament, but some of the other teams entered are strong agregations and they will have to fight every foot of the way if they bring home the bunting.

First Game Goes To Belmond Sunday

Garner Team Falls Victim To Heavy Batting Of Local Boys In Easy Game.

FINAL RESULT IS 15 TO 5

The first game of the season was played Sunday between Garner and Belmond, and resulted in a victory of 15 to 5 for Belmond. As neither team had had much of any practice, the errors were numerous on both sides, but the ability of the home boys to slam the ball gave them the game. They clouted it frequent, not to say often, and hard, Dillon being the star with five safties out of five attempts. Two home runs, by Fulton and Chapman, were the heavy drives, Chapman's being the comedy hit of the year!

The Garner players didn't do so badly as they might of, and registered a homer of their own. Clark, Garner pitcher, had his head and a stright ball and used them both to pretty good advantage, but the boys found him in the fifth and acquired a big lead.

The game was not very well advertised and as a result the crowd was rather small. The game was orderly and everything went off in approved fashion. The Belmond team as organized will continue, it is understood, and more games will be played. The line up Sunday was as follows:

Thomas, catcher.
Chapman, pitcher.
Packard, 1st base.
Jones, 2nd base.
Nelson, 3rd base.
Madsen, short stop.
Dillon, left field.
Fulton, center field.
Petschow, right field.

COMMUNITY CLUB FRIDAY

The Community club meets this week Friday afternoon at the library. A splendid program on automobile and highway legislation has been arranged. The leader is Mrs. A. E. Martin. A song will be given by Mr. Varland. Attorney Bullard will give a talk on What Can't Be Done in this Man's Town.

A question box will be conducted. Any one who wishes to ask any question relating to automobile or highway laws, rules, upkeep, etc., may put the questions in this box and they will be answered. Mrs. R. H. Klemme will have a paper on Highways as a Means of Transportation. Primary and Secondary Roads in Iowa will be discussed by Mrs Tiara. Mrs. Thiltgen will have a paper on Beautifying the Highways.

The Serving Committee will be: Mrs. J. J. Sharon, Mrs. E. F. Bailey, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs M. G. Luick, Jr., Mrs. M. O. Crawford.

Every man and woman in the community is invited to attend this meeting.

Rev. Seth Huntington has resigned his pastorate at Dinsdale. Seth expects to leave there about the first of July. We have not learned what his future plans are.

CHANGE IN TRAIN TIME

A change in train time on the Great Western will go into effect on Sunday, and attention is called particularly to the change in time on the Motor. The new time will be:
Motor, going north, changed from 9:24 to 10;03 a. m.
No. 16, passenger, going north, is changed from 1:35 p. m. to 1;30.
No. 11, passenger, going south, is changed from 1:26 a. m. to 1;24.

MESERVEY LAD INJURED

On Tuesday of last week while Lincoln Paul, one of the younger sons of Mr. and Mrs C. F. W. Paul, was helping his brother shell corn with a two hole corn sheller run by a gas engine, the fly wheel broke into a number of pieces, one piece striking Lincoln on the left side of his head, fracturing the skull. He was unconscious for a number of days and since then has shown but slight improvement. Dr. Young and Dr. Agler attended him, and a nurse is caring for him. The little fellow is getting along as well as can be expected, and his many friends are hoping for his complete recovery soon.—Meservey Correspondent.

MAYOR MORSE PASSES AWAY

R. C. Morse died at his home in Belmond on Monday night, after a stroke suffered a day previous. He had been in very poor health for several weeks, and for a number of years his health had not been good. After the stroke Sunday his death was momentarily expected. Funeral services will be held at the house this afternoon.

FIREMEN'S DANCE BIG AFFAIR

The last dance in the old opera house was held Monday night when the firemen's carnival ball held forth with a crowded house in attendance. The hall had been decorated up in fine style, and all the trimmings of carnival time were on deck to give the proper atmosphere. The firemen took in something over two hundred dollars and expect to clear around a hundred and ten dollars. A very fine time is the universal report.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS MEET TUESDAY AT CLARION

The presence of so many nice looking ladies here Tuesday was accounted for when it became known that the ninth district convention of the Royal Neighbors was in session in this city, says the Monitor, and the ladies in question were delegates from the various towns of the district. The convention was one of the largest in the history of the district and the Carion lodge proved equal to the occasion in their efforts to entertain the visitors. Thirty towns comprise the district.

LET GRADING CONTRACT

The grading contractors, who were awarded the Clarion and Eagle Grove jobs last week, are already on the ground with their outfit of trucks. When the board of supervisors came to award the contracts there were so many bidders, over 30, that the letting was adjourned from the supervisors' room to the court room. The successful bid on the grading jobs were made by J. W. Peed & Son of Fort Dodge. Their price for the Clarion project, the mile east and west of town, was 25 cents per cubic yard, and for the proposed county road south from Eagle Grove to the Hamilton county line, the bid was one-half cent less per cubic yard. The tiling of this road was awarded to Knutson & Christensen of Rockwell at $10.40 per hundred feet of six inch tile and $25 per hundred feet of ten inch tile. The draining of the Clarion road is already completed.—Monitor.

The Britt band was in town on Saturday afternoon and gave a short concert on the street. They were here advertising the high school base ball tournament to be held there this week. Belmond will participate in the tournament, and naturally is expected to bring home the bacon.

Memorial Day Program Ready

Plans For Observance Of Day Completed And Committees Are Named.

REV. O'CONNOR SPEAKER

9:00 a. m.—All ex-service men meet at Legion hall.
9:30 a. m.—Music by band on street
9:45 a. m.—Form in front of Legion hall and march to city park.
10:00 a. m.—Program at Park—

1. Remarks by Post Commander C. M. Morse.
2. Invocation—Rev. J. M. Jensen.
3. America, by audience, accompanied by band.
4. Memorial Day Address—Rev J. B. O'Connor.
5. Star Spangled Banner, by audience, accompanied by band.
6. Benediction.

Immediately following program march to cemetery in following formation:

1. Colors.
2. Band.
3. Firing Squad.
4. Strewing Detail.
5. Civil War Veterans.
6. Spanish War Veterans.
7. American Legion.
8. American Legion Auxiliary.
9. City Officials.
10. Other Patriotic Bodies.

Program at Cemetery—

1. Prayer by Post Chaplain Cato Griesy.
2. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address—Stephen Hardwick.
3. Roll of Honor—Post Adjutant C. C. Benson.
4. Presentation of Wreath by W. R. C.
5. Presentation of wreath by Legion Auxiliary.
6. Decoration of Graves.
7. Firing Squad Salute.
8. Taps.
9. Raising Flag to Full Mast.

After program at cemetery return to Legion hall in regular formation.

Committees

Program ---------- C. O. Fitts
Speaker ---------- C. M. Morse
Autos ---------- W. A. Parker
Flowers ---------- Frank Baldridge
Seating ---------- Cato Griesy
Band ---------- Fred Fulton
Flags ---------- Wm. Dempsey
Firing Squad ---- Ray P. Morris
Color Detail ---- Elmer T. Larsen
Formation -------- G. H. Klemme.

Those wishing to assit, or deiring further information, please call on chairman of any of the above committees.

The ladies of the W. R. C. will meet at the home of Mrs. J. B. Robins on Tuesday afternoon, May 29, to arrange flowers.

The ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary will meet at the G. H. Klemme home on Tuesday afternoon, May 29, to arrrange flowers.

OLAF NEWS NOTES

Sumner Osgood of Iowa Falls was a Thursday caller at the S. O. Windecker home.

Guy Barton and wife were called to Illinois, Thursday, by a message that his sister had been accidently burned and had died from the effects.

The men at the elevator have been kept busy the past few days, taking in corn and oats.

Mrs. A. Lonning, who gave birth to a pair of twins several days ago and who has been very ill, is now getting better.

Martin Paulson was an over Sunday visitor in Belmond

Mr. and Mrs. Orpha Anderson spent Sunday at the Geo. Baxter home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scott have been enjoying a visit from two of Mrs. Scott's brothers and their families.

Mrs. Malvin Hanson will entertain the Ladies Aid society May 31 instead of May 30, on account of the 30th being Decoration Day.

Some men working for the Iowa Bridge Co. are here with full equipment preparing to put in several bridges near here.

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EDITORIAL

YOU AND YOUR TOWN

No matter how little to do and see,
There is in your town, on your street,
No matter how lively the place may be,
No matter how dirty or neat;
If you think it's nothing at all to you
Whether anything happens or not,
So long as the business you manage to do
Pays you to stay in the spot;
If you have no feelings of sorrow or pride
For the looks of the town or its name;
If you're just that selflish- you're satisfied
With playing your own little game,
Why, then, here's what I think of you,
And I'd say the same to your face:
I don't care a darn how much business you do,
I call you a town disgrace!
Why don't you take off your coat and join
With the rest of the population?
This isn't a day of "each one for the coin,"
It's a day of co-operation.

—Selected.

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

When a business man becomes a member of a chamber of commerce his worth to the community as such member is measured by his faith in the institution and what he personally contributes through individual effort toward proving the success of the organizaion, writes Edwin B. Lord, sectretary of the Massillon (O.) chamber of commerce . Such men usually are broad in their views They are men of faith. They are prepared to bow to the rule of the majority, even though it may not suit them personally.

Ever since chambers of commerce have been in existence there have been men who profited by the work of others, yet who did nothing personally to promot the civic advantages upon which their individual success invariably was more or less dependent. Such men usually think they are fooling the other fellows who are doing the actual work of building up the city; but, in the last analysis, they are cheating only themselves, for they never realize full dividends upon their efforts because they cannot understand that the best way of helping oneself is to help the other fellow. These men are never found on the firing line. They are the faultfinders, the destructive critics.

In each community, however, there are men who take pleasure in advertising their home town and cultivating their civic pride. These are the men of influence in the local chamber of commerce, and they are the men to whom the community looks for support and guidance when plans or work involving the welfare of the community is under consideration.

It is from this class of men that the best and most successful member of a chamber are recruited, and without such men many cities now occupying front ranks in industrial commercial or civic development would still be hidden in the obscurity enveloping all places lacking civic pride.

CRITIC OR KICKER

There are two classes of people in this country who are constantly in the public mind—constructive critics and destructive kickers.

The constructive critic is a person who looks always to the welfare of his country, or to that of his state or community. He analyzes questions of import to the people with a fair and just mind, separates the good from the bad, and seeks to advance the interests of the one and to retard those of the other. To accomplish this end it often becomes necessary for him to point out to others those salient features which to him appear to be to the best interest of the people, and to expose and oppose that which is inimical to the public weal.

A kicker is one who does not analyze his subject, who voices his objection hastily and without proper investigation, who often opposes a proposition simply because some other person or persons favor it, and who is invariably found on the negative side of questions that come up for public discussion. He is a man who never leads and will not follow.

Think hard—which are you?

ERRORS IN THE PAPER

"The editor does not want anyone to send him any more copies of his paper in which they find mistakes," complains a Missouri exchange. "If they find a perfect copy, however, he will pay a big price for it. If the fool critic who hunts for mistakes in newspapers would find them all, he would be kept busy. We will be pleased to buy copies of any paper which can be proven entirely free from errors, either typographically or in statement of fact. We will be pleased o find a merchant who never made a mistake in putting up an order; a lawyer who never lost a case through his errors; a doctor who never wrongly diagnosed a case; a druggist who never made a mistake; a postoffice offical who never put mail in the wrong box; a woman who never forgot to put in salt while she was cooking, or to put in the tea pot before putting in the water. Bring in some of your misakeless paragons who find it so easy to criticize the newspapers and we'll give 'em the chance of their lives to find out whether they are really human."—Exchange.

Belmond Local News

The M E. Aid ociety had their regular monthly meeting and social afternoon at the home of Miss Helen Harberts on Thursday. They plan to meet with Mrs. Campbell in June.

Mrs. F. E. Snyder was a business caller at Clarion on Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kinney returned home Sunday from their three-weeks' visit at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Duran Nagle, at Clarion.

The Methodist church is being redecorated and painted this week, and, as the building will not be ready by Sunday, services will be held at the high school auditorium.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Snyder from Minneapolis drove down last Friday to visit the parents of Mr. Snyder, and also other relatives.

Rev. Wilkinson is at Cedar Rapids this week attending to some business.

Selected House Plants at same price as at Greenhouse.—Belmond Furniture Co., May 12-26.

The meeting of the Priscilla club which was to have been held this week at the home of Mrs. Willard Morse, has been postponed.

Everything in House Plants at Belmond Furniture Co., May 12-26.

Miss Shirley Thompson and Miss Luella Christie drove to Duncan to spend Sunday with Clara Johnson, who is teaching there.

Mrs. E. Purcell and Mrs. Gus Johnson went to Duncan last week to attend the Commencement exercises at that place.

Cabbage, Tomato, Cauliflower, Pepper, Sweet Potatoe, Ground Cherry Plants at Belmond Furniture Co., May 12-26.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Spitler were callers at Clarion on Thursday of last week.

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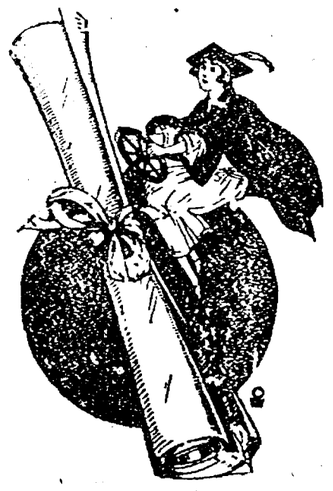

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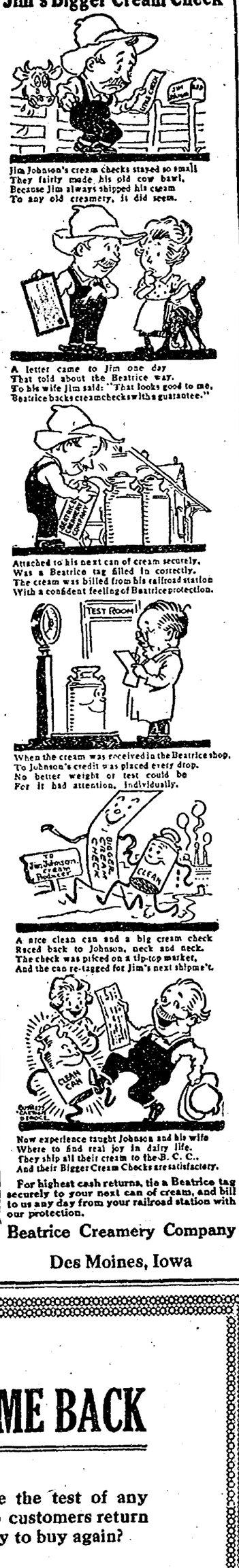

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FARM BUREAU NOTES

Specialiast Visits Experiment Plots

The farms of Harry Inners, Goldfied, A. E. Martin and Louis Hauge, of Belmond, and W. F. Mechem, of Clarion, were visited last week by B. E. Heitzman, farm crops specialist from the extension department at Ames. Mr. Heitzman's mission in coming to Wright county was to assist the county agent and the farmers mentioned above, in laying out the experiment plots for the corn and soy bean tests which are to be run on thtse farms this year.

H. A. Flett, Vernon township, Harry Inners, Liberty township and A. E. Martin, Belmond township, are cooperating with the county agent and the extension deparment in conducting the corn yield experiments on their farms. From eight to ten samples of different varieties of corn have been planted on each of these farms, the object being to compare the different men's corn when growing under our local climatic and soil conditions. The results of the corn yield experiments are valuabe to all farmers who contribute samples to the test because it indicates to them what varieties will give best results under their local growing conditions.

Louis Hauge, Belmond township, and W. F. Mechem, Lincoln township, are cooperating with the county agent in conducting the soy bean experiments. Each of these men have planted ten samples representing ten different varieties of soy beans, the results of which will be to determine variety of beans will give best results under Wright county conditions Three pounds of each variety have been planted in each man's field using about four rows of corn for each variety. The demonstration will be held at each of these farms next fall and a specialist from the extension department will be brought into the county to explain the merits of the different varieties of beans.

Contest For Club Members

Members of the various boys' and girls' clubs of Wright county have been invited to enter a story writing contest and as a result, the county agent's office has been flooded during the past few days with stories from all corners of the county.

Each club member, who enters the story writing contest, is requested to write a sory in his own words giving a full account of his experiences in club work, telling first of all how he became interested in the club activities and secondly, his experiences as to how the work has been carried on. Many interesting stories about different kinds of clubs, including purebred gilt, baby beef, proultry and garment club work, has been received at the county agent's office and the three best stories will be printed sometime later.

A committee consisting of the county superintendent, Mrs. M. L. Clark, chairman of the girls' club committee, and H. J. Metcalf, who is assisting with the special farm bureau edition, has been appointed to judge the stories which have been written by the youngsters. Three prizes of $5.00, $2.00 and $1.50 each have been arranged for the winners of the story writing contest. About twenty club stories have been received which indicates that the boys and girls are interested in telling about their club work.

Live Social At Bell Home

The home of Mrs. J. J. Bell, four miles north of Clarion, was the scene of a lively community social last Thursday evening when the regular monthly meeting of the Grant Township Farm Bureau was held at her home This comfortable home was packed with interested farmers of that community to enjoy the social evening and to hear the splendid address by Rev. J. B. Walker of Clarion

Alf Huntley, director of the township farm bureau, who was in charge of the meeting, opened the program with a short talk followed by an interesting school program, which was prepared by the local teachers This part of the program consisted of recitations and several musical numbers. Readings were also given by Mrs. A. H. Box and Mrs. Harry Woodley. The address of the evening was given by Rev. Walker, who gave an interesting survey of world conditions. In speaking of farm conditions, Mr. Walker expressed the thought that the outlook for the farmer is not very promising, but that we should all be hopeful of the future and work with the expectation of having better conditions later. It is very evident that Mr. Walker not only makes a study of world conditions, but understands the present conditions of the farmer and seems intensely interested in the problems of the farmer of this community.

Boys to Judge at Denby Farm

Boys who are interested in the junior livestock judging work will meet at the H. N. Denby farm, two and one-fourth miles northwest of Clarion, next Friday afternoon at 2:00 for the purpose of working over two classes each of Mr. Denby's Horned Hereford cattle and Poland China hogs. This will be the second meeting of the judging club for actual work in handling and judging the livestock.

Everett Denby, a member of the champion judging team of last year has kindly agreed to arange the classes for the boys to work on next Friday. There are about ten boys at present who are interested in this junior livestock judging work and the number seems to be increasing at every meeting. All boys and girls too, of the county who are interested in taking part in t he junior livestock judging work are urged to be at the Denby farm next Friday at 2:30 to take part in this judging contest.

"Time For Spraying Fruit Trees"

The time to apply the second spray or calyx spray is at the time when ninety-five per cent of the petals have fallen. The material to use for this spray is five quarts of lime sulpher and one and one-half pounds of lead arsenate to fifty gallons of water. This will control the apple scab and other fungous diseases; also the codling moth, cankerworm and curculic.

It is quite important that this spray be properly applied in order to control the codling moth, the larvae of the first brood of which enter the apple through the blossom end, and cause so much wormy fruit. The object in spraying at this time is to force the material into the open calyx before it closes. To accomplish this result it is necessary to use plenty of pressure and fine mist-like spray.

Trees not bearing fruit this year, should receive this spray also, to prevent fungous diseases and leaf-eating insects from injuring the foliage. Use the same material for cherries, American and hybrid plums as for apples. Apply just after the blossom shucks have fallen, or, in the case of the farm orchard these may be sprayed at the same time as the apples.

The third spray should be applied to the fruit trees ten days to two weeks after the second spray. The spray should be prepared at the rate of four and one-half quarts of lime sulpher and one pound of lead arsenate to fifty gallons of water. This is for the control of the codling moth apple scab, apple blotch and curculic.

It is only necessary to spray the trees which have set a crop of fruit at this time. The apples have grown considerably, and as the insects and diseases are still present, it is necessary to give them a good coating of spray material for protection. This can best be accomplished by using a high pressure in case of power outfits and small discs in the nozzles of the hand outfits, which will give a fine misty spray that will go farther and give more thorough results.

Sixteen Accredited Herds in County

According to a report just received from Dr. L. N. Jargo, assistant veterinarian who has been working in Wright county for the past two weeks, states that Wright county has sixteen herds of cattle which are free from tuberculosis.

It is gratifying to the people of our county to know that many of our farmers are becoming interested in freeing their herds of disease. Up to this time our county has had only three accredited herds but since Mr. Jargo's last trip in the county this list has been increased to sixteen. A complete list, up-to-date, of farmers owning accredited herds is as follows: Geo. P. Hardwick, A. E. Martin, Harm Steenblock, M. G. Luick, A. Dell Luick, Thomas Brooks, J. P. Courtney, D. H. Delaney, James Finn, Harry Groen all of Belmond; J. S. Bell, J. E. and G. C Kirkstein, all of Clarion; J W. McFadden and Thomas Ross of Dows; J. L. Reddick of Eagle Grove.

Among the Neighbros

Mrs. George Jenison, of Belmond, was a Klemme visitor last week on Thursday,—Times.

W. H. Trafford and family of Belmond were here Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Philip Ell. —Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brummund were callers at Belmond last Friday.—Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Baker, and son were at Belmond, Sunday to attend a reunion of Mrs. Baker's relatives. Mrs. Henry Africa accompanied them as far as Goodell and spent the day with relatives and friends,—Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Eggers visited relatives and friends at Belmond, Sunday and also enjoyed a few hours at Lake Cornelia.—Reporter.

The Judd families autoed to Goodell and Belmond Sunday to spent several hours with friends.—Reporter.

Mrs. J. P. Larsen, of Belmond, was an over Sunday visitor in this city at the Clarence Larsen home.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Burke from Belmond were shopping here yesterday.—Times.

TRANSPLANT TREES IN WINTER TIME

"A home is more liveable with a tree beside it," sa H. C. Cornell, extension landscape architect at Iowa State College. But the question always has been how to secure trees for the farmstead without going through a period of tiresome waiting.

As a solution to the waiting problem, Mr. Cornell declares it is easier cheaper and less risky to dig up and move a frozen ball of dirt containing the roots of a tree than it is careful to transplant those same roots during the spring or summer, when they will be disturbed by handling and subjected to the ill effects of dry weather. Now is the slack time of year on the farm and the ideal time to do this kind of work.

After definitely selecting the place where the tree is to be located, a patch of ground about ten feet in diameter should be covered with twelve inches of fresh stable manure which will thaw out the surface of the ground and make the digging easy. Trees up to eight inches in diameter can be moved without special equipment. If the tree being transplanted is about this large a circular, straight-walled trench with a radius of three feet should be dug about it so as to make the ball of earth include the majority of the small fiberous roots. After the trench is dug, allow the exposed ball to freeze solid while you dig the hole for the new location. This should have a depth equal to the height of the ball and should be slightly larger in diameter.

When all is ready, the tree with its ball of frozen earth should be carefully loaded on a stone boat and hauled in an upright position to the hole, into which the tree may be skidded. Manure may be mixed with the dirt used to fill in the hole care being taken not to allow it to come in direct contact with the roots. Following the moving, the tree should be pruned to make the roots and top balance.

RURAL SCHOOLS EXTENDING SCHOOL YEAR

Four years ago the 38th General Assembly of Iowa changed the required length of school year for each school district from six months to eight months. While practically all town, city and consolidated schools previously had been maintaining their school for nine months no rural school held more than eight months of school, and not a few conducted school but six or seven months. Since the new law have an eight month term or more. Many county superintendents report an increasing number of schools advancing, to nine months some counties reporting a third or a half on the nine months' basis. It seems inconsistent for the state to permit pupils completing eight years of eight months each of elementary work in rural schools to enter high school, when the grade pupils of that same school are reqiured to attend eight years of nine months each to enter the 9th grade of the same high school. There is a difference here of eight months' training, or one year of work. That more complete training in rural schools is necessary for competition in high school with pupils of more training is instrumental in establishing the nine months' term in rural schools.

THE BIRDS LIKE LOWA

With the call of the meadow lark and the songs of many other migrant birds filling the air all Iowa is one of the wealthiest states in the union from the standpoint of bird population.

A component part of the great Mississippi Valley, which is conceded to be the world's greatest bird migration highway, Iowa is fortunate in having birds as her friends. Only the migration highway which crosses the Mediterranean sea begins to compare with the Mississippi Valley in bird wealth.

More than 300 species of birds have been observed in Iowa in a single year. Some northern birds that are usually driven as far south as Iowa were not recorded this winter, according to J. E. Guthrie of the zoology department of Iowa State College. The Bohemian waxwing which sometimes winters here, was reported but Dr. Guthrie is not sure of the identification. The snowy owl and the rough legged hawk that sometimes winter north of the Arctic Circle were not observed in Central Iowa this season. Some other birds that winter here are the golden crown kinglet, white-breasted nut hatch, downy woodpecker, brown creeper, chickadee, the cardinal and the tree sparrow. Larger ones include the crow, blue jay, red-shouldered hawk, sparrow and the red-tailed hawk. About 20 species ordinarily winter here, Dr. Guthrie said.

"The late March blizzard," said Dr. Guthrie, "caused much suffering and death among the early birds that arrived here in the middle of the month. Birds now arriving include the cedar waxwing, rusty blackbird and bronzed grackle.

This country shelters many great men, but most of them are too modest to make themselves known.

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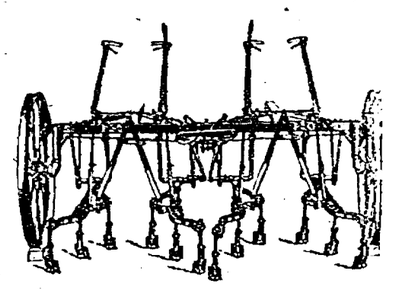

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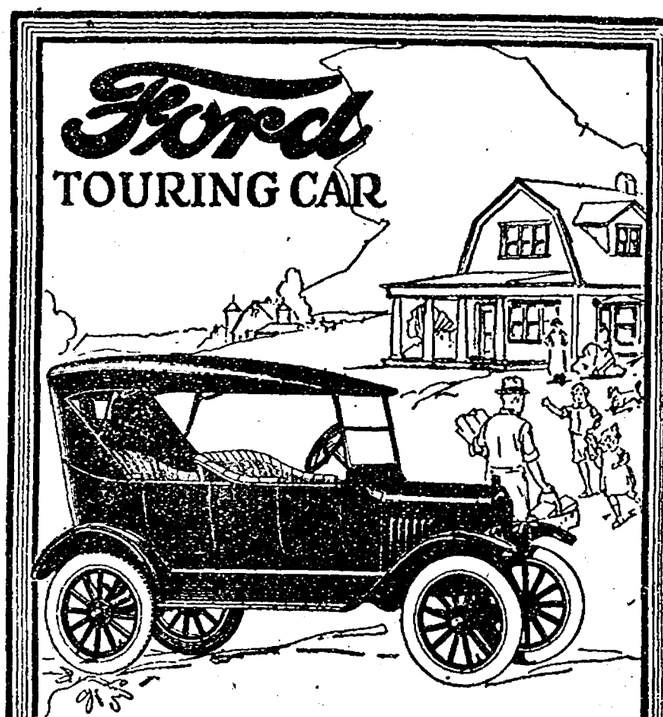

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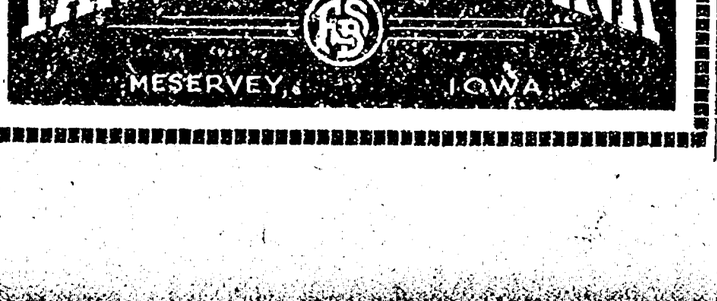

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MESERVEY, IOWA

Mrs. Mary Butz returned last Friday from Monterey, Minnesota, where she visited her son, Dr. Joe, and family a few days.

Mrs. C. J. Janssen and Gerald were Mason City callers last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Heiko Kuhlers and Mr. and Mrs. John Shroeder or Britt motored to Mason City last Friday afternoon to call on the former's daughter, Mrs. H. Wendel, at St. Luke's hospital. They report her getting along nicely.

A. J. Nissen motored to Ft. Dodge last Friday on a little business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Bier were Mason City callers on Thursday.

The Misses Mary Smith and Esther Zieman were Belmond callers on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Ed. Foss, Mrs. G. E. Raecker and Jeanette and L. Foss were Belmond callers on Wednesday afternoon of last week.

H. F. Rief transacted business at Mason City on Monday.

Brenner The Florist. Phone 134. Clarion, Iowa.

Miss Huenemann was a Mason City shopper Saturday.

L. B. Hulsebus and and wife, Alma and Louise Witt and Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Hulsebus were calling on Hampton and Sheffield friends last Sunday p. m.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Schroeder of Britt visited from Thursday until Saturday at the H. Kuhlers home. The ladies are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nissen and baby motored to Ames last Saturday to spend several days at the Sloss home.

Mrs. Brater and son, Bernard, were business callers at Mason City between trains on Saturday.

Miss Humke was in Mason City between trains on Satlrday.

Mrs. H. K. Pals, Grace, Clarence and Myron were Mason City callers last Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ralston and Miss Viola Thomas attended the funeral of Mrs. Robert Wilson at Hampton last Friday. They also attended the May Day Fete at Iowa Falls given by Ellsworth students. Miss Alma Ralston had the distinction of being chosen Queen of May and it goes without saying that she was able to carry her part well. She accompanied her parents home for an over Sunday visit here.

A. J. Nissen and famiy, accompanied by Mildred Gealow, were Belmond callers Sunday p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hemming of Thornton were visiting at the Ed. Foss home last Sunday.

A. J. Nissen was a Thornton business caller between trains Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Avery of Goodell visited at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Irv. Bier, last Friday, and also attended the primary school program in the afternoon.

Rev. Schlesselman and family and Fred Menzel attended a Recital given by Miss Thorman's music class at Klemme Friday evening.

Miss Holroyd spent the week end with friends at Swaledale.

Walter Menzel, of Waverly, was a Sunday caller with his brother, Fred, of this place.

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MESERVEY SCHOOL NOTES

Grammar Room

Those who have been absent this week are Bernard Brater, Bernard Butz, Olive Olson, Tena Pals and Dorothy.

Ruby Quandt was absent Thursday on account of illness.

Those having 100 this week in who missed once are Arolene Janssen, Grace Boelman, Dorothy Schlesselman and Bonita Muller.

The Baccaulaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. Schesselman on Sunday, May 27, at 8 p. m. at the Evangelical church.

The Senior class play, "And Home Came Ted" will be given at Mr. Raecker's garage Wednesday, May 30 at 8 o'clock. The play deals with the mysterious disappearance of a young lawyer, the failure of an heir to appear on specified time, and the substitution of a bogus heir, a masked burglar, and the theft of a mysterious package. The students who are taking part in the play are Anna Pals, Eva Sprau, Peter Koenen, Evelyn Thomas, Agnes Fischer Mildred Koehler, Ollie Pals, Clyde Smith, Gerald Braga, George Brater, Clarence Pals and Donald Muller. Twenty five and thiry five cents admission wil be charged.

Commencement exercises will be held at the Reformed church on Thursday, May 31 at 8 o'clock. Mr. C. E. Gilman, Y. M. C. A. Secretary from Mason City, will give the address. Special music will be furnished by Dr H. K. Jones and Mrs. C. E. Gilman, both of Mason City.

Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday, May 27, 8 p. m., Evangelical church.
Invocation—Rev. Pannkuk.
Solo, Selected—Clarence Ruigh.
Sermon—Rev. Schlesselman.
Duet, Selected—Miss Gertie Pals, Clarence Ruigh.
Benediction—Rev. Schlesselman

Graduation Exercises Thursday, May 31, 8 p. m., Reformed Church.
Prelude—Jennie Ostendorf
Invocation—Rev Schlesselman.
Solo, Selected—Dr. H. K. Jones.
Address—C. E. Gilman.
Solo, Selected—Mrs C. E. Gilman.
Benediction—Rev. Pannkuk.
Presentation of Diplomas—President of School Board.
Postlude—Jennie Ostendorf.

The May Day program given by the primary kiddies was largely attended and enjoyed by all present. The amount of work and patience it takes to prepare a program of this kind is not always appreciated but nevertheless we are pleased to announce that this time it was thoroly enjoyed and the little tots did their parts so well they were all happy.

The class day program at the M. E. church last Friday evening was well attended and the Senior Class rendered their different parts well, every number being heartily applauded.

LAWN MOWER GRINDER AT MESERVEY

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The Time of His Life

Pat O'Brien met Mike Casey coming out of the police court.

"Oi had a most illigant toime on Saturday, O'Brien. Sure, 'twas the toime av me life."

"Indeed! And how was that?"

"Why, Oi was at the Blue Pig and niver a thing do Oi remimber after about 7:30."

"But if ye can't remimber anything, Mike, how do ye know that ye had such an illigant toime?"

"How do Oi know?" repeated Casey. "Well, Oi've just overheard a policeman telling the magistrate all about it."

The man who asks questions may expose his ignorance but in the end he acquires knowledge to bestow upon others.

DECORATION DAY TO BE OBSERVED HERE

A number of our citizens have expressed their desire of having a little more extensive program carried out on Decoration Day, and the committees were chosen to carry this out as well as possible, considering the short time left in which to do this. With the co-operation of all who will, and with the help of the school children and Boy Scouts, a good speaker, special music, etc., has been arranged.

ORDER OF MARCH

9:00 a. m.—Gather on school house grounds to prepare for march.
Old Soldiers, Legion Boys, Boy Scouts, School Children.
Flag Raising.
All march to cemetery, children sing America.
Decoration of Graves.
Legion Boys' Service.
March back to Raecker garage where Patriotic Service will be held. Attorney Leonard Raecker of Waverly will be the speaker. All of the people should plan to be out on this day. Lay aside work for a half a day and honor those who fought for our country.

Come hear Attorney Leonard Raecker at the garage on Decoration Day. You'll not regret it.

Arrangements were made this week by the Clear Lake, Iowa, Commercial Club for band concerts every afternoon and evening during the summer months for the benefit of the resort's guests, according to word just received from Mayor Kenyon of Clear Lake. The band, a sixteen piece aggregation, is one of the best in Iowa and daily open air concerts will be made an annual affair at this popular Iowa resort. Many improvements have been made in the pavilions, piers, docks, and amusement parks and preparations are being made to take care of a record breaking crowd during the season

Railroads are planning special sleeping car service from distant points with the cars being set out directly at the water's edge for use by week end visitors—Advertisement.

The homely woman is seldom to be pitied. Where looks are denied there is generally an excess of brains.

Envy is a sign of something worth while in the other person.

The fellow who takes life easy never takes it too seriously.

Money never bothers some people. They never have enough.

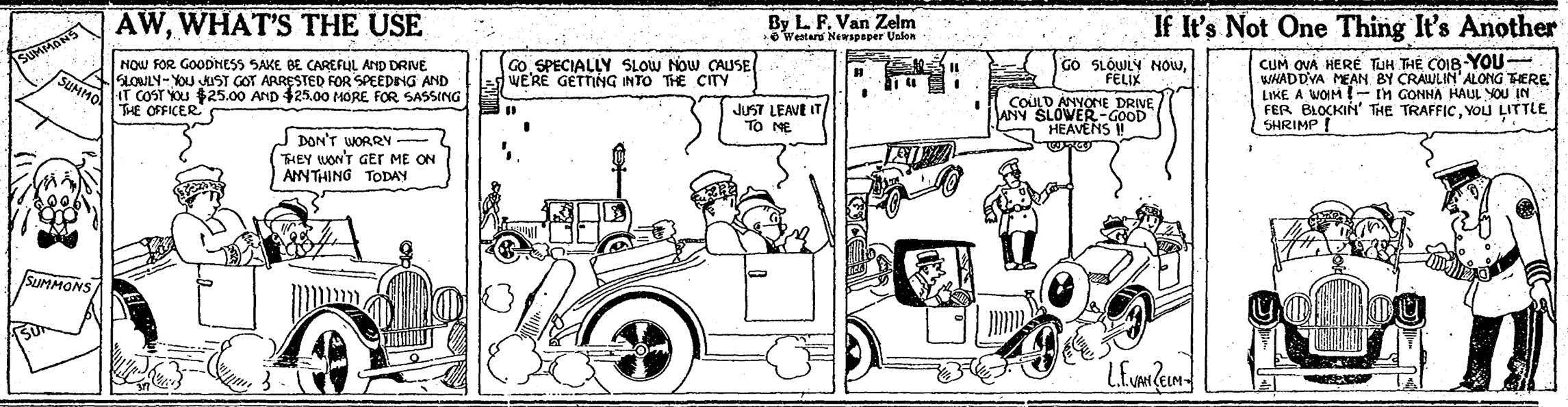
We do not agree with people who say that charity should begin at home. Only the most callous of persons would consider it charity.

Keeping young has been reduced to a science, but it is making a lot of massage artists rich.

Regardless of the fact that sugar is going up, we eaters keep right on shoving it down.

No man is quite so foolish as the fellow who thinks he is wise.

MICKIE SAYS—



ROWAN NEWS

Brenner The Florist. Phone 134. Clarion, Iowa.

A deal was consumated last Tuesday when Fred Hackley disposed of his entire stock to R. Virden, who took possession immediately. We wish success to the new firm.

O. F. Braden and Les Andrews auto for Highmore, S. D., where they have two large contracts of mason work.

The members of the M. E. Junior League enjoyed themselves immensely at a picnic after school last Wednesday evening on the church lawn. Miss Maude Cowley has the Juniors in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Whitten and Mrs. W. H. Whitten were Ft. Dodge callers last Thursday

The Juniors and Seniors, the high school teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Edgara Bingham were royally entertained at the Fred Kercheval home last Thursday evening. The hostesses were the Mesdames Frank, Clint and Fred Kercheval. The decorations were pink and green, the Senior class colors. The evening was spent in playing games and refreshments were served. The evening was very much enjoyed by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Ketchum, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bohnett spent Sunday visiting friends at Marble Rock.

The Misses Parks, Haven and Cowley were entertained at the week end at the home of Miss Dorothy Hillyard, at Dows. Miss Mohr went down Sunday afternoon. A six o'clock dinner was served by the hostess Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kercheval and Fred Francis spent Sunday at Belmond visiting friends.

Mrs N. F. Easton, of Belmond, visited at the Fred Kercheval home the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuller Bailey of Belmond visited relatives in Rowan last Thursday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. Halbert entertained the Misses Gertrude Mohr and LaVonne Ballou at one o'clock dinner Sunday.

Edgar Brooks cut his foot very badly on some broken glass last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kercheval and Miss LaVonne Ballou attended 8th grade commencement exercises at Harvey last Friday evening.

Mrs. J. S. Farran and Bobby went to Chicago last Friday, returning home Monday.

Clarence Townsan, formerly of the Townsan Hardware in Belmond, but who is now located in Des Moines, spent Sunday at the D. E. Harris home. Mrs. Townsan and little daughter are staying at the Harris home until they find a permanent location.

Miss Erma Barker gave a violet luncheon at her home last Friday evening to which the members of the school faculty were invited. At a late hour they departed, pronouncing Miss Barker a fine entertainer

Mrs. Levi Johnson and two children, of Sioux Falls, S Dak., came last week to visit for a time at the F. H. Fowler home.

Miss Grace Stockwell spoke to a large audience at the M. E. church last Sunday morning. A large thank offering gift was received. This was for the benefit of the Foreign Missionary society.

Mrs. Henry Annis and little sons of Waterloo were week end guests at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. Frank Drury.

Miss Gladys Toyne of Dowagiac, Mich., arrived last Saturday to spend the summer vacation with relatives.

Fred Sioler and family of Ackley were week end visitors at the Jake Aldinger home.

Mrs. Jake Aldinger has been suffering with gall stones, but is much improved at the present writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Davis went to Traer last week, where Mr. Davis will engage in gravel hauling.

Miss Viola Charter, who has been instructor in piano and violin and has a large class in music, is just finishing her spring term and will be in Rowan, June 5.

Mrs. L. W. Stevenson returned from Thornton last Thursday. Her daughter, Mrs. Bert Harris, who underwent an operation at Rochester for enlarged glands in the neck, is improving quite rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Whitten entertained the school faculty at a theatre party last Tuesday evening, after which they repaired to the Whitten home where refreshments were served.

F. H. Brooks and G. S. Liming were business callers in Hampton last Saturday. While there, Mr. Brooks purchased a new motion picture machine, film screen, several electric fans and two hundred and ten theatre chairs. With the new machine he will be able to give continuous service.

The Mesdames Clint and Fred Kercheval were hostesses at a surprise birthday party Friday afternoon. The ladies, about 50 in number, gathered at the C. W. Fowler home, marching in a body to the Kercheval home. The afternoon was spent in social converse and in contests which taxed the senses of touch and smell, as well as in the ability to recognize the flowers of the garden and the field. Mrs. C. F. Halbert, in original verse, presented the gifts friends had so lavishly bestowed. At the close the company arose and sang "Blest be the tie that binds." Mrs. Kercheval in a few well chosen words thanked the friends for the pleasures of the day. Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon. Mrs. Easton, an aunt of Mrs. Fred Kercheval, of Belmond, was an out of town guest.

Union Memorial services will be held in the Congregational church next Sunday at 10;30. Rev. C. T. Halbert will deliver the sermon. There will be special music.

The many friends here of Dr. Wray, of Iowa Falls, were saddened to hear that he had been taken to Chicago where it was found necessary to remove his arm, which had been badly infected with poison, contracted while performing an operation. His condition is very serious.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith from Clarion were Rowan callers Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Whitten and Mrs. Floyd Whitten motored to Ft. Dodge last Friday.

James Hethershaw went to Clarion, Monday, to work.

The following guests were present at a Sunday dinner at the Edgar Mantle home—Fred Smith and family, Mrs. James Bell and sons of Clarion, Mr and Mrs. Carl Jacobs of Goodell, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Brooks and family and Clarence Whitten.

The 4th and 5th grades went to the woods Monday afternoon and enjoyed a picnic and luncheon.

The Senior class held their commencement exercises at the high school auditorium Wednesday evening. Dr. Knight of Iowa City lectured on the subject "Why some succeed and others fail." There are only three girls and two boys in the class this year, namely Lillian Azeltine, Ruth Emerson, Marie Hinckley, James Kercheval and Joe McKinley.

The 8th grade commencement exercises were held Thursday evening at the auditorium when a program was given by the members of the class. At this time 21 girls and boys received their diplomas.

There will be no Sunday school at the Methodist church next Sabbath on account of the hour of the union service at the Cong. church conflicting with the M. E. Sunday school hour.

ALEXANDER NEWS

Memorial Services Sunday, May 27

All school children are invited to march to the cemetery. Meet at the school house at 1;30. Each one bring a bouquet.

PROGRAM

Music.
Invocation—Rev. Heyenga.
Music.
Gettysburg Address—Mrs. A. C. Lieuwen.
Music.
Address—Rev. Tomkinson.
Benediction—Rev. Heyenga.
Song—Star Spangled Banner.
Music by the Hampton band at school house.

Fred L. Greenfield was a business caller at Hampton last Thursday.

Mr. Clarence Murphy and children, and Mrs. Anna Pekerak were Belmond callers Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tucker of Hampton were visiting at the John Bell home last Thursday.

Mrs. Nels Larsen and daughter, Esther and Velma, and Edith and Ruth Beenen spent Thursday evening with relatives and friends at Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Penning and Mrs. Mary Kausian of Ackley spent the forepart of the week with relatives at this place.

Miss Nellie Bell was a caller at Hampton last Thursday.

Miss Lillie Corwell, of Dows, was a Sunday visitor with friends at Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dunn and family spent the latter part of the week visiting with relatives at Geneva, Minn.

Mrs. E. E. Butler and son of Hampton visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Arends several days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie McCallum and children of Belmond were visitors in town last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Winwood and son, and Mrs William Winwood and Miss Mary Winwood were visitors at Iowa Falls last Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Frohling of Belmond visited relatives here the forepart of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Finkle and daughter, Leona, of Hampton, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Veeder and daughter, Virginia Ruth, of Hampton, spent Sunday at the Nels Larsen home.

Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Kinseth from Belmond were visitors at Alexander Sunday.

Miss Eva Whetstone and Arthur Butler were Sunday visitors at Hampton.

Mrs. Harry Hardy and two daughters, Virgie and Betty, of Hampton spent several days last week with relatives and friends at this place.

Walter Goetz, of Belmond, was a business caller in Alexander on Monday.

The Misses Oralee Brooks, Mary Kernen and Marjorie Flynn spent Saturday and Sunday at their respective homes at Belmond.

OBITUARY

Albert M. Jones was born at Jonesville, Lincoln county, Ohio, on Nov. 20, 1844, and moved to Des Moines, Iowa, with his parents in 1847. He enlisted in the Civil war on March 29, 1864, and was honorably discharged on June 21, 1865. He came to Story county in 1873, where he was united in marriage on April 8 to Aurilla Ray, and to that union were born three daughters and one son, who were with him when the end came. Mrs. Lena Lycke of Boone, Mrs. Addie Peters and Mrs. George Dirksen of Alexander and Melvin Jones of Waterloo, Ia. He leaves to mourn his death the bereaved wife and children, one brother, Clifford Jones of Carroll and two sisters, Mrs. A. Eckard of Gilbert, and Mrs. Geo. Heggen of Ames, Ia. He reached the age of 78 years, six months and one day.

Final services were held Monday afternoon at one o'clock at the St. John's Evang. church, conducted by Rev. J. Schaffer, former pastor of the Reform church at this place, and burial was made in the Hampton cemetery. The bereaved ones have the entire sympathy of the community in their sad grief.

THE UNDERPAID FARMER.

The United States Department of Agricultural recently compiled a survey of over 6,000 representative farms in an effort to ascertain what return average an American farmer gets from his invested capital. The results are not only interesting but instructive, especially in view of the recent Supreme Court decision which affirms the principle "that legislation which precludes a fair return on the investment which it effects is confiscatory and unconstitutional."

The Department of Agriculture finds that the avreage invested capital of these 6,000 farms is $16,400.

The average return on this capital in cash was only $1,500—less than 4.5 per cent.

That return, however, does not include one dollar for his labor. To get the less than 4.5 per cent on his investment he has had to work for nothing.

He has had, however, an increase of $202 in inventories, crops, live stock and machinery which makes his total gross earning on his investment a little less than 6 per cent.

Estimating the value of his labor at the figures decided upon by three different surveys, as to how much is required to support a family and live decently without saving a dollar, he should be credited with $1,900 per year in addition to his gross return on his invested capital. From this might be deducted the $294 which the department reports show was the value of food and fuel consumed on the farm.

Putting the 6,000 farms on the same financial basis with the New York Telephone Company, or the railroads which are guaranteed 5.5 per cent on their stock (watered or otherwise), the farm as a commercial enterprise, is losing over $1,500 per year. This may explain the cause of nearly thirteen thousand millions of dollars of indebtedness recorded againt American farms and farmers.

Legislation that permits a charge of 9 per cent interest to the farmers for the use of government money, together with high freight rates, might be contrued as "confiscatory" —when viewed from the fact that the gross cash earning will not pay it.

The Supreme Court decision in the case of Prendergast vs. New York Telephone Company, will also have the effect of blocking the "Farm Bloc" in the proposed program to lower railroad rates, and it will effect legislation in nearly every state and city.

Following this line of argument to its logical conclusion, the day may come when professional people school teachers and superintendents printers and preachers, engineers and skilled mechanics, will capitalize the money and years of time in preparing themselves, and demand a fair return on that investment in addition to a reasonable wage or overhead expense. The knowledge acquired after years of study and expense certainly becomes invested capital—at least as much as a piece of inanimate machinery, or a mine mule.—Ex.

When you have become perfect yourself you are competent to make suggestions for improvement in others.

Two wrongs never make a right but some people go on the theory that a dozen will turn the trick.

GOODELL NEWS

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Goodell Church Notes

Wm. Nelson, who years ago sang in the church choir, was in Goodell, Sunday, and favored the services with a solo at the morning and evening services.

The three services were well attended and all enjoyed the excellent sermons preached by Dr. Cronk.

There will be no Ladies Aid this week.

We are greatly pleased to see such a large crowd out last Sunday evening, and to see such a large attendance of men.

You are invited to come and enjoy the song service on the evening of Sunday, May 27 at 7;45.

Remember that we meet at 9;45. You will find a welcome.

Mrs. Erick Clark of Garner visited her sister on Wednesday and Thurday.

Wednesday evening Mrs. Eli Hetland entertained Dr. and Mrs. Snearly and Prof. and Mrs. Nelson.

Mrs. Sandberg entertained the Senior class on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Henry Christensen and Mrs. T. O. Letch drove to Mason City on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wesenberg were Mason City callers on Thursday.

Last Wednesday the Meservey high school played the Goodell boys. The score was 16 to 18 for Goodell.

The Commencement address by Rev. O'Connor, of Garner, was listened to by a large audience. Mae Griggs, having the highest average in her studies, received the first scholarship. Carl Sandberg was very close to her average and he received the second scholarship. The graduates are the Misses Mae Griggs, Thora Carpenter, Margarete Kearney, Carl Sandberg and Dale Chase. Four out of the five are planning on going to college this fall.

Friday, the last day of school, was observed by a picnic and ball game at West Lake. Klemme played Goodell. The game ended with a score of 10 to 5 for Klemme. This closes Mr. Nelson's term in Goodell. He will be missed in the community as he was active in the social and religious work of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson will remain the greater part of the week in Goodell and then go to Decorah, to attend the Commencement. Later he will attend school at Iowa City.

Mr. Wellemeyer of Klemme was in town Saturday deivering furniture.

Miss Hill and Mrs. D. Christensen visited at the John Hughes home in Garner on Saturday.

The high school year being completed, Miss Hill went to Clarion on Monday.

Mr. Tomkins of Garner was in Goodell on Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Miller were Garner callers on Monday.

Mrs. Chas. Conklin was a Mason City caller on Thursday.

The ladies of Avery township met at the home of Mrs. W. L. Wesenberg on Saturday to consider the work for girls. Mrs. Chas. Conklin was appointed leader, with Mrs. H. T. Miller assistant.

The man who speaks ill of others speaks worse of himself.

Don't make excuses to your wife. She feels better after handing you a piece of her mind.

Many people are willing to give a world of free advice when they are too tight to lend a fellow a nickel.

It is more profitable to work and win than to play and lose.

ITEMS OF IOWA

C. F. Crow, of Massena, Cass county, tells of the wonders of the radio. He says that when Neal Yager tuned in his radio last Thursday evening he was a much surprised "fan" when the Long Beach station in California announced Miss Delpha Comer would play the piano. Miss Comer is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Comer of Victoria township, and daughter of Roy Comer, undertaker at Long Beach, a former resident of Cass county. Her father was here visiting in the vicinity at the time but did not know until later that local fans had tuned in on the ether in time to get her.

Frank W. Dusey, of Creston, a civil engineer, has been figuring altitudes at Des Moines and makes the following interesting announcement The Des Moines river is higher by 90 feet than the Mississippi at St. Paul, and falls 90 feet further between Des Moines and Keokuk than the Mississippi from St. Paul to Keokuk. The river here has an elevation of 773 feet and is 1659 miles from the Gulf of Mexico. The Union Station is 805 feet above sea level, the capitol grounds 859 and 1171.

Iowa farmers slaugthered over three-quarter of a million hogs on their farms in 1922. The average number of hogs butchered on Iowa farms in that year was 3.6 hogs per farm according to the report of Leslie M. Carl, of the division of crop and livestock estimates of the United States Bureau of Agriculture economies. Applying this average to the total number of farms in Iowa, 213,439, as given by the 1920 United States census, this would indicate a total of 768,000 hogs that were slaughtered on Iowa farms in 1922

Heroism of his wife saved the life of Wesley Schwalm, farmer near Muscatine, when he was knocked unconscious by a bolt of lightning in his barn during a recent storm. A mule ten feet from Schwalm was killed and the barn set on fire. Mrs. Schwalm rushed in and dragged her husband to safety, then went back and led seven horses out and drove a car out of the blazing barn. The barn, pigs and equipment were a total loss. Schwalm recovered.

The great Ford assembling plant in Des Moines now employs 1900 men, and runs three shifts that a 24-hour day may be utilized. Sundays are also devoted to cleaning up the week's overflow. Three hundred automobiles a day are being turned out and at this the demand cannot be met.

T. C. Coller lays claim to the marketing of the largest hog ever shipped out of Osceola, Clark county. It was a Poland China stag and weighed an even 1,000 pounds. The hog was three years old on the 26th day of February. Mr. Coller received six cents a pound for the animal, a total of $60.

While gathering greens in her garden, Mrs. Herman Grieme, 45 years old, living in Maple Valley township, Buena Vista county, was stung on the finger by a bee. In one hour she was dead. Death ensued before a doctor could reach the house.

Even a pessimist is happy at times—when things turn out as he predicted.

Of course France and Germany might consent to make up—if the kiss were eliminated.

A full dinner pail is a fine thing to have, but a full stomach is a heap more satisfying.

Free advice is most valuable to those who let it alone.

Fame comes to a few who earn it and to many who would like to lose it.

The reformer justifies his existence when he begins on himself.

Belmond Local News

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Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wenzel and Mrs. Will Wenzel and daughter of Swea City spent Sunday at Clear Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shurson and Mrs. Oscar Hanson and daughter were Mason City callers on Friday last.

Ferns, Geraniums, Foliage, Vincas Martha Washingtons, Astors, Cannas, Salvies, Verbenias, Pansy and Snap Dragons at Belmond Furniture Co., May 12-26.

R. Virden, of Rowan, was in town last Friday looking after business matters.

Mrs. A. E. Martin and Mrs A. W. Martin went to Waterloo on Tuesday, to attend the state convention of Federated Clubs. Mrs. A. E. Martin went as a delegate from the Community club and Mrs. A. W. Martin as a delegate from the Progress club.

Full line of Sterling chick feed at Farmers Elevator.

We have a large line of White Ivory and Amber suitable for Commencement Gifts.—Schultz Drug Co

Hemstitching Done at the Unique Gift Shop. Please baste with short even stitches or mark along the line you wish hemstitched, where possible. Black and white cotton thread furnished. Mail orders promptly taken care of. Prices 10 and 15 cents—Mrs. W. E. Stevens.

Miss Irene Hunter returned to her home in Lake Andes, South Dakota, Tuesday evening, having finished her season here as trimmer at the Hat Shoppe.

Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens and Wahl's Evershap Pencils make useful Commencement Gifts.—At Schultz Drug Co.

Congoleum 9x12, $15.00—Belmond Furniture Co.

WRIGHT CO., SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Wright County Sunday School Association will be held in the Presbyterian church of Dows on Thursday, May 24.

There will be morning, afternoon and evening sessions, and it is urged that as many as possible plan to attend some or all of these services. The committee in charge is planning on a big get--together picnic dinner on that day. Everyine is invited.

Speakers who understand the various phases of Sunday school work will be present to give that knowledge to those who attend the meetings. Rev. Leinbach of Belmond, who attended the International S. S. Convention at Kansas City last June, will bring a message from there. He has spoken on the subject at three district S. S. conventions and brought an intensely interesting message each time. Rev. Muhleman of Eagle Grove, will speak on week-day schools of Belgium.

There will be the wonderful inspiration of learning how the work is carried on in other places. There will be special music. Altogether it will be a series of meetings that no one who has the least interest in children and in Sunday school work in general can afford to miss.

ASPARAGUS PRODUCES EARLY

A hardy and useful vegetable which should find a prominent place in the Iowa garden is asparagus, according to C. V. Holsinger, of the Extension Service at Iowa state College. When well established at the end of two or three years, asparagus will produce tender, edible shoots earlier in the spring than most any other garden crop.

Ordinarily the young shoots will be long enough to use by the first of April and may be cut off as fast as they grow until about the first of July. Shoots should not be cut after this time, says Mr. Holsinger, but the plants should be allowed to develop their tops, and in turn their roots.

Like other garden crops, asparagus may be started from the seed planted in rows but a bed is more often started with roots purchased or taken from an old bed. Planted at intervals of 18 or 20 inches in rows about 4 feet apart, and given reasonable care, Mr. Holsinger says the plants will live and produce from 10 to 20 years.

Asparagus is a thrifty garden crop and will stand a great deal of competition from other crops and weeds, but will respond readily to a treatment of well rotted barnyard manure each year. The best practice on the farm is to use a manure mulch. This tends to prevent rust and materially increases yields. In towns it is sometimes more convenient to use a mulch of leaves and supply the fertility by means of commercial fertilizers. Soil for asparagus should be spaded deeply, but should be fairly firm at time of planting.

The tips may be used either green or white, depending upon the taste of the housewife. The bleached tips may be obtained by mounding up the earth around the stems and then cutting the shoots for table use several inches beneath the surface. Popular varieties are Palmetto, Conover' Colossal and Washington Rust Proof.

WARP MEAT IN PAPER

"If cured meat is to be kept any length of time it should be wrapped in paper and placed in a tight paper bag," says H. D. Helser of the animal husbandry department of Iowa State College. "After this is done," he says, "the bags of meat should be hung up in a dry, dark, vermin-proof building until required for food. To protect the meat from skippers it is sometimes dusted with borax."

NEW LAW FOR EDUCATION

Schools have always empnastzed predominantly mental training to the neglect of physical and moral training. This is on the presumption that the latter phases of education would receive due attention in the home. Society and business have changed all this. The 40th General Assembly enacted the Physical Education Law to be effective September 1, 1924, which requires all children in the public schools unless excused for reason, to receive a mimimum of fifty minutes per week in physical training and health education. The state Superintendent of public instruction is authorized to outline a course of study for physical training for the schools.—Ex.

LICENSE ON DEAD DOG

Chester DeVeney, editor of the newspaper and postmaster at New Hartford, would not pay his dog tax this spring, and a few days ago Auditor Hilmer advised him by letter of the delinquency. Chester wrote back that the dog was dead and he did not feel like paying tax on a pup that had already gone to the happy hunting ground. The county auditor consulted County Attorney Doore, who rendered an opinion that in a case where the dog's alive January 15, then the tax was collectible. After being informed of the county attorney's opinion, Mr. DeVeny wrote the auditor as follows:

"I am enclosing herewith a one dollar bill as a contribution to the dead dog fund of Butler county. This fund must have been created to take care of the graves of the deceased dogs of the county and I trust it will be spent 'judiciously' on Decoration day. Old Nibbs was a bit unruly when a pup but the last days of his life were spent in living as near as possible to the teachings of the Golden Rule, I am therefore of the opinion that the deceased is spending eternity on the great white throne in the happy hunting ground I trust the county attorney will now see his way clear to allow Nibbs' ashes to rest in peace."

A SURPLUS FOR A CHANGE

For many years Americans have had an intimate acquaintance with the word "deficit" as applied to the federal government. Congress has made its annual appropriations, and governmental departments have proceeded to spend more than their allowances. A deficit has been the customary result. But perk up! They say every cloud has its silver lining, but this year it is to be a golden one, thanks to our national budget system.

From whence does this good news come? From General Lord, director of the budget—the man who ought to know. The general tells us that at the end of the present fiscal year there will be in the federal treasury a surplus of sixty millions of dollars over expenditures for the period.

Of course, sixty millions are not much—only a bagatelle—but "surplus" sounds sweeter than "deficit," sixty million dollars sweeter. Long live the budget—and hasten the day when taxes will begin to fall.—Ex.

Most men have an eye to feminine beauty, especially after they have been married for twenty or thirty years.

The bald headed soldier had the advantage of his buddies in time of war. He didn't need a fine tooth comb.

The handsome man is one who doesn't always think first of his bank account—if he has a glass.

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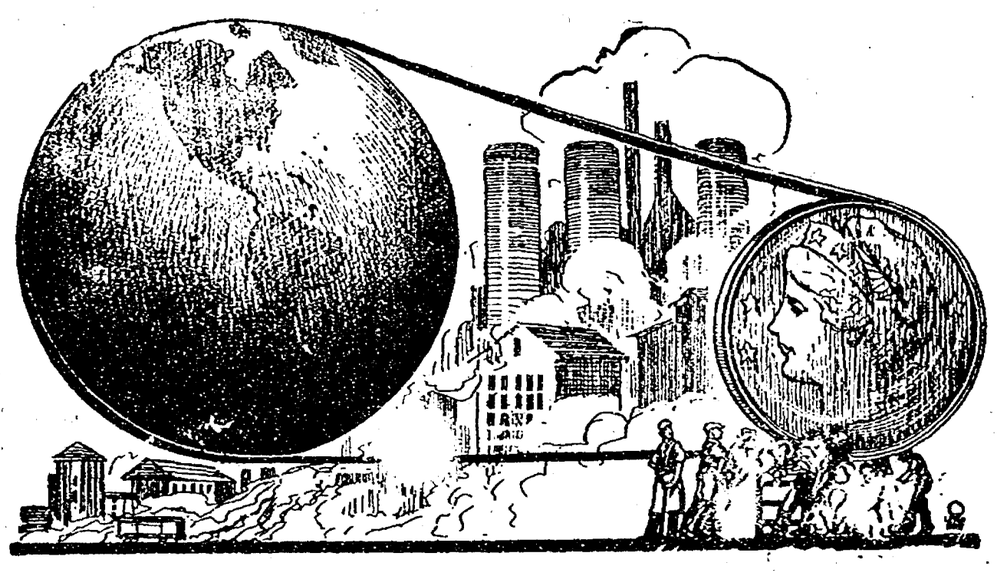

Let's Talk About the Power of Money

FOR it has power more than any other single thing---except the human mind.

Why?

Because money is a token that represents work or food or machinery---things that are useful and have power to create and satisfy.

That's why your money here in a savings account earns for you. The things back of the money are working and the profits are credited to your account in terms of dollars.

Wouldn't you be foolish not to take advantage of this power of your dollars?

STATE BANK OF BELMOND
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Kinseth's Store News

Next Wednesday is Memorial Day and we hope that you will all give it the proper observance which this day calls for. Of all things we can do, to pay our respects to the boys who have gone is the least, and no one among us should fail to do it.

—K—

Memorial day for your own self will be the day you start trading at the Store on the Corner. It will be a day that you will never forget because it will start you on the way to saving and getting the best at the same time. If you have already started you know it; if you haven't yet started you should at once.

—K—

We've just received a large shipment of Tennis and canvas shoes and can fit anybody in town, large or small. Our shoe department is complete and every pair in it is guaranteed.

Every day we get new patterns of the latest styles in our dry goods department. Call and see what we can offer you.

—K—

A very few cans of peaches and apricots at the 28c a can price. Got yours?

—K—

We have nearly every kind of a fruit, but if you should happen to want something we haven't on hand just leave your order and we'll deliver it to your door within a few hours. And by the way, we have some fine prunes at 2 pounds for two bits.

—K—

So you might just as well begin being a wise one now as later, because eventually you're going to be trading at the Store on the Corner. More wise ones growing every day in every way. You're next!

P. S.—Our phone is 19. Use it.

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Disliking the prospect of a month's visit to her austere aunt, Lady Erythea Lambe, at Jervaulx abbey, and her cousin, Alexander Lambe, Aimee, vivacious daughter of the Very Reverend Viscount Scroope, is in a rebellious mood.

CHAPTER II.—She wanders into the park, there encountering a strange youth in trouble with a motorcycle. He laughingly introduces himself as "Billy," American. The two cement the acquaintance by a ride on the motorcycle, the "Flying Sphinx," and part. With Georgina Berners, her cousin, Aimee sets out for Jervaulx. On the way she decides that Georgina shall impersonate her at Jervaulx, while she goes on a holiday. Georgina's horrified protest is unavailing.

CHAPTER III.—Happy in her new freedom, Aimee again meets "Billy." He tells her his name is Spencer, and she gives hers as Amy Snooks, at present "out of a job." Billy offers to take her into partnership in selling the Sphinx. In a spirit of madcap adventure, she accepts. The two proceed to the town of Stanhoe, taking separate lodgings in Ivy cottage.

CHAPTER IV.—That night Aimee visits Georgina and learns that the deception has not been discovered. By her dominant personality she compels Georgina to continue the subterfuge.

CHAPTER V.—On a trial spin next day on the Sphinx, with Billy, Aimee almost collides with a carriage in which are her aunt, Georgina and Alexander. The pair escape unrecognized.

CHAPTER VI.—Georgina learns that Lord Scroope is coming to visit Lady Erythea and, realizing what will happen on his arrival, is in hopeless bewilderment.

CHAPTER VII.—While Aimee is secretly visiting Georgina at Jervaulx, the place is burglarized. Aimee escapes.

CHAPTER VIII.—Georgina learns, with much relief, that Aimee has got away.

CHAPTER IX.—Police Inspector Panke decides that the robbery is the work of "Jack the Climber" and "Calamity Kate," noted thieves, who travel on a motorcycle.

CHAPTER X.—Billy, aware of his "partner's" nocturnal jaunts, is troubled. He follows her, on the Sphinx, to Jervaulx. He hears the commotion, at once suspects burglary, and follows two figures on a motorcycle who are apparently in a desperate hurry. Cornering the pair, Billy knocks out a man who attempts to shoot him, picking up a package the fellow had dropped. He discovers the other fugitive to be a woman. Stopping to aid her, she strikes him with a stone, rendering him unconscious, and the pair escape.

Clearly the partner had made a midnight excursion for a very definite object; people do not roam the countryside in the small hours for nothing.

The incident of the carriage on the Stanhoe road puzzled Billy; he had mentioned the carriage casually to Mrs. Sunning—saying nothing about the collision—and learned that it could belong to none other than Lady Erythea of Jervaulx abbey. He was told a good deal about that establishment. It was easier to start Mrs. Sunning talking than to stop her.

Obviously, Amy had something to fear from Jervaulx; something that bound her to secrecy, and led her to run risks. It annoyed Billy that she should have anything to fear whatever.

"Sometimes," said Billy to himself, as the lodge gates of Jervaulx came in sight, "a broncho filly with the spring blood in her will get doin' stunts an' galloping among the gopher holes. When they do that they're liable to fall an' break a cannon-bone. It's the same with her. If she doesn't want me, why she doesn't. But if she does, I'm going to be right there."

He dismounted some little distance short of the park entrance. The dark pile of the abbey was visible, a quarter of a mile across the grasslands.

Billy paused and reflected. The journey could be nothing more than a scouting expedition. He wished very much that he had been closer on Aimee's tracks.

Just then he observed a light flash out in one of the abbey windows. Faint, tintinnabulatory sounds were borne to him upon the night breeze—the clanging of a bell.

He watched the house with alert and thoughtful eyes. In a few moments two dim figures became visible, moving swiftly. An imaginative onlooker might have thought them to be goblins, gamboling across the sward. But they kept an uncommonly straight line, crossing the park and heading for a point a few hundred yards to Billy's right. Two people—running swiftly.

Billy followed them with his eyes. The foremost was long-limbed, scudding along with giant strides. The other, close behind, moved no less swiftly, but it was a figure of vague outlines, apparently wearing a cloak or dust-coat. They vanished from sight against the park fence where the lane turned.

"If that ain't a hold-up," said Billy, starting away from the fence, "there never was one yet!"

He heard the cough and splutter of a starting motorcycle under tall trees far up the lane. For one moment he listened, then made a dash for the Sphinx.

"A get-away!" said Billy. "My job!"

He threw his leg over the Sphinx and whirred off round the corner. He lifted his chin and gave a joyous laugh, like the bay of a hound. The lust of the hunter was in his blood.

The rider ahead, already aware that he was being chased, let out his machine at breakneck speed. The ray from Billy's lamp showed him a man crouching low between the handlebars, his arms spread like the wings of a bat. On the pillion behind crouched a small, muffled figure.

"Give up!" shouted Billy, as he overtook them. "You can't make it. I've got you!"

A hand stretched out from the figure on the pillion, and emitted a barking flash of fire. It dazzled Billy for the moment. Something zipped through his hair; automatically his left hand tightened on the valve-lifter and the Sphinx slowed, allowing the other cycle to shoot ahead.

Billy made a lurid remark, and at once increased speed again to close with the fugitives. Right ahead the lane forked on to the main road, and thither the driver of the other cycle was obviously heading. But the lights of a car were in sight, approaching rapidly on the road. The rider of the cycle had evidently no ambition to meet it; at the last moment he swerved left and continued along the narrow lane.

Billy laughed aloud.

"The guy's cornered himself!" he thought. "He's taken the blind alley. Me for him!"

The lane was very rutty and uneven. The cycle ahead had vanished round a bend; Billy, shutting off his engine, swung round it immediately afterward. As he did so he heard a crash. The driver of the other cycle, realizing too late that he was in a cul-de-sac, had swerved, braked violently, and came thoroughly to grief.

Billy sprang from the Sphinx, letting her fall on her side with the headlight still glowing. The other cycle lay prostrate; a small heap was huddled beside it on the grass.

The taller man, the driver, was just staggering to his feet when Billy ran at him. The cyclist whipped out a repeating pistol.

A gun, at night, and in the hands of a shaken man, is much less certain than a fist with six feet of activity behind it. Billy's left dashed the pistol hand aside, the bullet spat impotently into the air, and his right came with a terrific upper-cut beneath the man's chin, lifting him off his feet to fall inert.

As he came down, something skipped and rolled away from him along the grass, in the ray of the Sphinx's headlight. With the swift instinct for loot Billy pounced upon it—a sumptuous looking little case of leather, with a clasp. Billy thrust it in his pocket and turned to the fallen man, who lay with closed eyes and his head moving faintly from side to side.

"Mighty slow with a gun," said Billy, stooping over him. "I'm going over you for the rest of the goods, Bud."

A moan from the other malefactor, lying by the fallen cycle, interrupted him. So pathetic and treble a moan was it that Billy started and jerked himself upright, staring.

"Lordy!" he gasped, with remorse and concern. "It's a woman!"

The discovery was disconcerting enough. But a thought shot through his brain that nearly paralyzed Billy. What woman was it?

He hurried to her side. She had already raised herself on one hand and seemed trying feebly to get up. Billy stooped over her.

"Much hurt?" he stammered. "Here—"

At that moment the fallen driver recovered and stirred. Billy turned his head toward him, with a quick instinct—the danger lay closer at hand.

The woman's hand was grasping a stone, and, as Billy turned, she brought her arm round with a sweep, swift as a striking snake. The chunk of rock crashed full on the side of Billy's head. He fell as an ox falls, and lay still.

The woman staggered to her feet and ran to her prostrate companion.

"He's got his!" she panted. "You hurt, Jake?"

She helped the man to rise. He stood dazedly for a moment; the spinal jar from a knock-out under the point of the chin is terrific, but evanescent.

"Look lively an' beat it!" gasped the woman, hauling the motorcycle upright with surprising ease. "See if the bulgine'll run—we'll have the cops here next!"

"Got to settle with him!" said the man thickly, glancing at the prostrate Billy.

"He's all in, I tell you. Get her going!"

The man wrenched the motorcycle round, and fumbled at the feed and controls with nervous fingers. While he did so the woman snatched up another stone, and, running to the Sphinx, hammered on the engine and the levers. She had dealt three or four lusty strokes when the other motorcycle came spitting and wobbling past her. The woman ran to it and swung herself up deftly behind.

"Let her out. We'll clear yet!"

The motorcycle, coughing and missing fire badly, trundled back down the lane the way it had come. Jack the Climber leaned to the handle-bars, Calamity Kate, her arms tight round him, settled herself on the pillion. Together they whirred away into the darkness.

CHAPTER XI

Confession.

It was very dark and very quiet at the lane's end when Billy at last stirred, and, after an interval of slowly returning consciousness, managed to raise himself dizzily to a sitting position.

He pressed his hands to the side of his head and remained for awhile motionless, conscious of a damp warmth under his left palm. His eyes dwelt on a white, chalky stone, as big as a doubled fist, that lay on the grass beside him. Events began to reconnect themselves in a brain that still buzzed faintly.

"A granite skull," murmured Billy, not without a touch of pride, "isn't altogether a disadvantage in an argument."

He looked about him thoughtfully. Not far away something gleamed in a rut—a small repeating pistol. His late opponents had evidently left in too much of a hurry to take an inventory of their effects.

"She must have dropped that when the machine crashed," thought Billy. "She loosed it at me when I was riding up. Lucky for me she hadn't it just now. Some girl!"

He heaved himself to his feet unsteadily, made for a ditch where there was a glitter of water, and bathed the tender side of his head. The water revived him; save for a cut under his hair, no serious damage was done, though the blow might easily have cracked a weaker skull.

"I don't see that I shine much, over this job," said Billy despondently; "they sure handed it to me. Got right under my guard. Never thought of a woman sharing in a hold-up; an' yet I guess it's been done before."

He picked up the pistol, was about to pocket it, but altered his mind and flung it in the ditch. The other automatic was nowhere to be seen. Billy walked towards the Sphinx, the headlamp of which was now in darkness. His hand swung against a large lump projecting from the side of his coat. He halted and dragged out the leather case. Billy had forgotten its existence.

"Why, here's something saved from the wreck!" he exclaimed. "They couldn't have seen me get it!"

He dropped on one knee, opened the case, and switched the little electric torch over it.

Billy gave a stifled gasp. On a bed of cream silk velvet reposed a necklace of amethysts, ending in a loop of nine superb emeralds that shone with changing green fires under the torch's glow. Billy was not an expert in gems, but he guessed that these were such as a prince might be proud to own.

"This is the darnedest game I ever was up against," he said dazedly, returning the case carefully to his pocket.

He made a rapid examination of the Sphinx, and at once became aware of Calamity Kate's handiwork. In spite of the best intentions, however, that enterprising lady had overestimated the vulnerability both of Billy's skull and his motorcycle. She had done some damage, but had missed the more vital parts of the Sphinx. After ten minutes' work Billy's capable hands restored the machine to fair running order, and he rode away down the lane. Both lamps were out of action.

Any further pursuit of the thieves he put aside as a useless proposition. He had a vague idea that they had gone hours ago; in fact, however, he had not been unconscious more than a few minutes.

"There's only one thing to do," said Billy, "an' that's—"

A disconcerting thought flashed through his mind. The bumping of the jewel-case against his side suggested it.

"Gee!" he murmured, "I'm Little Boy Blue, all right. But if I was to run against the cops now, it'd take a heap of explanation before they slugged me. My story'd look pretty thin. Jewel-case—motorbike—it only wants one item to complete the outfit!"

He turned on to the high road, rapidly resolving on a plan of action as he rode. It was a good plan, but a few moments later it was hopelessly upset again. He was, as it happened, nearer to Stanhoe than to Jervaulx abbey, and as he turned in the direction of the latter Billy became aware of someone running toward him along the road—a dark figure, with a peculiar moving gleam of whiteness about it. He stopped the Sphinx immediately and thrust out his feet to steady himself.

The dark figure checked in its stride, hesitated, and seemed about to bolt back again.

"Partner!" cried Billy in amazement. "Is that you?"

The reply was a wild gasp. Aimee, breathless, muddy, with an appreciable breadth of white cambric showing at the base of her skirt, rushed up to him and seized his arm.

"Billy! Oh, I'm so glad—I'm so glad!" she panted. "Billy, I—I'm in an awful mess! The absolute limit!"

"How! Why?"

"I was in a house—and it was burgled"—gulped Aimee, struggling for breath "they thought it was me—and I scooted—they're chasing me."

It was not a vividly lucid explanation. But Billy's intelligence department connected with it at once; it supplied the missing factors. Before he could answer, a pair of lights flashed into view far down the road, approaching at speed.

"Car!" exclaimed Aimee, and with a note of panic—"Billy, suppose it's police? If so, they'll be looking for me!" She made a dash for the pillion of the Sphinx. "Get me out of this, Billy—start her quick!"

"Not on your life!" said Billy swiftly. "That's the last thing on earth for you now. Come with me."

He ran back fifty yards along the road to a field gate. In a few moments he had it open, thrust the Sphinx through, let her fall behind the hedge, and dragged Aimee with him into the ditch. They had hardly gained that cover when the car swept by with a roar, showing a glimpse of police helmets scudding past the low rampart of thorn fence. The majesty of law and order, sweeping inexorably through the night. A rattle, a hoot, and it was gone.

In the ditch there was painful silence. Billy mechanically felt his bulging pocket, glanced for a moment at the Sphinx, and then stared blankly at Aimee.

"Close call, partner," he observed.

"I thought it must be they," said Aimee breathlessly. "I wonder they haven't called out the military as well. All the countryside seems to be chasing me! Billy!" she said, with a suspicious tremble in her voice, "you'll help me, won't you? I'll tell you about it. I—I've kept it from you, but I won't any longer. I—"

Billy laid a hand on her arm.

"Amy," he said quietly, "just repeat this piece to yourself. Say: 'I'm safe, my partner's lookin' after me.' Got that? I'll see you through; you've nothin' to worry for at all. But we can't talk here. We've got to beat it."

He picked up the Sphinx.

"Follow close after me, an' keep quiet."

He wheeled the machine along the field path at a run, passed through another gate, crossed a stretch of heathery common-land, and made for a small copse at the foot of the slope. Aimee trotted behind silently, with an odd sense of relief and security. Billy would see it through. He had said so. He halted by the copse, and looked round to make sure of his bearings.

"It ought to be close handy here," he said. "Yes—I've got it."

He pushed on to a small bosky dell which led into a series of old clay-pits, masked with brambles. Aimee wondered how he could find his way so confidently in the dark; she had not the remotest idea where she was.

"Wait here a minute. I'll come back for you," said Billy.

He wheeled the Sphinx away along a scarcely visible path, and presently returned without it.

"I was fooling around here on an off day, first time I came to Stanhoe," he said, "an' I lit on something that's goin' to be mighty useful. The old Sphinx has got to disappear for a bit, an' you'll soon understand why. Follow behind; there's only room for one at a time."

He led the way through the brambles and, pressing ahead, turned on the light of his pocket torch cautiously. Aimee, close at his heels, presently found herself in the entrance of a sandy cave with a very small mouth, screened by rough creeper and brush.

"There's several of these around here," said Billy, "but this is one you don't find unless you hunt for it with a sounding pole. It's a heap quieter spot than the high roads tonight. Suppose we sit down."

They seated themselves on the powdered crag in the cave's mouth.

"It's time to show down our hands, partner," said Billy. "Do you mind putting me wise? Don't leave anything out. I want the facts."

Aimee was silent some moments. She found it difficult to begin.

"It was like this, Billy."

She plunged into the tale, and went through it from beginning to end—leaving out nothing. It took some time. She could hardly see Billy in the gloom. He made no comments; he was so silent that sometimes she wondered if he was there. Billy was, for a time, too flabbergasted to speak.

At the finish, she heard a stifled, grunting noise, a sense of something shaking. It seemed to touch a spring in Aimee. She bowed her head on her knees and laughed till her cheeks were wet.

"Haven't I torn it!" she moaned. "And I downed Cousin Alexander—and the butler's got yards of my skirt!"

Billy wiped his eyes with his sleeves.

"An' you can laugh," he said, with intense delight, "after all that! Gee, but you're the stuff! Sand right through. You're all right. As long as you can laugh, the Red Gods'll stand by you! An' so will I. I'm one of 'em."

"Billy! There's nothing but you between me and those beastly police. But I'll bet it's enough. What's to be done?"

"Hear my side of it!" said Billy, dropping on his knees and producing the jewel case. "Here's the first item!"

He opened the case and shone the torch upon it. Aimee gave a little cry. Billy explained briefly how he had come by the gems. He said little about the struggle; that ... was as sore as the side of his head. The best of us have our pride.

"One of them knocked me out for a spell, and like a fool I let 'em get away," he said. "I guess I didn't get all the goods, but this looks like an ace flush to me."

"How splendid you are!" cried Aimee, a catch in her voice. "Why, those will be the Lambe emeralds. I've heard of them—everybody has. They belong to my Aunt Erythea!"

"Then I shouldn't wonder if they scooped the jack-pot. But there's some high cards out against us. See here. We had to run for it. Here's the police prancin' over the country after a man and a woman on a motorcycle—for I guess they must be wise to it. Here's me with the stuff in my pocket, and you with a dress sample in the hands of the sleuth-hounds. Been the station-house for ours, if they'd got us just now—an' there'd be too much explaining to do. We'd have hit the cells for the night, sure. No place for you, partner. And all the newspapers spreading themselves over it."

"I know. It's f-fearful!"

"Not a bit!" cried Billy. "For now you can get in ahead of the cops. Don't you see? Put your folks wise to it—lay down all your cards. You're Lord Scroope's daughter—you ain't a burglar. Give it them straight. I'll stand by an' see you through."

"But—I can't, Billy! It'll all have to come out, then. Every bit of it," said Aimee with a gasp.

"Why, of course it will! It was bound to come out anyway, soon or late. You didn't think you could keep up this Jervaulx racket? I don't see any way you could do that. But you can keep it in the family. You've got to face the music."

There was a long pause.

"I—can't," said Aimee, scarcely audibly.

Billy was amazed. If it had not been so dark—and an incredible supposition in any case—he would have supposed from her voice that she was crying.

"You aren't afraid?" he said wonderingly.

"Of a row? No! It isn't that."

Billy sat down beside her.

"What is it then, partner?" he said gently.

"I never thought of it—till Georgie told me," said Aimee in stifled tones.

"Told you what?" he answered quietly. "What's the trouble?"

"About staying there. I—Ivy cottage!"

Billy moved slightly.

"I—I don't quite get you," he said.

"I can't tell Dad!" Aimee put her hands over her eyes and burst into tears. "I daren't! Billy, what am I to do!"

CHAPTER XII

A Gambler's Chance.

Billy stared straight before him. When at last he found his voice, it had so dazed a tone that Aimee hardly recognized it. He laid a hand on her shoulder.

"This thing's got me guessing," said Billy slowly. "I—I don't know what—"

"Of course, you never thought twice about it. And no more did I!" said Aimee. "I didn't care! And I don't care now! or I wouldn't if it wasn't for Dad. But people—it's all this miserable sentiment — that's what's wrong."

"Yes?" said Billy dizzily. "Well—"

"And now—why, the police are looking for a man and woman on a motorcycle, and they'll find out we were at Ivy cottage. They'll get my description. And even when they find out who I really am"—

Billy drew in his breath sharply.

"Georgie told me it was my finish—even before this silly burglary happened," continued Aimee gloomily. "Georgie knows about these sort of things. It isn't the burglary that matters. I could get over that. It's this—this other thing."

Billy was silent.

"The idea is," continued Aimee, with the same remarkable calm, "that I've lost my character; like a housemaid that's been stealing, or a groom caught selling the corn. Only I haven't been caught—yet.

"But—if Dad knew! You don't know my father, Billy. I couldn't explain him to you. Dad is just about the dearest thing that ever lived—in his way. But he belongs to a time about two hundred years back. Mother would understand; but not Dad. It's his creed that a girl mustn't be even—suspected. It was only tonight Georgina told me this thing would—well, it would break his heart. And I know him; I see she's right. If you and I—"

"Stop!" said Billy hoarsely. "Don't say any more. I—I've got to think this thing out."

Aimee found that he had suddenly left her. Presently she became aware of the outlines of his big figure, standing motionless just outside the cave. He was there quite a long time. Aimee sat where she was, twisting her handkerchief between her fingers. She felt very much calmer. The trouble and the stress were now with Billy.

He came back, and stood over her.

"I'm a coyote," he said quietly. "What I need is a quirt laid across me. I've been a fool."

"Not a bit!" said Aimee quickly. "How should you know?"

"It was my business to know! There isn't any excuse. But—things are so different, where I come from. And I don't know anything about women. We think a lot of women, down my way, but we don't talk about them—much. Partner, this thing I've let you in for through my foolishness—it's broken me all up."

"Because I'm Lord Scroope's daughter?"

"No!" said Billy shortly. "Be the same if you were his housemaid. But it's up to me to see you clear—you and him, too. And I'll do it."

His voice was so confident that Aimee's trouble fell away from her, as a sun-ripened chestnut sheds its prickly husk.

"What are we to do then, Billy?"

"It seems to me," said Billy gently, "that the simplest way is the best way. Let's you an' me go to the old man. No use talkin' about it here. I'll put it straight for you, partner."

"No!"

"I hope I can make him see sense—even if he's two hundred years old, as you say. It's all my fault. It isn't yours—not one scrap of it. I won't say much—but come right along with me to your father now—an' leave the talking to me."

Aimee rose.

"Never! I won't have it, Billy!" she said desperately. "I don't know—I don't know what you might say. If it comes out I'm done for anyhow; I'm going to take the chance that it won't! There must be a way to stop it—there must be some way.

"It's my trouble—mine! And I won't have it given away."

Billy drew a quick breath and straightened himself.

"Right!" he said. "Those are the orders. I accept them. I s'pose a man can't give away a girl's secret, if she wants it kept. I know that much."

"Why, of course," said Aimee simply. "But will you please understand, Billy, that I'm not going to drag you into this. The best thing you can do is to get away out of it all. I shall manage all right. I don't want to—"

"Cut that out," said Billy very quietly. "It don't go." There was a pause. "I did think, for a while, it might be best—for you. But that's wrong. I've got to be right on hand, for I'll be wanted. Now hold on while I tell you what we've got to do."

"Yes?" said Aimee eagerly.

Billy stretched out a long arm, plucked a leaf from the bramble that screened the cave, and chewed it pensively.

"There's just a gambler's chance," he said at last. "It's pretty thin—like drawing to a three-card flush. But it's wonderful how they come off sometimes, if you back your luck, good an' full."

He flashed the torch round the walls of the cave.

"What d'you think of this place?"

"It's—snug."

"Snug!" echoed Billy admiringly. "That's you! It would give some women fits. But you've sand. Do you think," he added diffidently, "that you could make out here for a bit? Could you sleep here?"

"Certainly I could. Why, they'll never find me—!"

"Come up here," said Billy, leading the way along the cave, which turned in a long curve, narrowing to a very small space. At the end stood the Sphinx.

"She'll have to stay here, too. There's a bit of risk to that—but very little. We can't help it. In the pannier-case you'll find iron rations, a can-opener, biscuits, an' chocolate. I always carry those. Down the pit yonder, just by the alder bush, is a spring of water. That settles supplies.

"Now, the first deal is to keep you right out of the way. For a few hours, perhaps for a day or more—I can't say how long. But we've got to put up a bluff. And you'll be at least as safe here as anywhere in the British isles.

"Our best chance is that the police may get the bracelets onto the real thieves right away. I'm not much stuck on that chance. Police, wherever you strike 'em, are—well, they're just police. We're in a lot more danger from them than that dead-beat who broke into Jervaulx, and the female rattlesnake he had along. The police mustn't get you, at any price. And—they mustn't get me either. Only there's more to it than that. Half a hundred things. There's a mighty tangled deal in front of me.

"Now, I'm going to sail right in. All you've got to do is lie here in this cache till about seven or eight o'clock. I'll be back here by then. If I'm not," said Billy quietly, "it'll be because I've fallen through. You bet your life I won't. But—if I don't get here by then, you must throw your hand in, just get straight to your father, best way you can. Do you promise that?"

"Y-yes! But tell me what you're going to do, Billy!" she said breathlessly.

"I can't tell you anything. I'll have to play the hand as it's dealt me; it just depends how the cards fall. And don't you worry any!" he said earnestly. "If you get doubtful or scary, just wash it right out of your mind, an' say this: 'Billy's running the thing for me, an' he'll see me through!' I'm off. Shake!"

With a sudden gesture Aimee put both her hands in his. He gave them a crushing grip, and broke into the sunniest smile.

"We sure are seein' life, partner!" he chuckled.

Aimee replied with a rather tremulous laugh. The next moment Billy had dropped her hands, and was gone.

Once clear of the crag-pits, Billy made for the road by another route. While climbing a gate he glanced at the luminous dial of his wrist watch, and emitted a whistle of consternation. Aimee's account of herself was absorbing, but he did not realize till now what an unconscionable time they had spent in the cave. The night was nearing its close.

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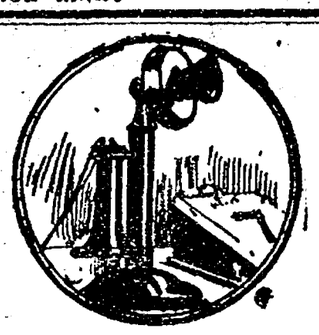

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Belmond Local News

Cabbage, Tomatoe, Cauliflower, Pepper, Sweet Potatoe, Ground Cherry Plants at Belmond Furniture Co., May 12-26.

The Northeast division of the M. E. Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. R. E. Webb on Wednesday of last week.

Clem Cannon has his "rig" about ready and expects to start soon on his trip to the Pacific coast. He will be accompanied by a friend on the trip. They will make the trip by auto. A good time and "see America first" is their main idea, and there are many who will envy them the good times they doubtless will enjoy.

Congoleum 9x12, $15.00—Belmond Furniture Co.

New plate glass windows were installed in the Gandrup pool hall building, owned by Art Hill, last week. They were broken in the recent big fire.

Work on the Deep Rock service station and the form of the new station can now be seen. It is expected to have it ready for business within a week or so.

Everything in House Plants at Belmond Furniture Co., May 12-26.

Fishing isn't being bragged over very much so far; the weather has been too cold and windy. Some bull heads are being caught, and a few game fish from Lake Cornelia are being taken. Harry Bohning and Bert Anfinson went to Clear Lake last week where they brought home several hudred thousand small pike to place in Morse Lake. More game fish will be secured and placed in the lake later, and it is hoped to have some real game fishing there within the next year or two

Full line of Sterling chick feed at Farmers Elevator.

Dows has decided to celebrate the grand and glorious Fourth and active preparations are now being made. Humboldt will also observe the day with a big time.

Miss Irene Hunter and Miss Murphy were week end visitors with friends at Fort Dodge.

Ray Brewer returned home last Friday from Everly where he had been running a truck for F. P. Dibble.

See the Bock Lumber Co., for low prices on barb wire and genuine American Field Fence. 24tfc

Mrs. Ward Martin and daughter, Harriett, were Mason City callers on Thusday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Heinisch have moved back to Belmond from Mason City and will make their home in this city. "Heine" will be employed at the sugar factory. This means another good player for our ball team, too.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Varland are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby daughter, born to them on Monday morning of this week. They now have two boys and two girls.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Loats and little daughter left yesterday for Platte, South Dakota, where Mr. Loats is going for his health. Mrs. Loats and daughter will remain with him for a couple of weeks.

The W. O. Eaton family contemplate moving to Idaho in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pletch are moving into the house occupied by W. O. Eaton.

AN OPPORTUNITY HERE

The Independent wishes to get in touch with some live, interested young man or lady of high school age who desires to learn the linotype. Good wages will be paid. The work is not hard or the linotype difficult to learn. Position will be permanent if you wish to stay. Call personally at the Independent office.

GRADUATION EXERCISES FILL NEXT WEEK

Continued from page 1

The Generator—Alpha Johnson.
Our Radio—Miss Thomas.

Before going to the auditorium to listen to a very clever and interesting program given by the Juniors, Mr. Thoe took a flashlight picture of the party as they were seated at the table.

The program was begun by a song by the Junior class. The Senior class prophecy was given by Alfred Wilkinon. Following the prophecy a very clever comedy entitled "An Easy Mark" was given by members of the Junior class. This play was very well given and furnished a delightful amusement. It represented a good deal of work and the parts were exceedingly well taken.

Cecil Riley, the Senior class president, read the class will and presented the ladder bearing the crimson and gray to the Junior class.

The evening's entertainment was closed by the singing of the high school song.

This was one of the very best banquets ever given in Belmond high school and the Senior class wish to express their appreciation and enjoyment of the entertainment.

A great deal of the credit for the success of the banquet should be given Miss Jewell and those who worked on committees.—A Senior.

The Eighth Grade Commencement Exercises will be held at the high school auditorium on Monday evening, May 28, at 8;15. The following program will be given—

"HUNKER'S CORNERS"

Cast of Characters

Bill Hunkers, Store keeper—Clifford Johnson.
Tam Washington Scott, Colored assistant—Henry Vestweber.
Kathy, Fresh from the "ould sod—Lucille Legge
Rajl Jackson, Chronic complainer—John Holtzbauer.
Jimmy Drake, A flip kid—Bill Finn
Sarah Jane Johnson, Slick as a whistle—Jessie Wallace
Caroline Pry, Who has a mind of her own—Dorothy Siska.
Mrs. Olivia Greenwald, So shy—Ruth Jones.
Sally Greenwood, Shyer still—Mary Quinlin.
Mrs. Featherweight, One of the elite—Vera Bishop
Dulciana Featherweight, A bride elect—Anna Skaar.
Jake Stearns, He can't help it—LeRoy Eaton
Belinda, Of few words—Lillian Faulhaber.
Mamie and Flossie, Maxwell's twins—Merle Hawley, Henry Robinson.
Nathan Kingsbury, Farmer—Joe Sprenzel.
Muriel Mason, A city boarder—Lucile Skouge
Enda Dean, A schemer—Muriel Amblie.
Robert Sinclair, In love with Muriel—Lyle Hawley.
Postman, Always late—Donald McNulty.
Frank, A holy terror—John Holtzbauer.
Auto Party—
Chauffeur—LeRoy Eaton
Jack Downer—Bill Finn
Mrs. Downer—Vera Bishop
Pauline—Ruth Jones
Helen—Jessie Wallace
Lo, Now the dawn is breaking—Muriel Amblie, Ruth Jones, Lucille Legge, Lucille Skouge.
Amaryllis—Eighth grade girls.
Presentation of Diplomas—Superintendent Guthrie.
Class Song—Class.
Admission 25c and 35c.

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary are asked to take flowers to the home of Mrs. Glenn Klemme to be made into bouquets for Memorial Day. A meeting of the Auxiliary is to be held at the Legion hall Wednesday morning. Poppies will be sold on the street Tuesday and Wednesday.

BELMOND TRAIN SCHEDULES

(Corrected to date.)

ROCK ISLAND
Going North
Passenger, daily ..... 8:15 a. m.
Freight, daily ..... 10:55 a. m
Combination, daily ..... 2:15 p. m.
Going South
Passenger, daily ..... 6:28 p. m.
Freight, daily ..... 1:10 p. m.
Combination, daily ..... 11:58 a. m.

M.& ST. L.
Going West.
Combination, daily ..... 8:30 a. m
Going East
Combination, daily ..... 8:35 p. m.

GREAT WESTERN
Going North
Motor, daily ..... 9:24 a. m.
No. 16, pass., D & S ..... 1:35 p. m.
No. 12, pass., D & S ..... 1:26 a. m.
Local Freight ..... 7:55 a. m.
Going South
No. 11, pass., D & S ..... 1:26 a. m.
No. 15, pass., D & S ..... 3:40 p. m.
Motor ..... 5:19 p. m.
Local Freight ..... 3:20 p. m.

The Sensible Gift for Commencement is a Kodak. If it isn't an Eastman it isn't a Kodak.—Schultz Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Spitler entertained a number of relatives and friends from Clarion, Klemme and Goldfield last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Meacham and daughter, Mildred, and four other families from Titonka, Mr. and Mrs Art Leonard and family and Mr. Chris Sorenson and son Chester enjoyed a picnic at Morse Lake on Sunday

The Girls' Bridge club met at the home of Mrs. Ben Fetrow last Friday evening. Mrs. Matt Barry won the highest score. Light refreshments were served. This was the last meeting of the club for this spring

Friend C. Brass came up from Ft. Dodge to spend Sunday with relatives here, and on Monday he was at the Schultz Jewelry store to test eyes and fit glasses. He will make Belmond every other Monday from now on.

A Royal Neighbor convention was held at Clarion on Tuesday. Mrs. Dillon was the delegate from the Belmond lodge.

Earl Madsen, in the hospital at Rochester, is reported coming along nicely.

Cato Griesy was a business caaller at Fort Dodge on Tuesday of this week.

Louis Tokman spent the week end at Mason City with his family.

John Zook has moved into his new quarters in the new building next to Jacobson's store, erected by C. O. Fitts and Martin Hanson. John is now very nicely located and has a fine station.

D. E. Harris of Rowan was in the city on Tuesday

We have installed a cob crusher and a new feed grinder. We can grind your feed quickly while you wait, every day except Monday. Bring grain in wagon box or any way it suits you. We spout grain direct to wagon box.—Belmond Mills. 27tfc

FARM WANTED—Wanted to hear from owner of farm or good land for sale, for fall delivery. L. Jones, Box 896, Olney, Ill.

Tuesday, May 15th, the fishing season in Iowa opened and hundreds of enthusiasts crowded northern Iowa lakes, their favorite fishing grounds. Clear Lake, Iowa, where many Belmond anglers revel was crowded, according to Chas. F. Crane, manager of the publicity bureau of the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce and many fair size catches were recorded.

Pike seems to be the most plentiful at the present time with a few large bass counted among those hauled in. Altho the weather has been a little too cool for comfortable fishing the predictions are for warmer weather this coming week and several Belmond people are already making plans on visiting Clear Lake

BELMOND MARKETS

Hens, heavy	18c
Smooth springs	17c
Roosters	09c
Creamery Butter	47c
Broilers, 1½ to 2 lbs.	35c
Leghorns	08c
Geese	08c
Ducks	12c
Turkeys	25c
Old Toms	16c
Eggs	19c
Cream	40c
Dairy Butter	40c
Creamery Butter	53c
Corn	68c
Oats	38c

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SERVICE
Belmond Storage Battery Co.

WANT ADS

Two cents per word first insertion; one cent per word ensuing insertions.

FOR SALE

For Sale—Strawberry boxes. Phone 248. 27tfc

For Sale—Rat Terrier male pup from excellent good ratters. —See John Cooper, Kanawha, Iowa. 27tfc

For Sale—Holstein bull, of serviceable age. Priced reasonable. Inquire at this office. 26tfc

For Sale—Some very good clothing; ladies suits and silk dresses, slightly used.—New Belmond Tailor Shop. Phone 28. 24tfc

LOST AND FOUND

Lost—An auto crank, near Louis Hauge's farm. Will finder please notify W. D. Schlieffarth. 1c

Found—A pair of spectacles. Owner can have same by calling at this office and paying for advertising. 26tfc

FOR RENT

For Rent—Seven room house, one lot and barn, on Main street.—Call 247.

Some girls never have "boys on the brain." It is first necessary to have a brain.

Some people's consciences never worry them. They never get found out.

Don't lose sleep over the things you want. It's the ones you have that get you into trouble.

You can't offend a man by calling him a colonel—unless he is a general.

Independent Wants Ads are little but they bring Big Returns. Try one for what you have to sell or rent.

The handsome man is one who doesn't always think first of his bank account—if he has a glass.

Willard STORAGE BATTERY
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Announcement!

I will be at the
Schultz Jewelry Store
in Belmond, on
MONDAY, JUNE 4
to test your eyes and fit glasses, and will be there every two weeks until further notice.

FRIEND C. BRASS
Optometrist

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Why Look Around for a Suit That You Fit
when you can order it here to fit YOU!
If not a new one, let us clean your old ones.
New Belmond Tailor Shop
F. J. TUFFREE
South of Case Hotel Phone 28

Is your subscription paid up? If not, why not drop into the Independent office and square accounts? Pay in advance and save 25 per. cent.

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Eighth Grade Commencement
Monday, May 28, at 8:15 p. m.
High School Auditorium
Play---
"Hunker's Corners"
Admission---25c and 35c

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Manager

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Dan Cupid's Darts Hit Many Hearts

Many Weddings Are Feature Of Events Here In The Past Week.

MORE ARE IN PROSPECT

GARTZ-BARKER

Miss Bertha L. Gartz and Mr. E. S. Barker were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gartz, on Wednesday, June 6th, at high noon, the Rev. W. A. Wilkinson of the Methodist church officiating. Only the immediate relatives, and Miss Hendrickson of Thompson, a friend of the bride, were present. Following the ceremony a wedding dinner was served by the bride's mother.

The bride, one of this community's best known young ladies, has been a successful teacher for several years past.

Mr. Barker is one of the progressive farmers near Meservey, and will take his bride to his farm where they will make their home.

The Independent joins in extending best wishes and congratulations.

FOSTER-SMITH

Miss Coetta Foster and Scott W. Smith were united in marriage at Cedar Rapids yesterday evening, the ceremony being performed by the groom's father, Rev. S. W. Smith of Des Moines

The bride has made her home with Dr. and Mrs. McBurney in Belmond for several years, and graduated from the local school last week.

Mr. Scott, son of Rev. and Mrs. S. W. Scott of Des Moines, graduates from Coe College this week, and will be employed as one of the faculty at the college for this next year.

The couple will go to housekeeping in Cedar Rapids at once. The Indenpendent takes pleasure in joining with their friends in the best of wishes for a happy life.

ALDRICH-JOHNSON

Miss Anna Mae Aldich, daughter of Mrs. Chas. Longley, of Goodell, and Mr. Gerhard C. Johnson, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Johnson of Belmond, were united in marriage on Saturday, June 2, at 3:00 p. m., at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Ed. Eiler, in Clarion. Rev. J. B. Walker, of the Methodist church of Clarion, officiated.

The bride, a former Belmond girl and well known here, has been making her home for some time with her sister in Clarion, where she has been assistant librarian, and at which work she has made a splendid reputation.

Mr. Johnson is a Belmond man, and well known with a large circle of friends. He is engaged this summer in raising beets for the local factory.

The happy couple left Saturday evening for a short wedding trip, and upon their return will reside in the Severt Enger house on the hill west of town. The many friends of the couple, with whom the Independent joins, wish them the best of life together.

GROEN-ALLEN

Miss Nettie Groen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Groen of Belmond, and Mr. Victor Allen, of Mason City, were united in marriage on Saturday, June 2, at four o'clock p. m., at Charles City, the minister of the Christian church at that place performing the ceremony. They expect to begin housekeeping in Mason City at once.

The bride, who has been living at home with her parents, is one of this city's best known young ladies.

Mr. Allen is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Allen of Mason City and is a musician in an orchestra at Mason City.

The Independent joins with their many friends in congratulations and best wishes for a prosperous and happy life together.

DONAHUE-FINN

Monday morning at 8:30, at the Catholic church at Goodell, occured the marriage of Miss Marie Finn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Finn of Goodell, and Mr. Arthur Donahue of Forest City, Rev. Father Eardley of Belmond officiating, with Father Torpey of Clarion assisting. The choir from Belmond sang the nuptial high mass.

The bride has taught school in the Lakota school the past four years where she was very successful. She is a charming young lady with a large circle of friends who wish her all that is good in life.

Mr. Donahue has been superintendent of schools at Lakota the past three years, and has been re-elected for the next year.

After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served by the bride's mother, and the happy couple then left for a short honeymoon trip to Dubuque, Victor and Iowa City. The wedding was attended by only a few close friends and relatives. The newlyweds will reside at Lakota.

The best wishes and congratulations of a host of friends, with whom the Independent takes pleasure in joining, go with them.

PIERCE-SMITH

Dave S. Pierce and Miss Ella Smith were united in mariage on Monday, May 28, at the home of the bride at Otho, Iowa. They came to Belmond the next day, and are now keeping house in the groom's residence in northwest Belmond. Mrs. Pierce was at time employed in the Case Hotel here, where Mr. Pierce met her. They have the best wishes of their many friends for a happy and successful life together.

COURT HOUSE NOTES

Monitor: A judgment for the sum of $18,123.45 is asked by J. T. Madison vs Fred and Cora Madison of Goldfield. On the 14th day of January, 1918, defendants made and delivered to plaintiff their promissory note for $16,500.00; a second note for $907.50 and a third for $715.95, all of which are past due and unpaid hence the suit.

The First National bank of Eagle Grove vs. Pascoe Mercantile Co. is a suit to collect $4,500 on their past due note.

First National bank of Kanawha vs. Henry Kamp, Katie Kamp, Albert Kamp and Jacob Kamp is a suit asking the court to declare a certain real estate conveyance fraudulent and void. The bank alleges that it secured judgment in Hancock county against Henry and Katie Kamp in the sum of $8,976.85 and that over $4,000 of said judgment remains unpaid; that an execution issued to the sheriff of Wright county has been returned unsatisfied; that on June 22, 1922, said defendants conveyed 240 acres of farm land in Norway township to Albert and Jacob Kemp; that the conveyance was made with fraudulent intent and for the purpose of putting their property beyond the reach of this plaintiff.

Four notes aggregating $1290 alleged to be unpaid and past due is cause of suit filed by A. L. Fox vs. L. Hand, Amy Sherman.

Geo. P. Hardwick of Belmond has filed suit against E. F. Bailey seeking the foreclosure of a $1200 mortgage on certain described property in Belmond.

Alfred Martin of Boone township has appealed from the findings of the board of supervisors with reference to the changing and relocating a certain highway near Smith's park in said township. The defendants named in the petition are Rasmus Hanson, J. F. Kelling, J. H. Frank, A. J. Jannsen and F. W. Walker, county auditor of Wright county.

Henry Greaves of Dows asks the court to appoint a guardian over the property of his wife, Sarah Ann Greaves, who has been adjudged insane and ordered confined to the hospital at Cherokee.

Marriage licenses were issued the past week to Clarence W. Barnes and Loretta M. Schoonover, both of Eagle Grove; George J. Miller and Pearl T. Spoon, both of LuVerne.

TRINITY CHURCH

Thursday evening prayer meeting at the church at 8 o'clock.

Thursday afternoon the Ladies Aid meets at the church parlor.

Sunday morning at 10 o'clock Sunday school and Bible classes as usual Please attend. No service morning or evening.

Sunday June 17 English service in the morning. Young People's League meeting in the evening at 8 o'clock.

Big Events in the Lives of Little Men

Start New Building For Postoffice

Chas. N. Reese To Erect New Double Building On Hard ware Lots.

TO BE READY BY SEPT. 1ST.

Chas. Reese began work Tuesday on the construction of the new building to house the post office. This new building, to be located on the two lots formerly occupied by the Townsan Hardware, which was destroyed in the big fire, will be 43 x 70 and of hollow clay block with brick underling construction. The building will be a double one, of one story, and the post office will occupy one part while the other will be for store or business use. The post office will be moved, it is understood, about the first of September, the new building to be ready by that time. The erection of this new modern building on the site of the old store will add immensely to the appearance of the business section of town, particularly the west end of Main street.

K. K. K. BURN CROSS AT BRITT

The firy cross, emblem of the Ku Klux Klan, was burned at Britt on Saturday. The cross which was constructed similar to those which have been burned in other towns around here, was placed at the south end of Main street near the greenhouse. Considerable literature in regard to the Ku Klux Klan had been placed by the cross and was taken by those who wished it. There are many different opinions as to just what the burning crossing signifies, but no one is real sure. A number of Kanawha citizens who were at Britt saw the cross burning and some of the literature was secured.—Reporter.

ORGANIZE GIRLS' CLUB

On Tuesday, June 5, nine of the girls in Belmond township, between the ages of 10 and 21, met at the home of Mrs. J. B. Tiara, vice director of the Farm Bureau, and organized a girls' garment club to be known as the "Peg Away Club." Officers were elected and general plans for the year's work were outlined. A pleasant social hour was enjoyed afterwards. During the summer months the club will meet once a week. The next meeting will be held in the schoolhouse of Dist. No. 6 on Tuesday, June 12. A cordial invitation is extended to all girls of Belmond township to attend.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The Ladies Aid met to sew all day Wednesday.

Sabbath school at 10 and at 11 the Children's Day exercises will be given.

Evening services at 8:00.

We had 11 at the county Sunday school convention which was the largest delegation of any school outside of Dows. We had a fine convention and very helpful.

The meeting of the officers and teachers will be held Thursday evening instead of Wednesday.

Mrs. Ballou of Rowan has been visiting at the Tom Tyrrell home the past week.

Soldiers To Encamp In Belmond June 23

Three Hundred Men From Ft. Snelling To Be In Belmond On That Date.

ENROUTE TO DES MOINES

Three hundred United States soldiers will be encamped in Belmond on the 23rd of June. They will be the second battalion of the Third Infantry, from Fort Snelling, Minnesota, enroute to Des Moines, overland.

Mayor Sullivan received the following letter last week:

"The second battalion, Third Infantry, consisting of approximately 11 officers and 300 enlisted men, will march overland from Fort Snelling, Minnesota, to Fort Des Moines, Ia., during June, 1923. It is contemplated marching thru your city if suitable arrangements can be made for camping over night. Our probable date of arrival is June 23. We will have about 50 animals.

E. A. Lathrop, Major 3rd Inf.

Mayor Sullivan states that he is arranging quarters for the troops while here, along the river, south of town where they will be close to a hydrant for drinking water and where the men can bath. The soldiers will be quite a sight, and you should keep the date in mind and oe in Belmond June 23 to see what a real fighting outfit looks like.

FORMER RESIDENT KILLS BIG TIMBER WOLF

The following item taken from the Grand Rapids (Mich.), Herald-Review, concerns the son of a former resident of this vicinity, C. W. Jennings:

"Claude B. Jennings, who lives on the Gravelle farm south of town, had an experience Saturday with the first hungry wolf that has been known in this section. Mr. Jennings saw the animal, which was a large timber wolf, in his pasture making toward some calves. He looked up his shotgun, but didn't have any shells, and sent to a neighboring farm for some. In the meantime the wolf kept circling around him and the animals until the ammunition arrived, and one shot disabled the animal so that when it tried to escape and jump a fence it was unable to make its getaway. It was finally driven down to a small swamp and at a good opportunity was shot and killed. The wolf was one of the largest that had been seen in this section for some time and it was evidently of the real timber variety. It was said to have weighed well over a hundred pounds, and the animal, instead of doing Mr. Jennings any harm, added considerable to his income for the day, for he received $22.50 bounty.

ST. OLAF CHURCH NOTES

Class meets at the church Wednesday at 1:30.

Wednesday afternoon the South Ladies Aid met at the home of Otto Tegland.

Sunday school and Bible classes meet next Sunday at 10:30. No service.

Sunday, June 17. English service at 3 o'clock. Sunday school the same day at 2 o'clock.

SAFETY FIRST CAMPAIGN

Commencing June 1st, and continuing until September 30th, the railroads of the United States and Canada will carry on the campaign to prevent accidents at railroad highway grade crossings which was inaugurated by the American Railway Association and handled by the railroads of the United States during the same months of 1922.

The campaign is to be styled "Careful Crossing Campaign" and the slogan appearing on the posters and to be used generally is "Cross Crossings Cautiously."

The increase of 24 per cent in the registration of automobiles and automobile trucks during the year 1922 bringing the number up to 12,975,632 together with the fact that during the last five years 9,101 persons were killed and 24,208 persons injured in railroad grade crossing accidents in the United States, emphasizes the need of carrying on the campaign this year with even greater effort than was put forth last year, if that be possible.

Railroad men will do their full part and if the owners, drivers and occupants of automobiles will but do their fair share when approaching and crossing railroad tracks—be assured that the way is clear before they attempt to cross, and take no chances, life and limb will no longer be needlessly sacrified at railroad highway grade crossings; misery and suffering will be materially reduced; homes and families will experience greater happiness and better conditions will generally prevail.

ALGONAS' NEW PARKING LAW

Algona has changed their parking rules and henceforth will have the cars parked alongside the curb. You must not head in or back in up there any more. The streets are too narrow to allow the parking in any other way. Under the new way, a block will hold only about thirty cars, and residential districts will see many cars parked there on busy days.

HE OUGHT TO BE CURTEOUS

A squabble seems to be going on between a lady from Livermore and a gentleman from LuVerne as to the boundary lines on their own particular hootch territory. Concerning this dispute the News of LuVerne says:

"The Algona Advance of last week contained an item relative to some hootch makers whom the officials had captured and mentioned a 'certain lady' from Livermore. No one in LuVerne wonders who that certain lady is, for she has been peddling hootch here for a long time, but has mighty stiff competition in a local hootch seller, who is fast breaking into her territory. The town councils of Livermore and LuVerne should get together, and give each one his or her territory, so that they will not conflict. Too bad our local booze seller is not gallant enough to leave that lady's territory and customers alone."

ACHIEVEMENT IN RADIO

The latest achievement in radio was the capture of Clayton Crawford former bandmaster of Pella, who left several parties in the lurch when he disappeared some weeks ago and no clue could be obtained as to his whereabouts. A radio enthusiast at Pella was listening in when a musical number was announced at Austin, Texas. It was an accordian number to be played by Clayton Crawford, and when that name was announced the authorities at Austin were instructed by telegraph to arrest the musician and this was done. He is wanted in Dallas county for obtaining money by false pretense, and in Des Moines for burglary.—Ex.

GOLDFIELD BOYS ROLLIN' THE BONES ARE CAUGHT

The Goldfield Chronicle of last week reported that a deputy sheriff came to that town and took into camp some of the youngsters of the city who had been engaged in African golf, or in other words, shooting craps. The boys, it seems, had their headquarters in the park, and the deputy relieved them of their chief articles of warfare.

Earl Madsen Dies After Long Illness

One Of Belmond's Finest Young Men Dies After Making Long Brave Fight.

COMMUNITY IS GRIEVED

Perhaps this community has never been more genuinely grieved than last Tuesday, when word was received of the death at Rochester of Earl Madsen. Earl had undergone his second operation that day for tumor on the brain, and failed to recover.

For several years Earl had suffered from some malady, which it did not seem able to treat successfully. He had gone to Rochester for examination, where his ailment was finally pronounced brain tumor, and one unsuccessful operation performed Owing to his weakened condition he could not stand the second operation until two weeks later, and during the second operation he quietly passed away.

Earl had lived a life of which we are all proud. The writer knew him and was friends with him from early boyhood, and we never knew a finer man. He was a gentleman in every sense, loyal and true and his life was always an [illegible] for the rest of us to pattern after. In all his illness he never complained, never gave up hope or lost his cheerfulness, and to the last maintained his optimistic view. Earl numbered his friends by the people he met, and to the wife and two little children their deepest, warmest sympathy goes out in heartfelt measure

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 2, at the house at two o'clock, and at the Congregational church at two-thirty, with Rev. Leinbach assisted by Rev. Wilkinson in charge. Interment was in Franklin Grove cemetery. Rev. Leinbach read the following obituary:

Earl Luarits Madsen, oldest son of M. C. and Mary Madsen, was born at Belmond, Iowa, March 10, 1891, and died at Rochester, Minnesota, May 30, 1923. Earl received his education in our Belmond school, and graduated in the class of 1910. He was married to Louise Brown Knox on August 17, 1916, and to this union two children were born, Keith Knox and Earline Louise.

Earl professed faith in Christ when he was about 12 years old, and joined the Methodist church, which membership he transfered to the Congregational church in order to be with his wife. He was always a true gentleman and his life was a living epistle for righteousness.

He joined King Solomon Lodge No. 110, A. F. & A. M. when he was 21 years old, and had received every honor that the lodge could confer upon him.

Besides his wife and children, he leaves his parents, three sisters, Mrs S. C. McBride of Casper, Wyoming, Mrs. Geo. Peterson of Belmond, and Mrs. J. C. Padelford of Glendale, Calif., and one brother, Irving C. Madsen, of Belmond.

IOWA FALLS TO HAVE NEW TOWN HALL—MAYBE

Iowa Falls may have a new town hall—maybe. The proposal to issue bonds to build a modern community building in which to hold all public activities and to house the city affairs as well, was put up at a special election last week and carried by the exceedingly narrow margin of five or six votes. The narrow margin has raised some fine legal points which have been submitted to a bond house and an opinion will be rendered by its attorneys. The board, in canvassing the vote, threw out 17 disputted ballots, but if the 17 votes that were not considered are counted in, the result would still be a few in favor, the disputted votes being about equally divided. The summary of the board gives 594 for and 588 against the issue. The bond issue is for $58,000.

E. N. Ericson, residing west of town, suffered a stroke of paralysis last Wednesday. He has been quite ill. Nora Nelson from Belmond is the nurse in charge.

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Editorials

THE FIGHT BEGINS

With the signing of the repeal of the prohibition law of New York, by Governor Smith, the big fight on prohibition has started

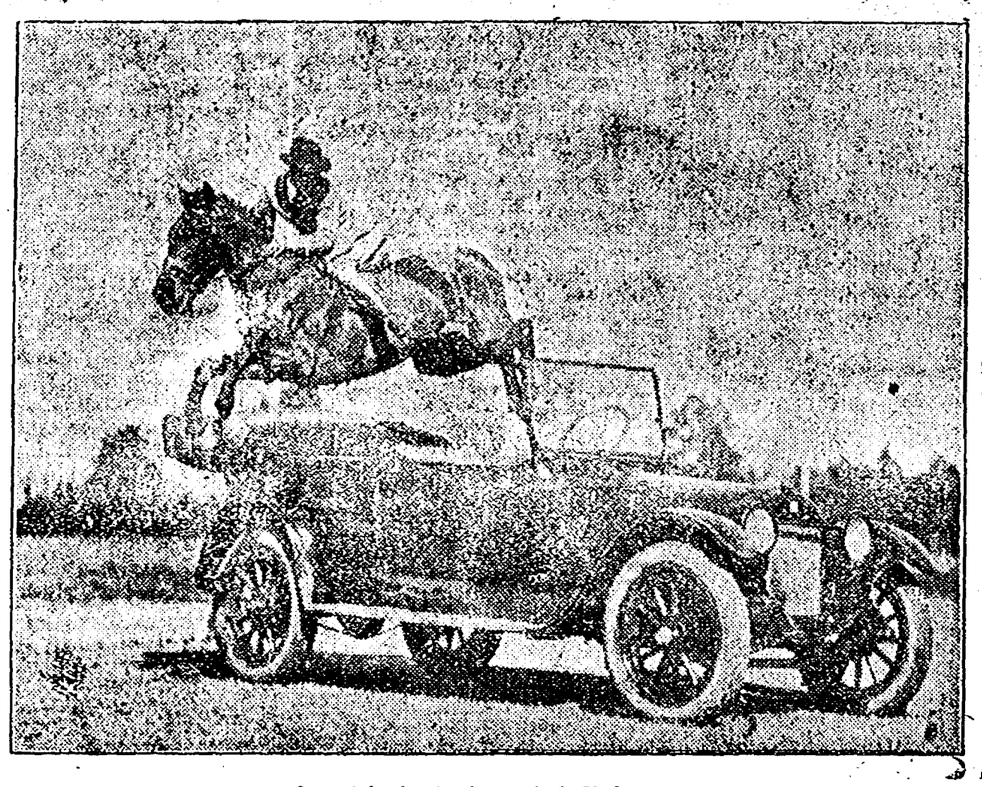
That sooner or later the booze advocates and manufacturers would begin the real battle against prohibition has been the concensus of opinion. Having their forces at last, so they believe, lined up, the booze manufacturers are ready for the show down. Governor Smith has been used as the advance guard, to fire the first shot.

The plea for light wines and beer fools no one. The plea that they do not want the strong stuff, but only the social drinks, is as false on the face of it as their own tongues. We all know that light wines and beer are but the beginning, the opening, and that whiskey will follow as a matter of course. Give them an inch and they will take a mile—aim and expect to take a mile.

It is to be open warfare at last. Fighting desperately in secret, preparing and waiting for the day, the booze hounds seem ready at last to force the issue. Governor Smith has made booze an issue for the next presidential campaign, and in doing it has saddled his party with a load which is going to break the donkey's back.

It is the beginning of the end for one side or the other. Let it come! Prohibition has been slammed and ridiculed and hooted from one end of the country to the other by those who made, peddled and drank booze. Prohibition has been in force long enough so that most people have formed an idea as to whether it pays or not. Let the fight come, and see exactly where the country stands on the question. Because prohibition is working and has worked, the booze gang are getting desperate; to them the future only gets darker and darker. Personal liberty, states' rights, and the hundred and one other arguments they have advanced, have seemingly not been able to put a stop to the success of prohibition. They must at last come out in the open and fight on their own feet for flatly, frankly, Booze.

The 18th amendment is here to stay. It was one of the greatest and best laws that this country has ever enacted. All the rum nounds, all the booze manufacturers, and all the Governor Smiths in America can never repeal it. Prohibition is here to stay.



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TIPPERARY OVER THE TOP. A remarkable photograph, made at Aiken, S. C., snapped just as "Tipperary," a wonder horse owned by Jack Prestage of Calgary, Alta., Canada, made a record jump of 22 feet distance, 6½ feet high, using as a h urdle a brand new seven-passenger touring car.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Belmond, Iowa. June 4, 1923.

Regular meeting of town council held in town hall, Mayor Sullivan presiding.

Members present: Dorenkamp, Simerson, Russell, Papousek.

Absent: None.

Clerk's monthly financial report received and read.

Moved and carried the report of C. N. Hildebrand, engineer on storm sewer, be accepted.

Petition from the Community club regarding carnivals and gambling devices, received and placed on file.

Moved and carried that the Standard Oil Co. be notified to remove their oil tank from street in front of Lot 3, Blk. 23, Original Town.

Moved and carried that the bond of M. D. Sullivan as Mayor be approved.

Moved and carried that O. N. Hildebrand, engineer, be hereby authorized to purchase the tile for the proposed storm sewer laterals.

The following bills were audited and allowed:

Hawkeye Supply Co., mdse.	$ 9.40
O. A. Lambirth, labor in pit	14.00
Iowa Falls Electric Co., light and power for May	198.11
Hans Hanson, mowing park	12.00
Packard & Fitts, bal. on bond	1.00
The Electric Store, mdse.	.70
W. S. Nott Co., chemicals	14.00
The Herald Press, ptg.	62.46
A. E. Galloway, labor in Tyrrell park	29.50
Wm. Walrod, repairs on mower	1.75
Louis Luick, dragging road	14.00
Wright County Furn. Co., mdse.	7.80
D. Bishop, draying	15.50
P. W. Kaufman, dragging road	29.00
Burt Meachem, road work	18.00
Ben Smith, road work	40.00
Ed. Chapman painting crossings	6.40
Wm. Guest, road work	5.00
Guy Lynch, road work	16.00
Fred Meyers, labor with grader	5.00
B. J. Finn, teaming May 8 to June 4	18.00
F. P. Dibble, draying and sprinkling	53.80

On motion and second council adjourned.

GUY BYERS,
Clerk.

Belmond Local News

Father Eardley left Monday afternoon for Grand Rapids, Michigan, to visit his father, who is very ill.

Mrs. Thomas Guest returned to her home from Kearney, Nebraska, the first of the week. She was called there by the death of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Bonte are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby boy, born last week Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Luick, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Pfaltzgraff and their families spent Sunday at Clear Lake.

Mrs. Hamilton went to Chicago last week to meet a sister of Dr. Steele's, who is visiting here.

The members of the Clarmond Country Club enjoyed a picnic supper at the club house last Wednesday.

Friends of Miss Gladys Keiser learned of her recent marriage to Mr. Haney, of Hampton. Mr. Haney is a jeweler. Mr. and Mrs. Haney spent Memorial Day in Belmond at the home of her mother, Mrs. A. A. Keiser.

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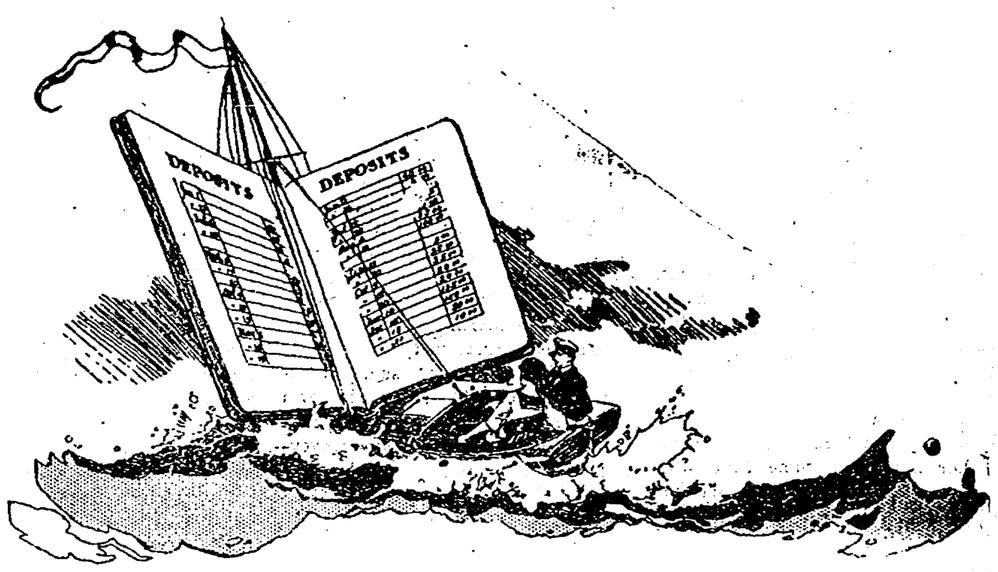

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FARM BUREAU NOTES

Treasurer Patton to Chicago.

E. A. Patton of Dows, Blaine township, treasurer of the Wright county Farm Bureau, was called to Chicago last week by the American Farm Bureau federation as a representative from Iowa to the national poultry produce marketing conference which was held at the Sherman Hotel, May 28th, under the auspices of the American Farm Bureau federation.

The purpose of this conference was for the organization of a national Poultry Produce Marketing association to bring about a state and national cooperative marketing agency for our poultry products particularly the marketing of eggs from our farms.

Aaron Sapiro, counsel on cooperative marketing for the American Farm Bureau federation, and Mr. Pcteet, in charge of the marketing department of the American Farm Bureau federation, were in charge of the meeting.

After the discussion of plans for organization, an executive committee was appointed to have charge of all organization work thruout the states of the middle west. Mr. Patton has been appointed a member of the executive committee and will no doubt, be expected to give considerable time to the organization work. The committee plans to place organizations in different states to organize units in the communities where sufficient interest is in the egg marketing work to warrant a local unit.

Blaine Township Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Blaine township Farm Bureau was held at the Center school last Thursday evening, when about fifty interested farmers, their wives and children of that community assembled for a social and business meeting.

Director T. P. Simpson, who was in charge of the meeting, gave a short talk which was followed by a short program arranged by Mrs. J. C. Norris, vice director of the township farm bureau. The business session of the meeting was then held, after which a short address was given by the county agent.

Plans were laid at this time for holding the Blaine township Farm Bureau picnic on June 22nd. A committee consisting of Clarence Hill, chairman, Mrs. J. C. Norris, S. D. Hinckley, C. W. Ballou and Frank Toyne was appointed to have full charge of all arrangements for the township picnic which will be held at the Dows community park.

Attend Shipping Conference.

A livestock shipping association conference was held at Mason City Thursday evening, May 31st, for the officers, directors and managers of the various associations in that territory. The conference was called by Knute Espe, secretary of the State Livestock Shippers association. Fifteen shipping associations including representatives from Wright, Hancock, Franklin, Worth and Cerro Gordo counties were in attendance at this meeting.

The Clarion Livestock Shipping association was represented by president Barney Benson, Secretary Jay Tice, Director Matt Clark, manager E. W. Campbell and assistant manager John Doctor. This meeting was called for the purpose of having a general round table discussion on all problems which are common to the shipping association work. The local men who attended this meeting report that a lively meeting filled with valuable discussions was held at Mason City.

Lake Farmers Planning Picnic

Farmers of Lake township are organizing their work and making all plans towards a community picnic for June 26th which is to be held at the M. L. Clark home on the J. Mack farm five miles northwest of Clarion.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Lake township Farm Bureau which was held last Tuesday evening, plans were made for this community picnic. A program committee consisting of Mrs. Art Duitscher, chairman Marion Breckenridge, (music), Ross Farmer (sports), Art Duitscher (grounds), S. W. Witzel (stands), was anpointed by Director Clarence McBride to have charge of all organization work in connection with this township picnic.

The committee has planned to hold a joint picnic with the view of giving a special invitation to the teachers and pupils of the different schools of the township to attend this township picnic. Our county superintendent, Miss Bock, has been invited to appear on the program to speak in behalf of the schools of the township. Reverend Tomkinson of the Congregational church of Clarion has been invited to give the address of the occasion.

Coverdale At County Picnic.

John W. Coverdale, secretary of the American Farm Bureau federation with headquarters at Chicago, has been secured as the speaker of the day for the county wide picnic-club exhibit which is being planned for August 22nd.

It will be remembered that Mr. Coverdale was at one time the state leader of county agents in Iowa and from that position he went to Des Moines as the secretary of the Iowa Farm Bureau federation and was later elected to the office of secretary of the American Farm Bureau federation at Chicago. Mr. Coverdale is a big man and is known thruout the entire United States and the people of Wright county should consider themselves very fortunate in being able to secure the services of such a prominent man to appear on their program next August.

At the last regular meeting of the board of directors of the county Farm Bureau, plans were organized for holding a joint Farm Bureau picnic-club exhibit on August 22nd. A committee consisting of Harry Poundstone, chairman, Mrs. Harry Woodley, and Will Tillman was appointed to have charge of all plans for the picnic. The committee has decided to hold the picnic in one of the towns of the county where the most suitable accomodations for taking care of the crowd and providing for the care of the livestock can be furnished. Most towns of our county have community parks and the only question in the minds of the committee is to be able to find a place where the livestock exhibits of the boys' and girls' clubs can be cared for.

Elevator Short Course to be Held.

Officers and managers of farmers elevator companies will meet for a two day short course at the Commercial club rooms Fort Dodge, June 19 and 20. This course will be held by the agriculture economics section of the Iowa State College Extension service co-operating with farmers' elevator officials and county Farm Bureaus. The program will include grain grading, accounting problems, and round table discussion of management and cooperative organization topics. Officers and managers who desire to register may secure a blank from the county agent.

All officers, directors and managers of the farmers' elevators of Wright county have received a special invitation from our local county agent to attend this conference at Fort Dodge. The short course for elevator managers and officers held at Iowa Falls a short time ago was a great success and there is no doubt but what a great many from Wright county will attend the Fort Dodge conference.

APPLIED ANATOMY

Where can a man buy a cap for his knee,
Or a key for a lock of his hair?
Or can his eyes be an academy,
Because there are pupils there?
In the crown of his head what jewels are found?
Who travels the bridge of his nose?
Does the calf on his leg become hungry at times
And devour the corn on his toes?
Can the crook of his elbow be sent to jail?
Where's the shade from the palm of his hand?
How does he sharpen his shoulder blades?
I'm hanged if I understand.
—American Legion Weekly.

Patron (crossly): Say, waiter, what are these black specks in my cereal?"

Waiter (after close inspection): I dunno, sir, unless it's some of them vitamines everyone is talking about now.—Life.

Never make excuses for the things you have failed to do. Get busy and do them.

LOCALS

Silas Sampson was taken seriously ill Sunday afternoon, and at this writing he continues very low.

Henry Anderson expects to go to the Conference of the Lutheran church, held in St. Paul from June 8th to 15th. He is a delegate from the Trinity church in Belmond.

Rev. J. M. Jensen leaves for St. Paul, Thursday morning, to attend the Annual National Conference of the church, held at the St. Paul auditorium June 8-15. In connection with the conference, the Choral Union Chorus, consisting of two thousand voices, will give a musical program. The Choral Union is directed by Prof. M. F. Christianson, who directs the famous St. Olaf choir.

We have installed a cob crusher and a new feed grinder. We can grind your feed quickly while you wait, every day except Monday. Bring grain in wagon box or any way it suits you. We spout grain direct to wagon box.—Belmond Mills. 273c

Elmer Larson is the owner of a new Willys Knight touring car, purchased from the Nordschow Motor Co.

Joe S. White has been riding the streets since Sunday in a new Willys Knight Coupe-Sedan, purchased of the Nordschow Motor Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bryan from Hampton were guests Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee W. Stacy.

The various graduation exercises of the school went thru as scheduled last week, and were attended by the usual good audiences. School closed last Friday.

The base ball game between the Alumni and high school, scheduled for last Friday afternoon, was postponed on account of the death of Earl Madsen. It is not known when or whether the game will be played this spring.

Full line of Sterling chick feed at Farmers Elevator.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Herein and son, Otis, returned home Monday evening after spending the week end at Roland with friends and relatives. They attended the Commencement exercises there, and also confirmation.

Prof. Fred W. Bohning left Tuesday for Cedar Falls where he will attend summer school at the Iowa State Teachers college after spending a week's vacation at the home of his folks.

The Misses Grace Reed, Gladys Skouge and Helen Johnson went to Cedar Falls, Tuesday, where they will attend summer school.

Martin Thoe left yesterday on a vacation trip to Wisconsin. He went from here to Lake Mills where he joins his father, and the two will make the balance of the trip via the auto route. The photo gallery will be closed during his absence.

"Scoop" Larson was a business caller at Garner on Tuesday.

Mrs. Frank Case and Mrs. Anna Case went to Cedar Falls the first of the week to attend the graduation exercises there. Mrs. Amy Case Peterson finishes her course at the college this week.

Mrs. Chas. Dalrymple and children from Laurens are visiting friends and relatives here this week.

Howard Moore was a business caller at Thornton on Friday of last week.

The violin pupils of Miss Kubitschek, of Eagle Grove, gave a recital Monday.

Archie Rierson, who has been attending school at Iowa City, returned home last week, and is back at his old position in the Schultz Drug store.

Merrill Stapley returned home last week from Cedar Rapids, where he has been attending Coe College.

Miss Beatrice Leavy came rome Saturday last from Albert Lea, Minnesota, where she has been employed.

Miss Gladys Klotzback was a Mason City caller last Friday.

Mrs. Sheffield and little grandson, from Fort Dodge, came Sunday to visit friends and relatives here, and to look after business affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Flynn, Miss Ialeen and Miss Mae Tracy drove to Clear Lake, Sunday afternoon.

Guy Byers was a business caller at Mason City last Friday.

Griesy's Store News

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It Is Time To Cultivate!

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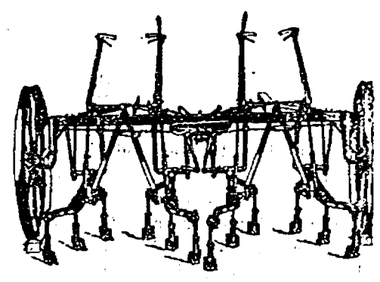

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33x4 Cord	23.50	29.80
34x4 Cord	24.75	30.60
31x4 Cord	22.95	26.20
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MESERVEY SECTION

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED

Those who had charge of the Memorial Day exercises felt well repaid for their efforts in trying to make it a success. In spite of the conditions of the roads, there was a splendid turn-out, who felt well repaid for having come. The address by Attorney Leonard Raecker, from Waverly, was full of fire and patriotism, and held the audience spell bound. He spoke emphatically of the need of being a good citizen and brought out the qualities which are necessary to make desirable citizens —honesty to oneself and to ones fellowmen being the outstanding virtue. He appealed to his listeners to observe all laws without question, as we all have the privilege to elect people who make the laws. He did not, however, condemn honest criticism but urged us not to criticise unless we could improve conditions. The committee congratulates themselves for having been so fortnate as to have secured Mr. Raecker to give the address, and we hope to be able to have him in our midst again on a similar occasion in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Bier returned on Thursday from Ackley where they had gone the first of the week to spend Memorial Day.

The Mesdames Albert Wendell and Howard Casebeer went to Waseca, Minn., last Saturday to spend the week at the home of their parents.

Mrs. George Fischer returned to her home in Mason City last Friday after spending a week here with relatives and friends.

Your choice of any granite ware on our bargain counter at 49 cents each.—C. J. Wendel.

Merle and Marvel Brogan of Garner attended the Class play here last Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hulseus, Alma Louise and Herman Witt attended the Commencement program at Clear Lake last Thursday evening.

Walter and Herman Witt came down from Clear Lake to spend a few days at the L. B. Hulsebus home.

A Word of Appreciation

The members of Post 171 American Legion wish to thank the ladies of the W. C. T. U., the teachers of the public school, and all those who in any way contributed to the success of our exercises on Memorial Day.

C. J. Wendel, Post Commander.

Leonard Raecker and wife and the former's brother Dewey Raecker of Waverly spent several days last week at the Raecker and H. Fischer homes.

Veral Zimmerman of Sheffield spent a few days at the home of her brother Victor and family.

Brenner The Florist. Phone 184. Clarion, Iowa.

For Sale or Trade—My Guernsey herd bull. T. B. tested and guaranteed.—See Peter H. Pals, Meservey, Iowa. 27tfc

For Sale—Horse and buggy and harness at a reasonable price if taken at once.—Jacob E. Pals, Meservey, Iowa. 27tfc

Rev. Pannkuk and B. Gruis left last Monday to be in attendance at the general conference of the Reformed church, which will be in session at Asbury, N. J., for two weeks.

Elmer Paul and family of Buffalo Lake, Minn., spent a few days the week at the C. F. W. Paul home

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Paul of Sheffield attended the funeral of Lincoln Paul last Thursday p. m.

A. Boller and family of Goodell visited at the H. F. Rief home on Sunday.

The Misses Holroyd, Humke, Huenemann, Hawthorne and Anderson and Supt. Herbster departed for their respective homes last Friday to spend vacation.

Grandpa Meyers suffered what at first seemed to be a stroke of paralysis last Saturday while at work in his garden. He continued to feel very weak the next day, but at the present writing he is very much improved and conditions are in his favor.

Mrs. Henry Gerdes was reported quite ill at her home last week.

Pete and Wm. Duin of Soo Center arrived last Friday to spend the summer vacation at the H. K. Pals home.

Herman Ostendorf and Herman Dirks returned home from Pella on Monday to spend their vacation at their respective homes.

Pearl and Marie Roskamp from Edgerton, Minn., are visiting at the H. K. Pals home for a few days.

Joe Smith and son Wilbur motored to Omaha the forepart of last week to visit for a few days with the former's son, Oscar.

Harvey Boller, wife and baby of Belmond called at the H. F. Rief home last Sunday.

Mrs. E. Strasburg and daughter May, were Mason City callers last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Hulsebus returned from their visit to Ackley, Aplington and Parkersburg on last Monday.

John Kolb, Dave Enabnit, Fred Blau, Frank Sprau, Glen Enabnit, Bennie Zieman, Chas. Zieman, Louis Janssen, Leland Jacobson and Harold Olson.

Misses Viola and Evelyn Thomas and Walter Witt were motor passengers to Cedar Falls last Tuesday where they will attend summer school at the State Normal.

Mrs. Wm. Koehler and son accompanied Miss Mildred via auto to Cedar Falls last Tuesday where the latter will take normal training.

Word was received here the forepart of the week by relatives announcing the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Grosz, in Canada. The young man has been named Henry Parker.

Our city "Dads" met to hold council last Monday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Raecker, G. E. and Mrs. and Jeanette spent last Tuesday afternoon with friends in Britt. Louie Foss took them to Garner in his car, and from there they went in a new car which Gar had bargained for, returning the same evening.

For Sale—My property in the north part of town. See Mrs. P. Schove, Meservey, Iowa. 29tfc

Your choice of any granite ware on our bargain counter at 49 cents each.—C. J. Wendel.

CLASS PLAY SUCCESSFUL

The Senior class play, "And Home Came Ted," given at the Raecker garage on the evening of Memorial Day, was a decided success, both financially and as an entertainment. Each one took their part well and kept the audiece in a continual mirthful homor, occasionally causing an uproar of laughter and applause. Much credit is given Miss Holroyd and those who were in the cast for their patience and hard work to make this play a success The proceeds amounted to almost $100 and will be placed in the library fund.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

A. W. Schlesselman, Pastor.

Sabbath school at 9:30 a. m.
Morning worship at 10:30 a. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting Thursday 7:30 p. m. followed by choir rehearsal.
Workers Training class Friday 7:30 p. m.
Catechetical instruction Saturday at 2 p. m.
Sunday evening services as usual.
E. L. C. E. at 7:30. Preaching services to follow.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to those who assisted us in planting our corn during this time of sorrow in the loss of our little son and brother. Following are the ones who so kindly helped us out:

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. W. Paul and children.

Your choice of any granite ware on our bargain counter at 49 cents each.—C. J. Wendel.

Bert Stattlander and family from Latimer were callers in town last Friday.

THE COUNTRY NEWSPAPER

Britt News: Many country town business men feel rather sore about the amount of trade which in many places leaves the home stores and goes to more or less distant cities. Yet if they would use the same principle of advetising as the result of which these big city stores develope a great trade, they would hold a large part of the customers who now go elsewhere for a lot of stuff. Human nature is about the same everywhere. If the big city stores have gone on to their wealth and marvelous expansion thru advertising, it is not likely that advertising will fail to help the country town merchant. If the people of a town or neighborhood are failing to support the home stores as they should the merchants as with the people. Very likely some of them are not showing the enterprise they ought to in the trouble is as likely to be with the matter of advertising.

Every page and column of the home newspaper is thoroly sconned People do not want to miss a single thing that has happened in their own neighborhood. Where a big city newspaper is hastily skimmed and only a small part of the matter can be noted because of the enormous size of the publication, the home paper is not so big but that it can be thoroly studied. As a consequence, wherever the merchant puts his notice it is bound to be read for two reasons. First because it is next to interesting news; second, because the people are just as much interested in the things that their home stores are doing, as in the things that the local societies or people are up to When people read the advertising of a store it won't be long before they will call to see what the stuff looks like. The town where the merchants show enterprise and push in the matter of advertising is apt to be the same town where the stores have good success in holding the home trade.

A Swede in Minnesota took out a membership in the Farm Bureau. About three months afterwards the department of agriculture at Washington received a letter from him: "Ay ban sign oop fur a membership en farm bureau. Not received it as yet. School tacher she ban gonn to bord at our house. My vife she vant bureau for spare bed room. Let me know how soon you vill send it." He received the following letter of recent date: "Dear Sir: In reply to yours of recent date. We have no bureaus in Washington that we can send out at this time. However we have an A No. 1 Farm Block and as soon as we can get to it, we will have it sawed up, made into a farm bureau and will send it to you."

OBITUARY

Lincoln Wesley Paul was born on Dec. 23, 1923. The 10 years, five months and five days of his brief stay on earth were days of sunshine and peace, as only a healthy boy can know them. He was finishing 4th grade work this year. He was a wideawake scholar in Sunday school and the last Sunday morning in Sunday school he answered (when questioned what lesson we might learn from Samuel) "that we served God." The Tuesday following, at 6 p. m., while near a cornsheller, a flywheel burst and one piece crushed his skull. He made a brave fight of two weeks but the odds were against him, and at nine p. m., Monday the 28th, he fell asleep. Not a word passed his lips after the accident; he made his wants known by motions.

He leaves to mourn his early departure, father, mother, six brothers three sisters, an aged grandmother, beside many relatives and friends. We, as well as those who called him their son and brother, rejoice in this dark hour that last fall during revival services he testified for Christ and with tears streaming down his little face promised to let Jesus come into his life. He shook his head in the affirmative when questioned concerning the knowledge of the presence of Christ one week before he passed away. Thus it is that "we mourn not as those who have no hope." Like a flower he has been transplanted into the garden of God where storms never beat and where sorrow and weeping are no more.

A. W. S.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincerest thanks to our many kind friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us during the accident and death of our son and brother, Lincoln. For the many kind words, sympathy and love also for the beautiful floral offerings and special singing at the home by the Sunday school class and school children.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. W. Paul and Children.

J. Wickersheim and family left for Fort Dodge via the auto route last Saturday p. m., where they will make their future home. We regret to lose this estimable family from our midst, but wish them unbounded success in their future undertaking. Altho they resided here only about 18 months they have made many warm friends who value them sincerely and who will miss them greatly. They were both very faithful in the church work, and could always be depended upon to fill their places. May good fortune attend them in their future home.

The Commencement exercises of the high school were held in the Reformed church last Thursday evening, where a large crowd gathered to be present for the closing festivities of the school year. The class numbered seven, who were eligible for graduation, and who did good work the past year. The address was given by C. E. Gillman of Mason City, and was enjoyed by those present. The music was furnished by Dr. Jones, Jtnnie Ostendorf presiding at the organ. The Rev. Schlesselman offered prayer and the Rev. Pannkuk pronounced the benediction. Supt. Herbster presented the class and H. K. Pals, president of the board of education, awarded the diplomas.

If early indications amounts to anything at all, all of northern Iowa will be at Clear Lake Friday, June 10th. A special train over the Great Western has been scheduled from Fort Dodge, making stops at Eagle Grove, Clarion, Belmond, Swaledale and Meservey. Altho the exact running time of the train has not been announced, it will leave Fort Dodge early Friday morning, arriving at Clear Lake about ten o'clock and returning late in the evening.

Ball games have been arranged between teams from Eagle Grove, Fort Dodge and other northern Iowa towns, and town picnics will be the order of the day. Boat races, swimming events, special stunts in the open air dance pavilion and many other features for the entertainment of the visitors have been arranged for, according to Mayor Kenyon and Chas. F. Crane.

The fishing season is on and water in the lake will be ideal for bathing by that time, it is said. A special representative of the Great Western will accompany the train.—Advertisement.

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ROWAN NEWS

Brenner The Florist. Phone 134. Clarion, Iowa.

D. W. Whitten left Sunday morning for Spirit Lake, for his annual fishing vacation. He, with a bunch of merchants, are the guests of Mr. Robinson, the dry goods salesman.

Arthur Emerson drove to Cedar Falls last Sunday, accompanied by Misses Estella Emerson and Frances Farran, who entered the summer school at that place.

Mrs. John Richards has been suffering very severely with inflamatory rheumatism the past two weeks.

Wm. Baines, who has been spending the past two weeks with relatives here and at Dows, returned on Friday to his home near Spirit Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Snow from Goldfield spent Sunday at the G. W. Whitten home.

The Misses Lillian and Aletha Shreck came down from Hayfield on Tuesday to spend Decoration Day services.

Several of the college students have returned to their homes for the summer vacation, among them Elfrieda Whitten from Cedar Falls, Harry Harris and Donald McCallum from Iowa City.

Mrs. W. R. McCallum is on the list of sick.

William Steffens and Harry Cain autoed to Ventura, Sunday, and returned home Monday.

Mrs. Milton Brown returned to her home at Marengo, accompanied by her sister, Miss Esther Fowler, who expects to spend several weeks at Marengo.

Miss Annie Peddle has been on the sick list suffering with appendicitis, but is somewhat improved at this time.

The Iowa township Farm Bureau meeting was held at the T. S. Streveler home Tuesday evening.

Chas. Peterson of Hampton was in town last Tuesday assisting F. H. Brooks in installing his new motion picture machine.

Kenneth Fitz went to Terril last week to haul gravel.

H. L. Hadley and family were down from Belmond Wednesday, to attend Decoration Day services.

W. H. Bingham, wife and daughter, Faye, returned Wednesday from their winter's sojourn in the west.

Mrs. George Hill and daughhter, Adelia, and Miss Grace Stockwell, visited in Rowan last Wednesday.

LaVonne Ramsay spent several days the past week visiting relatives here.

The D. W. Whitten and G. W. Whitten families autoed to Eagle Grove, Wednesday of last week.

Friends here received word of the illness of little Berenice Drury, daughter of Ezra Drury, at Highmore, S. D., who is suffering with an attack of pneumonia.

The friends of Harold Bingham of Washington, D. C., will be interested in knowing that he has mastered another degree, and is now Doctor of Sociology.

Mrs. Elsie Allen and Alta were Belmond visitors last Friday.

Mrs. C. T. Halbert underwent an operation for the removal of her tonsils last Friday at the Steele hospital at Belmond. She is recovering nicely.

LeRoy, second son of Chas. Emerson and wife, fell from the porch and broke a bone in his arm last Thursday evening.

Misses Esther Emerson and Cleo. Duffy are to have charge of the Junior Endeavor society during the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kercheval, Fred Francis and Frank Kercheval autoed to Webster City last Friday. Mrs. Frank Kercheval, who has been visiting friends there, returned home with them.

Albert McKinstrey, a former Rowan boy, has recently graduated from the State Teachers college at Cedar Falls.

Clarence and Kenneth Whitten motored to Grinnell last Friday, returning home on Monday. They went down to spend the week end with their brother, Ralph, who is a graduate of the college there.

Miss Wilda Whitten left last Saturday for Iowa City, where she is to take a short course preparatory to taking up the work of a representative of an educational firm who have their headquarters at Red Oak.

Miss Izetta Fletcher spent a part of last week at the Chas. Nelson home near Galt, and also attended the Commencement of her cousin, Miss Meeker at Clarion.

James Clowes and family of Renwick visited at the R. H. Keith residence last Sunday.

Rev. C. T. Halbert entertained at a 6:30 dinner last Thursday the following guests: Misses Frances Farran, Ruth Emerson, Estella Emerson, Frances Virden and Mrs. J. F. Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bayinga, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Bayinga and families from Green were Sunday guests at the Floyd Whitten home.

J. F. Howell was up from Des Moines, Sunday.

R. H. Keith was a Ft. Dodge visitors on business last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Townsan of Des Moines, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Townsan of Belmond, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reese of Albert Lea, Minn., were Sunday guests at the D. E. Harris home.

Mrs. Fred Webber received a message from Spring Valley, Minnesota last Saturday that her father, Horace Chipman, had passed away at the home of his son Friday night. Mrs. Webber and her brother, Clifford, left Saturday evening to attend the funeral services, which were held Monday at Spring Valley.

George Ballou returned from Iowa City last Friday, where he had been consulting a specialist in regard to his eyesight.

Mrs. Mary Hausemen and daughter, Ruth, of Armstrong, spent Friday night with her cousin, Mrs. G. W. Whitten. They went on to Hampton, Saturday, to visit Mrs. Hauseman's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Allie from Clarion spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Francomb.

A. E. Emerson and daughter, Ruth went to Cedar Falls, Monday, where Ruth enrolled in the class for teachers training.

Mrs. Dan Whitten, Sr., departed Monday for University Park to attend the National camp meeting at that place. She went with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Parsons of Galt, who drove thru in their car.

Don't forget the services at the M. E. church next Sabbath. All the services will be held as usual.

Rev. Lewis of the Christian church at Clarion was the speaker for the Decoration Day program. He gave a fine address at the M. E. church on Wednesday at 2 p. m. After this, the crowd dispersed to Graceland cemetery, where the graves of the departed soldiers were decorated, and from there to the river bridge, where flowers were strewn on the water in honor of the sailors. The members of the Ladies Auxiliary made poppies, and these were sold. Quite a sum was realized thereby. This money is for the relief of sick and disabled soldiers and sailors.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lang, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Severtson spent the day Sunday at the Chas. Martin residence.

Rev. Halbert is planning to have a special baptismal service next Sunday morning. LaVonne Ballou, the choir director, is also planning to have a children's choir at this service.

The Missionary society of the Congregational church have their meeting this week Thursday afternoon with Mrs Jennie Rowen. This is the mite box opening for the Home work A picnic supper will be served after the meeting.

GOODELL NEWS

Brenner The Florist. Phone 134. Clarion, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Cline returned from Buffalo Center last Tuesday, where they had been visiting their son, Roy.

Peter Peterson drove to Hampton on Thursday morning, for his brother, Charles, who has been in the hospital there for an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Beier and Mr. and Mrs. Graeber spent Thursday at Lake Cornelia fishing.

Rev. Wilkinson of Belmond delivered a fine address at the U. B. church on Memorial Day.

Arthur Savogue is home from Chicago for a three-weeks' vacation.

Mrs. Wood of Marshalltown visited at her mother's last week.

All the Goodell students at Coe college except Miss Okrueg came home Saturday morning.

The Avery township girls' club met with Mrs. Conklin last week Thursday.

Miss Hill came up from Clarion on Thursday and returned on Friday.

Mrs. Hanson was at Garner on Friday having dental work done.

Walter Ahrenkeil came down from Minneapolis, Saturday, for a visit at home.

June 10th is children's day at the U. B. church. A fine program is being prepared.

Miss McCorkle of Kanawha, spent Monday at the home of Mrs. Graeber.

Mrs. Beier and Mrs. Graeber attended the Twin Lake Farm Bureau ladies meeting at Mrs. Elmer Schneider's on Monday.

C. J. Bode and family visited at Kesley over Sunday.

Wm. Allaben was at Clear Lake on Memorial Day.

Mrs. H. D. Kepner of Rock Island, Ill., who has been visiting at Spirit Lake and Goodell, returned to her home on Monday night

Safety First.

Mrs. Newed—George, dear, your "den" is all ready—but don't you think there ought to be a motto? What would you suggest?"

And "George, dear," revealed himself a perfect brute by suggesting "Don't shoot your husband, he's doing the best he can."

Use the soft pedal when speaking of the faults of others. They might be provoked into discoursing about yours.

MICKIE SAYS—

AUTO LICENSE LAW CHANGES MADE IN 1923

Des Moines—Changes in the state automobile law made by the 40th general assembly are embodied in copies of the law now being printed by Walter C. Ramsay, secretary of state. Altho many new provisions were proposed in bills introduced in the last legislature, the changes finally made were not far reaching.

One change provides that the owner of an automobile can recover one-half the fees he paid on his car if the car is stolen during the first half of the year, and not recovered before the end of the year for which it was licensed, or if destroyed by accident or fire. Or, if the car is sold, to be operated beyond the borders of the state, he may recover one-half the license fee. The refund, however, is not due the owner until January 1, following his loss by fire, theft or sale thereof. The provisions of the act apply to such losses as occur on or after Jan. 1, 1923. Proof must be furnished the county treasurer before such a refund is allowed.

Another change authorized by the legislature provides that the annual license fee shall be reduced in accordance with any reduction in the price of a car. The amendment in this respect says:

"When the retail price of the car is reduced below the price on file the manufacturer shall immediately notify the department, which shall issue at once to county treasurers a supplementary list of classification and on all subsequent registrations this list shall be the basis of fixing the registration fee.

"Provided further that the motor vehicle department shall leave the power to fix the license fee on all makes and models of cars which are not now furnished, or upon which the statement from the factory cannot be obtained

A section was added to the law covering stolen, embezzled or abandoned motor vehicles. This provides that an officer having such a car in his possession must notify the secretary of state and if the secretary can find the name of the owner on his lists he must notify him where the car can be found. The owner has 40 days in which to claim his car, but if he does not so claim it the car can be sold at auction, following publication of notice in a newspaper for two consecutive times. The money, after costs are deducted, goes into the general fund but the owner has six months there after to make claim to the money, which must be paid him if he makes satisfactory proof of his ownership.

The penalty for operating a car while intoxicated was made more drastic. A person thus found guilty may be fined $1,000 or imprisoned a year, or both. Under the old law such an act was a misdemeanor.

The law imposing a tax on companies operating busses or hauling freight by truck does not come under the control of the secretary of state's office. It's administration was placed in the hands of the board of railroad commissioners. The law goes into effect July 4.

Breaking It Gently.

"I have bad news for you, Clarence."

"So!"

"Yes. I visited a fortune teller this afternoon and she told me that I am going to marry a handsome man."

"Do you think it is healthy to keep your hogs in the house?" asked a social investigator of a native.

"Waal, I dunno," he drawled, "but I been a-keepin' my hawgs there for fourteen years and I ain't never lost one of 'em yet."

No Good.

From a letter received by a corn syrup company:

"I want to tell you that I have eaten ten cans of corn syrup and it has not helped my corns one bit."

ALEXANDER NEWS

Children's day services will be held next Sunday morning in the Methodist church and Congregational church, both having arranged for fine programs. Come and hear them

Miss Ruth Beenen has been spending the past week visiting with Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Mohr at Riceville.

George Dunn, cashier of the Alexander Savings bank, left Wednesday evening for Europe. He expects to spend the larger portion of his vacation in England, visiting relatives and boyhood friends.

Mrs. Ellen Peck and Mrs. Carrie Reed left last week for Pennsylvania where they will visit with relatives for a few weeks.

Mrs. Fern Weik and daughter, Barbara, of Kenset, visited several days the past week at the home of her brother, Forrest Gillett, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Latham returned home Sunday after a visit with their daughter at Woden.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Winwood, and son Kenneth, and Mrs. Wm. Winwood and daughter Miss Mary, were visitors at Iowa Falls on last Sunday.

Fred L. Greenfield and son, Frederick, were callers at Hampton last Friday.

Mrs. E. E. Butler and two sons Edwin and John, of Hampton, visited with relatives at this place the first of the week.

Miss Wilma Foughty left last week for Minneapolis, Minn., where she will make an indefinite visit at the home of relatives.

Theodore Beenen was a caller at Eldora the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Clark and two sons, Donald and Lyle, went Sunday by auto for a visit with relatives at Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. John Skipper mourn the death of their infant child, which was buried Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Albert Yaw of Iowa Falls was a caller in town last Friday.

OLAF NEWS ITEMS

Golda Hall is visiting her aunt, Mrs. S. O. Windecker.

The farmers have been rushing the corn shelling during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eichgvold of Emmetburg visited at the G. Halverson home last Tuesday.

S. O. Windecker was a business caller in Iowa Falls last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Halverson enjoyed a visit from his brother and family who reside at Armstrong, last week.

The next Ladies Aid society will meet with Mrs. Henry Stockseth in two weeks.

S. O. Windecker spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Austin, Minnesota on a business mission.

E. N. Ericson suffered another stroke of paralysis last Wednesday night. He is quite low. Miss Nora Nelson of Belmond is helping to care for him.

Philip Erdman lost quite a valuable horse during the electrical storm last Thursday.

The Climax.

The following conversation was overhearad on the occasion of the productin of a new play:

"We have seen two acts, and there isn't a single really funny character in this illeged comedy."

"Have patience. Just wait until the audience calls for the author."

Paper Marks.

Railroad Ticket Agent in Germany—Here, you must have your baggage examined before you can leave.

Traveler—That's not my baggage, its my pocketbook.

FIND BABE IN RURAL BOX

The stork is now sending babies by mail, or at least that is apparantly the way one arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hemphill, who live about two miles west of the Neal Anderson home in Milford township. Wednesday morning about 6:30 a member of the Hemphill family went to the mail box where they discovered a package lying on the ground, securely wrapped in a large blanket with two little ones. Upon investigation the package proved to be a baby boy clothed in a nightgown. It was about two or three months old, robust in health, uninjured by exposure to the cold, and not even hungry. Just at what time the package had been placed there is not known, but parties returning from Milford about midnight on Tuesday saw the package hanging to the mail box then. It had evidently been tied to the box with a rope, as one was hanging loose from it, but no doubt the infant had worked the the outside wrapper loose and fallen to the ground during the night.

Later—Dr. Fuller of Milford was called and the infant taken to the hospital at that place, where it was found to be in perfect health and judged to be about a month old. We understand now the baby is in the possession of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Warburton of Milford who have filed paper for application of its adoption.—Buffalo Center Tribune.

BIG SCRAP OVER ESTATE

Interest is taken in this part of Iowa in the report that the will of the late William H. Woods, formerly of Iowa Falls, will be contested by some of the heirs.

Mr. Woods was for many years prominent in banking circles in that city and accumulated an estate estimated at over $200,000.

Several years ago Mr. Woods removed to California where he died a few weeks ago. His will bequeathed his fortune to a sister, Miss Jennie Cummings, who has taken care made a home for him there and in California.

Several nephews and nieces are said to be the contestants, basing their case on the claim that Mr. Woods was of unsound mind when he made his last will which gave all to the sister.

It is stated that some years ago, Woods made a will in which the numerous nephews and nieces were remembered quite liberally, but in later years disagreement is reported to have arisen and Woods destroyed the first will and made a second in which the sister is the sole legatee.

At first action was to be brought in the county on the grounds that no will existed but later the matter was dropped and action commenced in California, based on grounds as above stated.

It is said that prior to making the will, Woods had deeded considerable realty to the sister and thata the fight to be made is on the distribution of the residue of the estate.

Let's Bury This Fellow.

The applicant was very much interested in what the medical examiner called the "expectancy of life."

"Do you think I will live to be 90, doctor?" he asked.

"How old are you now?" asked the doctor.

"Forty-five."

What is your mode of living?"

"I am single, don't smoke, drink, chew, swear, play cards or anything like that."

The medical examiner looked him over carefully, then asked:

"Why the dickens do you want to live 45 years longer?"

A Reason For It.

Mr. Cheerup—Look pleasant, my man. The fellows who succeed are those who can smile.

Mr. Lowdown—Sure! That's what makes 'em smile. What have the other guys got to smile about?

Here and There

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Finn left Satday for Belmond and Fort Dodge, and Sunday they were to leave for Wyoming, where they will spend the summer. They have a homstead near Glendo, and will live on the place for a few weeks. They will return before school starts as Mrs. Finn is to teach in the Hampton schools. Mr. Finn expects to locate in Hampton, too.

Mrs. W. S. Pritchard attended the State Federation of Women's clubs at Waterloo last week. She went to Belmond and accompanied Mrs. A. E Martin and Mrs. A. W. Martin, the delegates from the Belmond clubs. Mrs. Pritchard was elected as a delegate-at-large to the General Federation to be held at Los Angeles in June of next year. She expects to attend.—Signal.

Dr. H. E. Meyer, who last fall severed his connection with the Hampton clinic, and since then has been leisurely touring the country, going as far west as California and incidently looking for an anchorage in a business sense, has decided to locate in Mason City and will move there this week and open office room in the M. B. A. building. The doctor is a successful practicionor and a mighty good citizen. Dr. and Mrs. Meyer have a host of friends in this community who will be delighted to learn that they are to remain residents of Iowa and within hailing distance. They have sold their fine residence to S. J. Schlesinger who will occupy it for a home.—Hampton Recorder.

Deputy Warden Ely caught a couple of Hampton parties in the last week in an attempt to carry off some undersized pike from Lake Cornelia. It cost them $5 apiece. If people will not obey the law they must suffer the consequences.—Monitor.

Mrs. Ross Eggers went to Belmond, Monday, where she was joined by her mother, Mrs. Benson, and they went to Mason City to shop.—Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Spitler of near Belmond drove up Sunday for a visit with their son, Howard, and family, who live on a farm west of town.—Times.

Mesdames Frank and John Baldridge of Belmond were guests at the George Baldridge home Saturday. Miss Naomi accompanied them home and remained until Sunday when her father went after her.—Reporter.

Andrew Larson of Belmond has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Harry Ziska.—Reporter.

Mrs. Thompson and grandson of Belmond were Klemme visitors on Saturday.—Times.

Funeral services of H. W Scales, who died at his home on north Iowa street Thursday morning, May 24th from a complication of iseases, were held Saturday.—Hampton Recorder. (Emert E. Scales of Belmond is a brother.

SELLING CARS OVERSEAS

Everywhere abroad there is an increasing demand for products of the Ford Motor Co., and it includes the whole line. During the first four months of the year foreign sales of Ford cars and trucks reached a total of 76,142. This is 34,883 more than were sold in the same period a year ago. In the same months, Fordson tractor sales mounted to 4,534, more than twice those of last year when 1,894 were sold in foreign markets.

An outstanding feature is the remarkable demand for Ford products in the Scandanavian countries. All thru Denmark, Norway and Sweden sales are showing an unprecedented increase and motor transportation in those countries is making greater strides forward than ever before. In Belgium, too, there is an unusual demand. The picturesque Belgian horse and cart is rapidly giving way to the Ford one-ton truck, for commercial and agricultural interests in Belgium now are keenly awake to the advantages and economy of this means of transportation and are turning to it in surprisingly increasing numbers.

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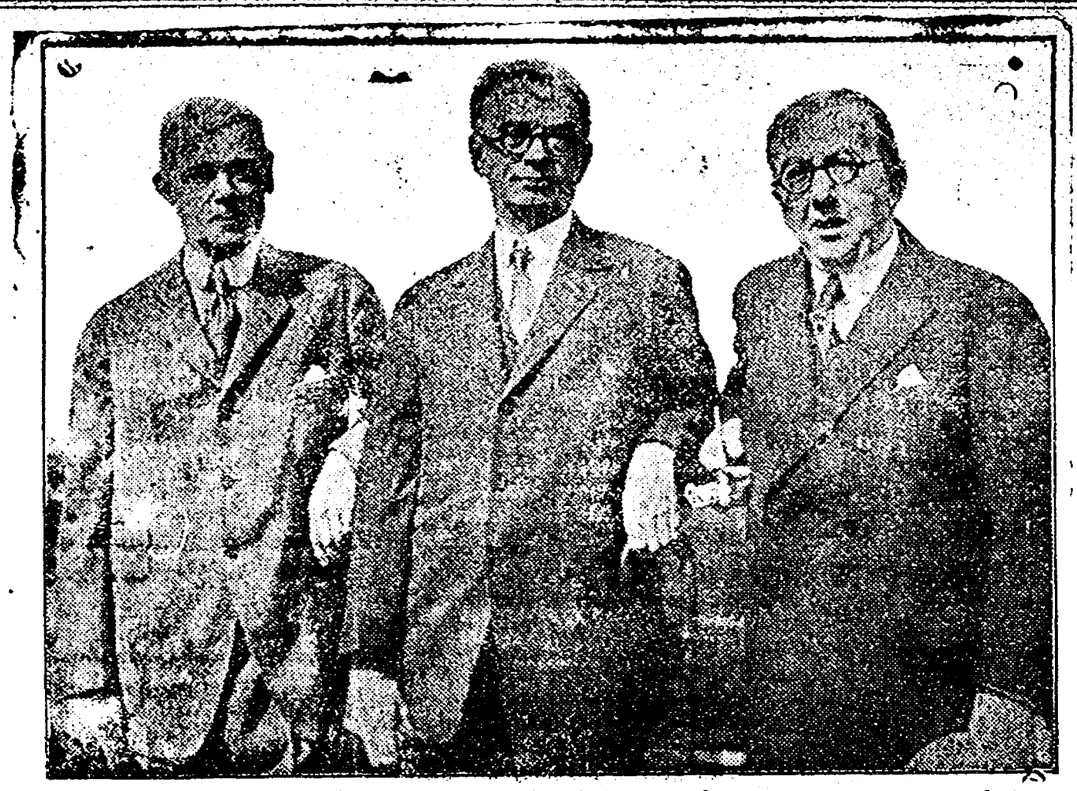

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THREE U. S. EMBASSADORS RETURN FROM EUROPE ON SAME SHIP. Photographed on the S. S. George Washington, as it arrived at New York—left to right: Cyrus E. Woods, U. S. Ambassador to Spain; Col. George Brinton McClellan Harvey, U. S. Embassador to Great Britain; and Alanson B. Houghton, U. S. Embassador to Germany.

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Disliking the prospect of a month's visit to her austere aunt, Lady Erythea Lambe, at Jervaulx abbey, and her cousin, Alexander Lambe, Aimee, vivacious daughter of the Very Reverend Viscount Scroope, is in a rebellious mood.

CHAPTER II.—She wanders into the park, there encountering a strange youth in trouble with a motorcycle. He laughingly introduces himself as "Billy," American. The two cement the acquaintance by a ride on the motorcycle, the "Flying Sphinx," and part. With Georgina Berners, her cousin, Aimee sets out for Jervaulx. On the way she decides that Georgina shall impersonate her at Jervaulx, while she goes on a holiday. Georgina's horrified protest is unavailing.

CHAPTER III.—Happy in her new freedom, Aimee again meets "Billy." He tells her his name is Spencer, and she gives hers as Amy Snooks, at present "out of a job." Billy offers to take her into partnership in selling the Sphinx. In a spirit of madcap adventure, she accepts. The two proceed to the town of Stanhoe, taking separate lodgings in Ivy cottage.

CHAPTER IV.—That night Aimee visits Georgina and learns that the deception has not been discovered. By her dominant personality she compels Georgina to continue the subterfuge.

CHAPTER V.—On a trial spin next day on the Sphinx, with Billy, Aimee almost collides with a carriage in which are her aunt, Georgina and Alexander. The pair escape unrecognized.

CHAPTER VI.—Georgina learns that Lord Scroope is coming to visit Lady Erythea and, realizing what will happen on his arrival, is in hopeless bewilderment.

CHAPTER VII.—While Aimee is secretly visiting Georgina at Jervaulx, the place is burglarized. Aimee escapes.

CHAPTER VIII.—Georgina learns, with much relief, that Aimee has got away.

CHAPTER IX.—Police Inspector Panke decides that the robbery is the work of "Jack the Climber" and "Calamity Kate," noted thieves, who travel on a motorcycle.

CHAPTER X.—Billy, aware of his "partner's" nocturnal jaunts, is troubled. He follows her, on the Sphinx, to Jervaulx. He hears the commotion, at once suspects burglary, and follows two figures on a motorcycle who are apparently in a desperate hurry. Cornering the pair, Billy knocks out a man who attempts to shoot him, picking up a package the fellow had dropped. He discovers the other fugitive to be a woman. Stopping to aid her, she strikes him with a stone, rendering him unconscious, and the pair escape.

CHAPTER XI.—Recovering, Billy discovers the package he had picked up is a jewel case, containing emeralds. Realizing they must be part of the loot from Jervaulx, he starts for the abbey. On the way he meets Aimee, with the police in pursuit. In a secure hiding place, a cave among the crag pits, Aimee tells him the whole story. He urges that she make a frank confession to her father, but on reflection both realize Aimee's good name has been compromised by her two nights' stay at Ivy cottage.

CHAPTER XII.—Assuring Aimee he has a plan to save her, Billy leaves her in the cave and, proceeding to Jervaulx, restores the emeralds to the astounded Lady Erythea.

CHAPTER XIII.—Rejecting any reward, after explaining how the emeralds came into his possession, Billy accepts the position of chauffeur to Lady Erythea, seeing in the situation a promise of a way out of the embroglio.

CHAPTER XIV.—Realizing what her father's visit to Jervaulx would mean, Aimee goes secretly to her home, disables the family auto, thus preventing his journey, and induces a parlormaid to let her take her place at Jervaulx.

CHAPTER XV.—Alexander recognizes Aimee as the woman on the motorcycle which ran into the Lambe carriage, denouncing her as "Calamity Kate." Georgina divulges Aimee's identity. Hearing her story, Alexander consents to keep the secret.

"In all my life I never saw such a lot of frumps. And the taste it leaves in one's mouth—it's awful. It's all very well sitting tight and saying nothing. I shall break out—I know I shall, unless I can see Billy soon."

She observed a large photograph of the Rev. and Hon. Alexander Lambe, in an ornate silver frame, standing on a table. Aimee recognized the portrait, and flicked at it viciously with the feather brush. She miscalculated, the portrait crashed on to the floor. When she picked it up the glass was shattered.

"That's torn it. All breakages come off my wages. I wish it had been his silly face!"

At that moment Miss Georgina Berners entered by one of the French windows. She was aware of a slimmer and more youthful figure than any she had yet seen in the household. Georgina made a point of always being civil to her hostess' servants.

"Are you the new parlor maid?" she said amiably.

Aimee turned and faced her.

"Hullo, Georgie!" she exclaimed.

Georgina, during the last three days, had suffered more than any placid soul should be called upon to endure. She stared wildly for a moment at the slim form in the cap and apron. Georgina had arrived at the breaking-point. She collapsed backwards into an armchair; a series of shrill whoops came from her; her hands beat the air.

"Georgina!" cried her cousin in a panic. "For pity's sake don't do that. You'll give the whole show away!"

"Honk! Honk! Honk!" said Georgina.

Aimee had once heard a physician declare that sympathy and kindness merely made hysterics worse. It was time to change the treatment. She grabbed her cousin by the shoulders.

"Shut up that beastly row!" said Aimee fiercely, shaking her till her teeth rattled. "Stop it! Do you want to get me handcuffed and put in the cells? Idiot!"

Georgina gasped, choked, and sat up. She clung to her cousin desperately.

"I will be quiet. I will," she said faintly. "Wh-wha-what does it mean, Aimee? Why—?"

"Try to behave like a reasonable being, and I'll tell you."

"Yes, yes! I'm better now, dear."

Aimee inspected her and, judging the danger to be past, kissed her affectionately. After a cautious glance at the windows she proceeded, as Billy would have phrased it, to put her cousin wise.

Georgina, having heard her to the end, pressed both hands pathetically to the sides of her head.

"And—you're living in the servants' hall?" she said feebly.

"It's no catch, I can tell you, Georgie. But one mustn't grumble. Billy's living at the garage—in a green uniform with brass buttons."

"That—that extraordinarily good-looking young chauffeur?" said Georgina, staring at her. "Then he is—"

"Now don't get sentimental," said Aimee warningly. "Yes, he is not bad-looking, is he? Billy's great. If it hadn't been for him—" she checked herself. "Don't you see what an excellent arrangement it is, my being here—in spite of the little drawbacks?"

Georgina gave a sigh—positively of relief.

"It's better than having you wandering about the country, getting into all sorts of horrible scrapes. It will have to come out soon, and then Lady Erythea—"

"Yes, yes. Never mind Aunt. What I want you to do, Georgie, is this—oh, bother! Look out!"

Aimee seized her brush and, darting to the sideboard, began dusting busily. A step was heard on the gravel, and Mr. Alexander Lambe entered by the window.

"Cousin Aimee, you are looking pale," he said in tones of concern. "It is delightful out of doors, the air is so balmy. Shall we—er—take a little walk in the rose—"

Alexander stopped short, and his features froze. He had caught sight of Aimee's face, with the light full upon it, reflected in the mirror before her. He stared for a moment with remarkable intentness.

"Who is this?" he said sharply, stepping towards her. There was menace in his voice. "Who are you?"

Aimee, preparing to meet her destiny, turned composedly and faced him. She dropped him a small curtsey.

"Please sir, the parlor maid," she said.

Mr. Lambe's eyes were nearly starting out of his head.

"Parlor maid? You?" he said sternly. "You are the woman who drove that motorcycle. I could vouch for you anywhere. You are"—he shot the words out with extraordinary vehemence—"you are that abandoned creature, Calamity Kate! You are the woman who knocked me down!"

With unexpected agility he sprang forward and seized Aimee by the wrist. And with equal deftness she wrenched herself free.

"Am I?" she said fiercely. "Then keep your hands off me, or I'll do it again. Do you hear me?"

Aimee, thoroughly roused, flourished the feather brush in his face. Mr. Lambe started back, a little pale. He placed his thumb on the bell-push.

"Aimee," he said sharply, "go out—go out quickly! I will deal with her."

"What are you going to do?" gasped Georgina. Instead of obeying him she came forward, trembling.

"Go out! I am going to give this woman in charge!"

"In pity's name, don't do that!" Georgina gulped, and struggled for breath. "She—she is your kik-kik-Cousin Aimee!"

Georgina dropped into a chair and began to cry. Alexander, taking his hand from the bell, wondered if she had suddenly become insane.

"Quite right," said Aimee. With the calm of despair she planted herself in front of him, her eyes defiant. "I am your kik-kik-Cousin Aimee. And that's my cousin, Georgina Berners. I made her take my place here, because I thought it would be dull, and Dad insisted on my coming. So now call the police, Cousin Alick, and let's get it over."

It seemed to Alexander that he had suddenly been transported into Bedlam. He stared from Aimee to the gently sobbing Georgina. And then, as the door began to open, Mr. Lambe turned swiftly and caught the handle, preventing the intruder from entering.

"Did you ring, miss?" inquired Mr. Tarbeaux's voice.

Aimee Flourished the Feather Brush In His Face.

"A mistake," said Alexander, quickly. "I will ring if I want you." He closed the door, and peered searchingly at Aimee.

"I do not understand what this means," he said coldly, "but it does not seem an occasion for the intrusion of servants. We are alone. Will you explain?"

Aimee felt a sudden relief; a twinge almost of gratitude. She had not expected Alexander to do anything so sensible.

"I'll make it clear if I can," she said, and, looking Alexander in the face with an angelically simple expression, she told him the tale from the beginning, briefly, yet comprehensively. As she was speaking, Aimee watched Mr. Lambe's face. The waves of emotion that passed over his usually serene features made them interesting, suggesting some delicate instrument subjected to shocks for which it had never been designed. At the end he was gasping faintly, like a stranded but still dignified fish.

"And so," concluded Aimee, "you see it's a piece of my skirt the police have got. And it was I who tripped you up the stairs. I'm sorry—Cousin."

Mr. Lambe passed a somewhat unsteady hand across his forehead. He looked at Aimee, and then turned slowly to Georgina.

"Miss Berners—" he said.

Georgina's answer was a sob. Immediately Aimee stepped across, raised her from her chair and, with an arm round her waist, faced Alexander.

"Stop! Not a word from you to Georgina!" she said defiantly. "There's no one to blame but me. Everything she's done, I made her do. She wanted me to own up. All this, she's done to try and save me. Georgie's the best thing that ever happened."

Alexander looked at Aimee.

"My dear child," he said gently, "I have only one wish and that is to help you."

Aimee's lips parted; she stared at him incredulously. She saw the most human sympathy in the clean-shaven, priestly face; the kindliest light in his large eyes.

"Miss Berners," said Alexander, still more gently, "will you leave me with your cousin? I should like to speak to her alone. I will see you presently, if you will give me an opportunity."

Georgina nodded brokenly, and moved to the window.

"Georgie," whispered Aimee quickly, as she passed, "meet me by the little arbor down the gardens in half an hour—it won't be safe here—after this."

Aimee and Alexander were left together, facing each other. There was an embarrassed pause.

"Tell me, Cousin," said Alexander, quietly, "why have you done this mad thing?"

"Well," said Aimee, for once at a loss, "I—you see—I was afraid of you, Alexander." She glanced up at him almost shyly. "I didn't want to come to Jervaulx. I thought it would suit Georgie much better than me."

Alexander's firm lips twitched very slightly.

"I got fed up at home," continued Aimee, desperately. "Everybody was so solemn. They drove me to it! I just did it on the impulse. And then I—things sort of happened—I—"

She made an impatient, hopeless gesture with her hands.

'Oh, what's the use of talking about it? It's done, and here I am in this wretched mess. Police after me, and—everything! You've found me out—you can give me away. What are you going to do?"

"There is only one thing to do," said Alexander. "Make a clean breast of it."

Aimee's lips tightened.

"Come with me to Aunt Erythea," said Mr. Lambe soothingly. "I will accompany you. I'll do everything I can for you. There is no other way. For I can see," he said, "that you have courage."

"No," said Aimee decisively, "it is impossible."

Alexander's eyes became keener. He looked a little contemptuous.

"Are you afraid?" he said. "Do you not see that you must face the consequences of this foolish thing you have done? Once the truth is told, you have nothing to fear from the police."

"The police!" said Aimee scornfully. 'I'm not afraid of the police. I'm not much afraid of Aunt Erythea. It isn't that at all. It's—the other thing."

"What other thing?"

Aimee looked at him with growing embarrassment.

"Oh!" she said at last, desperately, "have I got to put it in so many words? My staying at Ivy cottage! Didn't you understand what I told you? I was there—two nights."

Mr. Lambe, to her surprise, did not look forbidding or censorious. Instead, he looked a little puzzled. And in that moment Aimee conceived a liking for Alexander.

"Now that I have seen you, and heard your story," he said, "I attach no importance to that incident, whatever."

"Ah," said Aimee sadly, "but other people will, you see."

Alexander suddenly flushed crimson, and he avoided Aimee's eye. But his face grew peculiarly grim.

"I have only this to say. That man—that Spencer—who dared to expose you to such a situation, is the culprit I wish to see. He deserves—"

Aimee's heel smote the floor.

"Not a word against Billy! It's he who saved me, right from the beginning. He begged me to let him own up. But he has kept my secret, at his own risk, because I wanted it kept. He is a gentleman!"

Alexander winced. At that moment, out of the tail of her eye, Aimee caught sight of a tall figure in overalls crossing the gravel-walk beyond the lawn.

"Here he is!" exclaimed Aimee. "Let him answer for himself, if you want to see him."

She ran to the window and called recklessly:

"Billy!"

Mr. William Spencer looked towards her, glanced quickly left and right to see if the coast was clear, and hurried to join Aimee. He stepped in through the window.

"Billy," said Aimee, "this is my Cousin Alexander. And he's—he knows all about it. It seems this is our finish, Billy."

The two men turned and faced each other.

CHAPTER XVI

"They Must Be Told."

Mr. Lambe's serious eyes had become hard and penetrating as a pair of crystal lenses. They gave the impression of piercing the exterior of the man before him, and reading his mind. Alexander looked, at that moment, rather like an inquisitor of Torquemada's court.

"You are Mr. William Spencer?" said Alexander icily.

"That's so. You don't know me? I guessed you wouldn't. But I remember you very well, though I never connected your name till now," said Billy calmly. "You were chaplain to the Tenth Rutlands, in 1918. Came from China to join 'em, I heard."

Mr. Lambe was silent.

"I was a sub in the Ninety-seventh of the line, lying next the British Seventieth division at Arras," added Billy. "I remember you because you brought in six wounded who got left, after the raid on the pillboxes. Two of them were ours. You got the military brass."

Aimee stared at Alexander in blank amazement.

"That will do," interrupted Mr. Lambe impatiently. "We are not dealing with the war. Do you realize," he said in his grimmest tone, "the position in which you have placed this lady?"

Billy looked straight at him.

"You are Miss Scroope's cousin," he said quietly, "and a parson. I guess I'll take lying down, from you, anything you choose to say or do. Of course I realize it, and it's why I'm here. I've been a fool. I didn't seem to know. But I ought to have known."

He sighed.

"Things are so different, where I belong. An' they were different in France—mighty different. But that's no excuse. I wish I'd broken my neck before I did such a fool thing. And here we are in the soup. I don't matter. And you don't matter either, parson. All that matters is Miss Scroope. Get me?"

"Come here," said Alexander.

He took Billy by the arm, led him to the window, and turned him so that the sun shone full on his face. Mr. Lambe looked at Billy for some moments in silence, with a peculiar intentness.

"Mr. Spencer," said Alexander, releasing him, "I will see you presently. I shall have something to say to you. For the moment, leave me with my cousin. And—go quickly!"

Billy nodded. He turned to Aimee with a smile.

"Don't you worry," he said quietly, "the padre's white."

Billy disappeared with extreme suddenness through the window. Alexander came slowly up to Aimee.

"That young man," he said, "has the heart of a child. It is a good thing to have. And rare, at his age. That does not alter the fact that your situation is dangerous, and even terrible. My decision is final," he said earnestly. "There is but one thing to do. The plain, honest course. Aunt Erythea must be told immediately. Then you will be safe."

"And I repeat it's impossible," returned Aimee quickly. "Can't you see? You understand. And Georgie understands. But there is one who will never understand. My father. He doesn't belong to our time. He'll consider only one thing—that his daughter has been disgraced before all the county. Her name a by-word among the rabble. That's how he'll take it. It will simply be Dad's finish."

Aimee sniffed miserably.

"I never thought about it. But Georgie told me what it would mean to my father. And she's right. You don't know Dad."

Alexander had turned rather white. He walked to the door and back, in some agitation.

"It is some years since I have seen your father. But I knew him very well. And I believe you are right. This would be a heavy blow to him. But—it has got to be faced."

"And I will not let Dad face it!" said Aimee hotly. "I don't care, for myself. But I'm not going to have him made miserable—for all the parsons in the country!"

"You have no choice. You do not suppose for a moment this thing can be concealed and overcome!"

Aimee turned to him with supreme confidence.

"Of course I do. Billy will see it through!" she said triumphantly.

Alexander gasped.

"I cannot countenance deceit. The whole thing is known to me—my position is impossible," he said. "I should be abetting a lie."

"There's no need for you to do anything at all. Nobody wanted you to butt in, Alexander. The secret is mine, not yours. Go to Aunt Erythea, if you must!" said Aimee bitterly. "Oh, I'm not complaining—I can see that you must. Only you'll do it without my sanction. Go to her, and tell her all you know about me."

Alexander groaned. For awhile he was silent. The perspiration stood out on his forehead. The anguish in his face was so plain that even Aimee felt compunction.

Alexander sighed aloud.

"I shall keep silence," he said. "It is impossible for me to betray a woman's secret without her consent—or to utter one word that may affect her reputation. But what will come of it—"

"Ah!" said Aimee eagerly, "you need know nothing at all. Whatever happens, I'll keep you out of it."

"On the contrary! I implore you, whatever difficulty arises, to come to

Aimee Seized His Hands in Hers.

me. I—I will do all I can." He gulped. "I want to help you, Aimee."

Aimee seized his hands in hers.

"Alexander," she cried breathlessly, "I am sorry I knocked you down!"

The next moment she had fled through the window.

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Half an hour later Aimee, a somewhat furtive figure, was dodging to and fro on the path near the little arbor in the rose garden, keeping an anxious eye on all the approaches from the house. She was still feeling a little confused.

"Who would ever have dreamed he was such a good sort as that!" she said to herself. "It's a delirious sort of mess I've got them both into. I hope he won't jump on poor Georgie. Why on earth doesn't she hurry up? There she is—oh bother!—Alexander again!"

Aimee retreated out of sight into the arbor.

Georgina came slowly along the path, her countenance pale and downcast, like a recalcitrant novice who fears the Lady Superior. Mr. Alexander Lambe, looming through the forest of standard roses, quickly overtook her.

"Miss Berners!"

Georgina turned to him with frightened eyes.

"I wish to speak with you," said Alexander with suppressed agitation. "Shall we be seated?" He led her to a rustic seat close against the arbor.

"It distresses me," said Mr. Lambe earnestly, "to see, as I cannot help seeing, the effect this has had upon you. The shock to your sensibility. Let me set your mind at rest, as far as I can. I hardly dare to think how it will all end. But your cousin is as innocent as an infant of any real intent to deceive. She has behaved as inconsequently as a child—that is all. One—one must try to make allowances for her. She should be still at school. That is what I think of her."

"Yes," murmured Georgina miserably, "but what must you think of—me!"

"Of you!" said Mr. Lambe with strong feeling. "Your loyalty—your unflinching attachment to that young madcap, stirs my admiration. It is dreadful to think of what you must have suffered. Purely to protect Aimee. You faced my aunt." Mr. Lambe clasped his hand and drew his breath in sharply. "Yes, you risked the displeasure of my aunt! And—of course, the police. For days this sword of Damocles has been hanging over your blameless head. You—you have not been guilty of deceit. No, no! Only of silence. I think you have behaved, on the whole, admirably."

"Oh!" gasped Georgia faintly, hardly daring to believe her ears, "you cannot mean it!"

"I do mean it!" exclaimed Mr. Lambe warmly. "Miss Berners, from the first hour I saw you, I was convinced of your—your essential goodness! It betrays itself in all that you do. Anything that is underhand or questionable, glides away from you—" proclaimed Mr. Lambe, with a sweeping movement of his hand, "as the turbid stream flows over the riverbed of white marble, leaving its purity unsullied. My admiration for you is greater, if that is possible, than ever."

Georgina's heart fluttered delightfully.

"I think," continued Alexander, with growing enthusiasm, "that you exist to sacrifice yourself for others, Miss Berners. You have more than piety—you have charity. It is one of the sweetest qualities in a woman."

Georgina turned to him with swimming eyes.

"Oh, Mr. Lambe!" she murmured with delicious confusion.

Alexander answered her with a hollow groan. She was startled at the sudden distress in his face.

"The question is not what I think of you," he said bitterly, "but what you think of me! You know the principles I profess, and that I impressed on you. Out of my own mouth I am condemned. How can you feel anything but contempt for me! I have consented to connive at this mad escapade of Aimee's and all its consequences. To keep silent. To—to bolster it up," he said with a gulp. "I have passed my word."

Georgina's eyes shone.

"You have done that!" she cried eagerly. "Why, now that you are on her side, she may be saved from exposure after all! I think it is splendid of you—absolutely splendid!"

"How can you think of me, but as a hypocrite? You do not mean, Miss Berners, that you feel any respect for me now?"

"Mr. Lambe, when I first knew you, I thought you my ideal as a churchman. I think so more than ever. When I was in trouble, and consulted you, I seemed to find you a little hard. Poor Aimee had enough to bear. But now," gasped Georgina, quite carried away, "I consider your conduct noble—really noble! I admire you more than ever."

"Miss Berners," said Alexander, husky with emotion, "if only you knew what a relief it is, that I have not forfeited your regard! I have only known you a few days, but your kindness, your sympathy—" his hand closed almost convulsively on hers—"Miss Berners, may I call you Aimee—I—I mean Georgina—!"

"Poof!"

A stifled, explosive sound caused Mr. Lambe to start violently and look round him.

"What was that? A dog?" he said confusedly.

Georgina, pink to the ears, had risen to her feet; her eyes shone somewhat viciously.

"It sounded to me more like a cat!" she said in acid tones, and walked away down the path.

Mr. Lambe followed her.

When they were out of sight, the parlor maid emerged from the little arbor, her face crimson, her shoulders shaking, a handkerchief pressed to her streaming eyes.

"Poor old Georgie!" she gasped. "I couldn't help it. I should have burst in another minute."

She squeezed the handkerchief and controlled her emotion.

"They'll have a jolly old tangle to unpick, too, when Aunt knows!" she said thoughtfully.

"No use stopping here. I suppose I'd better finish my dusting."

Aimee made a circuitous journey to the deserted drawing room, and dusted with the energy of a high-power machine. The room was not much the better for it. She was only just in time, for the housekeeper appeared, and after some sour comments, stood by her while she did a good deal of the work over again. Then Aimee was marshaled into the library, to dust that.

The library overlooked the path leading to the garage. It was some forty minutes later that Aimee caught sight of the chauffeur approaching. She flung down her duster and ran to the window, giving a cautious whistle, as a poacher who calls his dog.

Billy made sure that the coast was clear, and came to her window. He looked at her and laughed joyously.

"The clouds have rolled by, partner!" he said.

"What has happened? Have you seen Alexander?"

"Sure. Just had a pow-wow with him in the garage."

"What did he say to you?" asked Aimee quickly.

Billy eyed her thoughtfully.

"Never you mind. The game's square. The padre's all wool and a yard wide. You're all right now. Unless—"

"But the police! Suppose they trace us and come back here?"

"They may not. I b'lieve I see a way through it. And I've all the time off, this evening. You sit tight."

"But if they come here!"

"Then they'll get me," said Billy, "but they won't get you; you're safe from the cops, anyhow. I promise you that."

Aimee leaned out of the window, with flushed cheeks, and caught his hands in hers.

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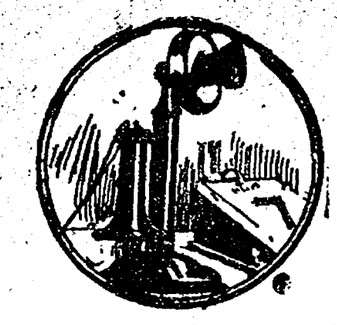

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LOCALS

FIRST BAND CONCERT ON SATURDAY EVE. THIS WEEK

Dr. Steele enjoyed a few days' visit last week from his sister, Mrs. A. M. Brooks of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, of Dubuque have been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kenefick, the past week.

Mrs. Cyril McGuire returned from Britt last week, where she had been visiting her parents for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Martin, Mrs. Finch and Mrs. Rosecrans drove to Buffalo Center, Sunday, to attend a family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wenzel, Sr., went to LaSalle, Illinois, and Peru, Illinois, last Thursday where they will visit a few weeks with friends and relatives.

Fred Hamilton of Cornelia, who was operated on for appendicitis in an acute stage, last Thursday, died Monday morning at the hospital in Belmond. The remains were taken to Clarion for burial.

Miss Edna Arends of Alexander was among the out of town shoppers here last Saturday.

Mrs. James Thayer is visiting at the home of friends in Nora Springs this week.

Mrs. L. W. Wendell of Nora Springs was visiting friends and relatives here last week.

NOTICE!
The Photo Gallery will be closed until June 20.—M. J. Thoe.

Clem Cannon, who expected with his brother Ed. to start via auto for California, has been laid up the past week or so with an injured back, and has postponed his trip.

L. Collins has purchased from the Nordschow Motor C. a new Willys Knight Coupe-Sedan similar to the new one just purchased by Joe S. White.

The Misses Ruth and Corrine Anderson from West Brook, Minnesota, have beeen visiting at the A. W. Martin and Thos. Brooks homes the past week.

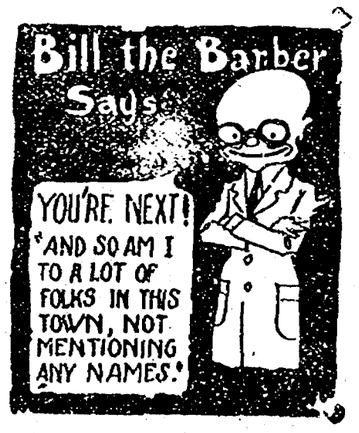
Next Sunday will be the last day of the contest being conducted by Dr. McBurney's class of the Methodist Sunday school.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Eaton and family left Wednesday. They will visit his folks at Eagle Grove for a few weeks before going to their new home in Idaho.

The M. E. Ladies Aid had a farewell party for Mrs. W. O. Eaton at the home of Miss Helen Harberts on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Eaton was presented with a silver cream ladle as a token of esteem.

S. D. Martin and C. A. Church went to Fort Dodge, Tuesday, to attend the G. A. R. encampment Mr. Martin will go to Carrol to visit his son before returning.

Beatrice Barry went to Cedar Falls, Tuesday, to attend summer school.



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POLISH BOY—15—IN AMERICA BUT TWO YEARS—RADIO EXPERT. CARRIES RECEIVING SET IN STRAW HAT.

"How do you do," says Nathan Flaishman, 15-year-old Philadelphia lad, as he tips his hat and at the same time displays his unique new radio set. The whole receiving set is contained in the straw hat and with this, an umbrella for an aerial, and a piece of wire trailing along side him for a ground, he strolls about the Quaker City, getting all the concerts by local and suburban broadcasting stations wherever he goes. The set cost him 40 cents and the coil, which consists of about 200 turns, tapped on every eleventh turn, is hidden by the hat band.

Flaishman has only been in this country for two years, having come from Poland. He is in the seventh grade at school, and has given frequent talks on radio to his schoolmates. He has built several sets for himself and during his spare moments builds sets for his friends— besides working after school in his father's store.

Mrs. Andrew Scott was a visitor at Mason City on Wednesday.

Mrs. Sheffield returned to Fort Dodge, Tuesday, after a few days' visit with friends and relatives here.

Miss Helen Hildebrand is acting as librarian this week, while Mrs. Case is in Cedar Falls.

Brenner The Florist. Phone 134. Clarion, Iowa.

Lewis Shaw was a caller at Webster City on Monday of this week.

A number of picnics were held by various school classes during the last week of school.

Mrs. Halbert of Rowan underwent a minor operation for the removal of her tonsils here last Friday.

Fred Hamilton, who has been taking care of the Clarmond Country club grounds, was brought to the hospital here last Thursday to undergo an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Turner of Estherville spent Memorial Day here with Dr. Steele. They attended the Country Club picnic.

N. M. Wolcott returned to Des Moines the first of the week, going by way of Fort Dodge to visit his son, Lon, for a few days.

The Gandrup pool hall has been reopened, with Bert McAlpine in charge.

T. D. Rankins, E. A. Pierce, Gus Ziska and Andrew Bullis drove to Algona, Sunday, to visit Jas. Kenefick, who is receiving treatment at the hospital of his brother at that place. Jim is coming nicely, and is now able to walk around.

No game was scheduled Sunday by the town team, owing to an injuy to John Chapman's pitching hand.

The Cemetery Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. Val Griesy on Friday, June 8th. The hostesses are Mesdames Griesy, Goelz, C. P. Luick and Brown.

Work on the Deep Rock Service Station is still going on, and incations point to the station being one of the best when completed.

L. Z. Crozier left last Friday for the southern part of the state, where his wife's people live, and where she will stay this summer. Mr. Crozier will attend summer school at the University of Nebraska.

W. C. White of Fort Dodge came up last Friday to get his car, which he had driven up here last week and had to leave on account of rain.

Full line of Sterling chick feed at Farmers Elevator.

Dr. and Mrs. John Rule, Jr., of New Salem, South Dakota, are the parents of a baby boy, born about two weeks ago. They were former residents of Belmond, Mrs. Rule being Miss Elizabeth Bond.

Lou Sherman of Goldfield, editor of the Chronicle, was a business visitor in town last Friday. He accompanied Dr. Maker, who drove over this way on a professional call.

Miss Mildred Baumgardner, who has been visiting friends here the past week, went to her home in St. Paul, Tuesday.

W. A. Dittmer and family, from Clarion, have moved to Belmond to make their home, Mr. Dittmer being employed at the sugar factory during the overhauling of the plant. He and his family were formerly residents of this community.

The old opera house has had the new plate glass windows installed, and now presents an entirely different appearance. The new occupants of the building, the Motor Inn Co., have a large, roomy garage made from the old building.

The fishing improves, and numerous strings of bull heads are being exhibited, with a few game fish taken from Lake Cornelia.

Spasmodic showers have been the portion of this vicinity the past few days, some of them being exceptionally heavy while they lasted. The growing things are coming in fine shape, and indicate a bountious harvest in almost every line.

Hemstitching Done at the Unique Gift Shop. Please baste with short even stitches or mark along the line you wish hemstitched, where possible. Black and white cotton thread furnished. Mail orders promptly taken care of. Prices 10 and 15 cents—Mrs. W. E. Stevens.

See the Bock Lumber Co., for low prices on barb wire and genuine American Field Fence. 24tfc

Master Emory Galloway went to Thornton yesterday to visit his aunt, Mrs. Brogan.

BELMOND MARKETS

Hens, heavy	17c
Roosters	08c
Broilers, 1½ to 2 lbs.	35c
Leghorns	08c
Geese	08c
Ducks	12c
Turkeys	25c
Old Toms	16c
Eggs	17c
Cream	35c
Dairy Butter	40c
Creamery Butter	47c
Corn	68c
Oats	38c

WANT ADS

Two cents per word first insertion; one cent per word ensuing insertions.

LOST AND FOUND

Found—A pair of spectacles. Owner can have same by calling at this office and paying for advertising. 263c

Lost—English Setter dog, white with black spots on head. Finder please notify Ned Packard.

FOR RENT

For Sale—Rat Terrier male pup from excellent good ratters. —See John Cooper, Kanawha, Iowa. 27tfc

FOR SALE

For Sale—A few loads of timothy hay.—S. A. Bohning. Phone 3203. 291*

For Sale—White Wyandotte baby chicks. Delivery June 11.—Mrs. Chas. Gealow. Prone 2712.

For Sale—Studebaker Six, 1918 model, in good shape. Will sell cheap. Phone 2902.—Gerald Treese. 293c

For Sale—160 acre improved farm three and a half miles southwest of Belmond. For terms and particulars write to Mrs. Julia Tegland, 3624 Tenth Avenue So., Minneapolis, Minnesota. 292c

For Sale—4-door Ford Sedan, brand new.—Nordschow Motor Co.

For Sale—Hot water heating plant, in A I condition. Bargain if taken at once. Inquire of L. O. Skovlin. 29tfc

Miss Hazel Hembd and Miss Bernetas Wolle drove to Oelwein last week to visit Miss Hembd's sister. While they were gone they visited the state park, "The Devil's Backbone," which they found very interesting. They returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. A. W. Martin was hostess to the Kensington club on Monday afternoon. The following guests were present: Mrs. Griesy, Mrs. R. H. Klemme, Mrs. Sheffield and Mrs. Sharon from Fort Dodge.

Fourteen members of the Progress club from Belmond attended the meeting of the county federation of Women's clubs at Clarion on Tuesday.

Mrs. M. C. Barry entertained the Delphian club on Monday evening of this week.

The Priscilla club met at the home of Mrs. D. E. Packard on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Fred Lynch left on Wednesday for a few weeks visit with her daughter, Mrs. Winey, at Chicago.

The formal opening of the Clarmond Country club for the season was held last evening. Music by the Gates orchestra was furnished for dancing.

The Belmond Savings Bank has just paid nearly $2,200.00 in interest on savings accounts for the six months period ending June 1, 1923. They pay 5 per cent semi-annually on savings accounts. 291c

Miss Selma Hill went to Duluth, Minn., Wednesday, to visit friends and relatives.

Mrs. M. R. Pierce was a caller at Mason City on Wednesday of this week.

Miss Janette Happ of Chicago has been visiting her friend, Mrs. C. J. Pierce, the past week.

BELMOND TRAIN SCHEDULES

(Corrected to date.)

ROCK ISLAND

Going North

Passenger, daily	8:15 a. m.
Freight, daily	11:46 a m.
Combination, daily	2:15 p. m.

Going South

Passenger, daily	6:28 p. m.
Freight, daily	1:10 p. m.
Combination, daily	11:46 a. m.

M. & ST. L.

Going West.

Combination, daily	8:30 a. m

Going East

Combination, daily	3:35 p. m.

GREAT WESTERN

Going North

Motor, daily	10:03 a. m.
No. 16, pass., D & S	1:30 p. m.
No. 12, pass., D & S	1:26 a. m.
Local Freight	7:55 a. m.

Going South

No. 11, pass., D & S	1:24 a. m.
No. 15, pass., D & S	3:40 p. m.
Motor	5:19 p. m.
Local Freight	3:20 p. m.

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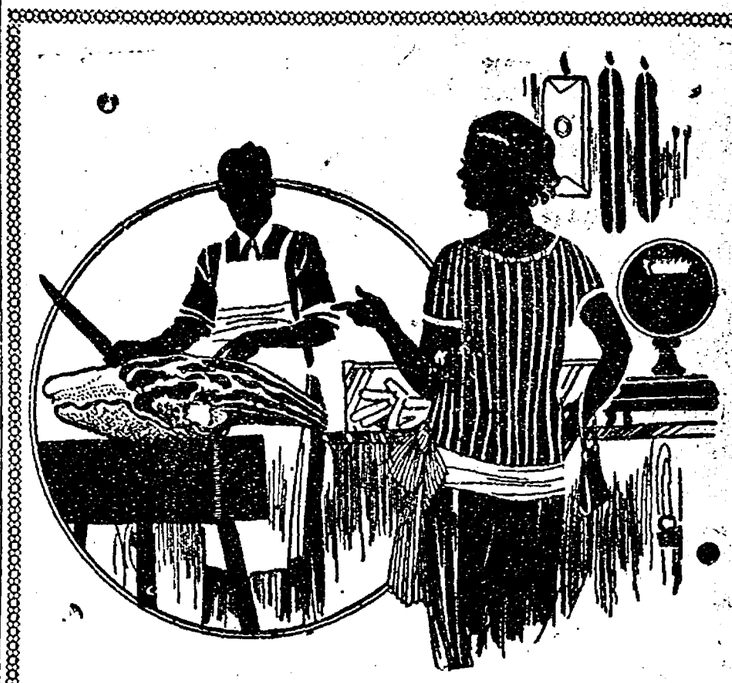

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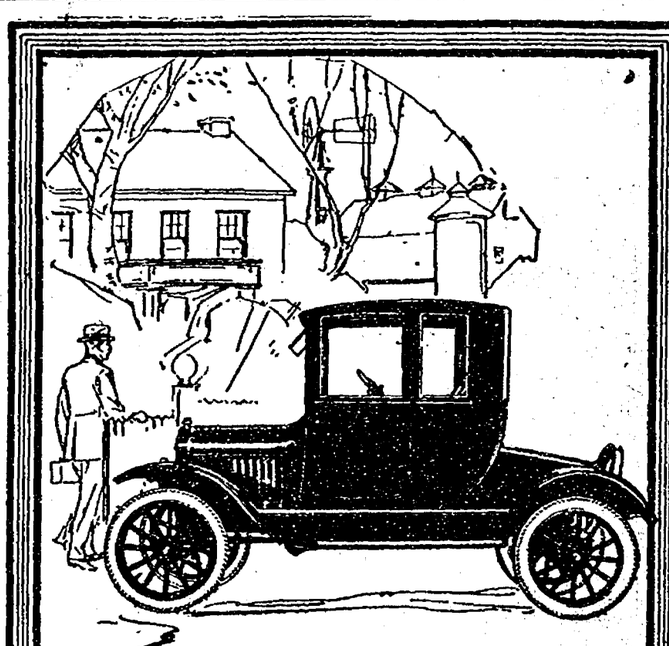

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Another Building To Be Built Soon

Art Hill To Erect New Modern Building On Lot Where Garage Burned.

OTHERS ARE IN PROSPECT

It is understood that Art Hill will erect a fine new modern building on his lot on Main street, where his garage burned down in the recent big fire. Work, it is understood is to commence on the building at once, and it is to be completed by October 1. Mr. Hill plans to put up a fire proof structure, of fire proof material. The front end of the new building is to be occupied by the Jones Harness company, and Elmer Boughton has rented the building where the former is now located, to move in when the new building is completed.

W. H. Wolle anticipates building a new office on his old site, destroyed in the fire, and plans to start the work in the near future.

Here is a resolution with teeth in it, issued by the board of supervisors of Ida county, "Notice is hereby given that all signs must be removed from the public highway in Ida county, on or before the 15th day of June, 1923. No signs will be permitted within the legal distance from the public highway, except those authorized by the board of supervisors and the location by the county engineer. If said signs are not removed on or before the above date, they will be removed by the employees of the county."

IOWA HENS COULD PAY BONUS BONDS IN A HALF YEAR

The Iowa hen will lay enough eggs in six months to pay the entire soldier bonus of $22,000,000 at prices now prevailing, says R. G. Clark, head of the dairy and food division of the state department of Agriculture. "Or the Iowa cow will produce enough butter in five months to do the trick," he added.

"This is providing, of course, that the Iowa hen and the Iowa cow are patriotic individuals, and it all goes to show that Iowa resources are tremendous as compared to meager expenditures of $22,000,000 for soldier compensation and the like."

The Iowa hen produced $51,376,000 worth of eggs during 1921 and $43,539,672 worth of eggs in 1922. The production is on the increase so that an even larger value than the figures for 1922 show can be with safety prophesied for 1923. The production in 1922 was 159,711,000 dozens as compared to 133,100,000 dozens in 1921, but the price of eggs was considerably higher two years ago.

The Iowa cow produced 124,168,089 pounds of butter during 1922 which sold for $58,462,805.12, and this was creamery butter alone. All of the thousands of pounds of butter made by the farmer's wife in an old fashioned churn for home consumption and for sale in the neighboring town are not even mentioned in this compilation.

$5,000 FARM FIRE LOSS.

Chris Schutt, a farmer near Woolstock, suffered a loss of around $5,000 in a disasterous fire last week. The fire, started by the small children of Schutt, who were playing with matches in the barn, burned the large horse barn, machine shed and chicken house, a fine mare, about 25 hogs, all the harness and some of the hay. The wind was just right to carry the flames directly to the residence, and only by hard work on the part of neighbors was the house and furniture saved. One thousand dollars in insurance was carried.

ANNUAL PICNIC

The ladies of the Progress club are planning for their big annual picnic, which will be held next week Tuesday, June 19. The club always has a highly enjoyable time at these affairs, and doubtless the one next week will be as good as those of the past.

Come in to the first band concert of the season next Saturday evening.

DISTRICT COURT NOTES

At Monday's board meeting the supervisors instructed Engineer Hilton to go ahead with the preliminary work on the following highways: To drain, grade and gravel the remaining mile of county road south of Clarion; to grade and drain one mile of the same road to the north of Clarion; to drain and grade the mile of road north from the Clarion cemetery. These improvements not only concern Clarion but the entire traveling public, for all are county roads and subject to a great deal of travel.

The following couples were granted licenses to wed during the past week: Gerhard Carlyle Johnson of Belmond and Anna Mae Aldrich of Clarion; Lisle Ernest Goslin and Lura Teressa Campbell, both of Clarino; William L. Castleman and Edna Grove, of Clarion.

Last week J. K. Hilton, county engineer, received notice of his election to membership in the American Society of Civil Engineers. It is the oldest engineering society in the United States, having been organized prior to the Civil war. Character and ability as well as scholarship are required of all applicants, who must have the endorsement of several members in good standing. It is readily understood that the society stands for the best in engineering when it is known that prior to this year only two county engineers in Iowa were members. Friends of Mr. Hilton rejoice at his election to membership.

A Mexican, formerly of Belmond, who escaped from the Cherokee authorities, was captured near Dows last week and returned to that institution.

Sheriff Langs office has been putting in considerable time the past few weeks checking up the delinquent auto list turned over by Treasurer Allen. The list included over one hundred cars. Of that number the sheriff finds that fully one-half have been junked and no report made of the same. Others have removed from the county without giving the required notice.

Albert Ohlsen, who was serving a five year term at Anamosa for the theft of an automobile, was paroled to Harry Enfield, a farmer near Goldfield. They could not get along so Mr. Enfield brought the man to town and turned him over to the officers. Sheriff Lang was notified to get the prisoner and although he lost no time in reaching Goldfield the manhad deliberately walked to the edge of town where he caught an auto ride and that was the last heard of him. He onlyhad fifteen months of his sentence left to serve.

Four appraisements were made Monday by the inheritance commission as follows;

The estate of John Robinson of Eagle Grove was valued at $68,874. Of this sum $6000 consisted of real estate and the balance cash, notes and mortages. Mr. Robinson was employed on the Northwestern section for several years.

From the fact that Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Lester of Clarion did not take out adoption papers at the time they took Mrs. R. P. Osier into their home makes his estate come under the jurisdiction of the inheritance tax law. The Clarion residence is valued at $4000 and Mrs. Lester is given life lease in the same.

John Erickson estate at Dows has been appraised at $39,389. His real estate is valued at $8,800, his residence at $7000 and the personal property, notes and certificates of deposit, $7589.

The real property of the late W. H. Milnes of Clarion has been appraised at $8000. It includes the home property, a tenant house and a couple of vacant lots. The amount of personal property in cash, notes and bonds is $46,345.--Monitor.

Eagle Grove Times:--At a meeting of the board of supervisors to be held Friday a resolution will probably be passed calling an election to be held to get an opinion of the voters of the county on gravelling the roads which were graded last year. A bond issue of about $200,000 will be asked to complete around 90 miles of road in the county which were brought to a grade last year. The cost of gravelling roads in Wright county has averaged approximately $2,700 per mile.

Attorney General Gibson has ruled that the Truck law, one of the important enactments of the Fortieth General Assembly, will not affect contracts let before July 4, 1923. Under this law the county expenditures are limited to collectionable revenues for the year. When the board of supervisors let the contract for grading these county roads they expected to be able to issue bonds to gravel them this year. Under Attorney General Gibson's ruling they could go ahead and contract for the graveling, but on account of the law going into effect next month, they prefer to get the issue approved by the taxpayers of the county.

The supervisors have had requests from a number of farmers living along the roads which were graded last year to gravel them.

Unless a bond issue can be voted no money will be available for graveling for several years and by that time much of the grading will have to be done over again.

Howard Hutcheson of Clarion was taken to Eldora Tuesday by Deputy Johnson. He had been previously paroled to G. R. Hill and last week broke the same by running away to Tama. He had committed other offenses against the parole, which caused Judge McCall to revoke the same.

Sheriff Lang held three mortgage sales Monday. The first at 10 A. M. when he sold the property of Theresa and Burr Stewart to satisfy a claim of nearly $8000 held by the Farmers State Savings bank ofDows. At 11 o'clock the judgment of the Stoughton Wagon Co. for $2230 against Mr. and Mrs. Fabian Beckett was satisfied. The foreclosure sale of State Savings bank of Rowan vs. Frank and Gertrude Toyne came at 2 p. m. This involved $13,337.82.

County Engineer Hilton has sent out notice to all patrolmen and road draggers calling their attention to the necessity of keeping railroad crossings free from stone and gravel and thus prevent a possible derailment. In other words, "Safety first."

R. W. and Alcinda Frank are named as defendants in a suit brought by Ross & Maurer of Renwick, who are engaged in the grocery business. They hold a promisory note for $1650 given in July, 1921. On this past due note they ask judgment for $1941.50.

Ellen McCallum of Belmond will ask for a divorce from her husband, Archiebald McCallum at the October term of court. She alleges cruel and inhuman treatment; failure to support herself and minor children; excessive use of intoxicating liquors and constant abuse. The couple were married at Belmond in June, 1900, and have eight children, three of whom the mother asks the custody.

BIG FARM BUREAU EDITION

The Farm Bureau edition of the Eagle Grove Times came to town last week, and was an exceptionally well edited and made-up paper. Some forty pages were contained, filled to the brim with notes, items and articles on and about the farm bureau, many of them by Wright county members of the organization. The edition was very well gotten up from a mechanical point of view, but we wonder just how much the Times was ahead in cold cash on the deal. It takes real money to put out a special like that, and the question of making it pay is a big one.

Big Events in the Lives of Little Men

BUILDING OPERATIONS

The various building operations in town are all progressing nicely. The Belmond Auto Co. annex is well along toward completion, as is the new building of C. Schmelz. C. N. Reese has had a force busy cleaning out the lots where he will build for the new post office, and construction work will begin in the near future. The Deep Rock service station has been held up while waiting for the pumps, but is rapidly rounding into shape. Rumors of other new buildings are in the air, and before the summer is much further along we may see still more improvements in Belmond.

TRY THIS ONE.

A Ford owner installed a new fangled carburetor that was guaranteed to save 20 per cent on fuel. Then he put in special spark plugs that were guaranteed to save another 20 per cent and added an intake superheater that was guaranteed to save 20 per cent also. He then put in a patent rear axle that was likewise guaranteed to save 20 per cent and finally put on high pressure "cords" that promised a 20 per cent saving. Now with a fuel economy of 120 per cent the owner has to stop every hundred miles and bail out the gas tank to keep it from running over.

HAVE ENJOYABLE MEETING

The W. F. M. S. of the M. E. church held a very enjoyable meeting with Mrs. F. O. Fitts, last Thurs day afternoon. A large number attended. Mrs. R. H. Klemme, as the leader, was most interesting in her discussion of the lesson, which was Opportunity in India. Two of the King's Heralds, Muriel Luick and Harriett Gowdy, pleasingly entertained the ladies. After the meeting Mrs. Fitts served delicious refreshments.

WOOL SACKS ARE READY

Wool growers of Wright County will be pleased to know that wool sacks can be obtained at the County Agents office. A shipment of wool sacks arrived last week and the office is prepared to take care of the wool growers on the sack proposition.

Those who are in need of wool sacks should either call or write the county agent and the sacks will be mailed to them.

HOLD FINE MEETING

On Tuesday, June 5th, nine of the girls of Belmond township between the ages of 10 and 21 met at the home of Mrs. J. B Tiara, vice director of the farm bureau, and organized a girls' sewing club

Officers were elected by the ofganization for the following year and plans for work outlined. A most pleasant social hour was enjoyed after the meeting. The next meeting was held in the school house of district No. 6 on June 12.

Miss Cloe Jenison came home last Saturday to spend a few days with the home folks. She has been going to school at Ames, and returned Tuesday to attend summer school. She will teach Home Economics this next year in the Swaledale schools.

JACOBSON-DELANO

Miss Bertha Jacobson and Mr. Victor J. Delano were united in the bonds of marriage on Monday afternoon of this week, at the Methodist parsonage at Clarion, the Rev. J. B. Walker, pastor, officiating. The ring ceremony was used. The bride and groom were accompanied by Miss Lorene Delano and Olyn Harlow.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Andrew Jacobson, of Belmond, and for some time past has been employed at the store of W. W. Goetz.

Mr. Lelano is a son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Delano of Wall Lake township, and is a well known and respected citizen of that community.

The happy couple are enjoying a short wedding trip, and upon their return will make their home for the present at the home of the bride's mother. Congratulations and best wishes are extended by their friends, with whom the Independent joins.

TAKES BELMOND YOUNG LADY AS HIS BRIDE

William Verne Haney, of Hampton, and Gladys S. Keiser, of Belmond, surprised their many friends last week by sending out announcements of their wedding which took place at Albert Lea, Minnesota, on May 12th. Mr. and Mrs. Haney had kept their wedding secret for three weeks, but finally the news of the event was secured by one or two of their friends so they announced the wedding.

Mr. Haney is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Haney of this city. He has spent most of his life in this community and since his return from the army has been connected with his father in the jewelry business here. Mrs. Haney is the daughter of Mrs. Alice Keiser of Belmond. For the past few years she has been employed by the Trafford Music Company at Mason City. They will make their home at Hampton.—Chronicle.

LIGHTNING KILLS HORSE

Last week Tuesday afternoon this section was visited by the first electrical storm of the season. A heavy rainfall accompained the electrical display, and the wind blew hard enough to upset some small buildings, break branches from trees and the windmill on the Michelson farm north of town was blown down. At the Wm. Norby farm just east of town lighting struck the barn, killing one horse and knocking another down, the latter having its eyesight and hearing affected. Their hired man was in the barn at the time the bolt struck and while the shock knocked him down he has suffered no ill effects since. The bolt struck the west end of the barn and followed the hay track to the east end, then dropped to an iron rail along the top edge of the mangers where the horses were tied. Luckily the barn did not catch afire and no other damage resulted except as stated above.-Kanawha Reporter.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

The Sunday school will give an interesting Children's Day program at 10:30 a. m. This program will take the place of the regular Sunday school and church service We plan for a baptismal service. Bring the children for baptism.

Epworth League at 7 p. m.

Regular preaching service at 8 p m.

The Southeast Division of the Ladies Aid holds a bake sale at the Hill Jewelry Store Saturday.

Come and bring the family to all our services and enjoy the clean church.

W. A. Wilkinson, Pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

On account of the rain, our Children's Day exercises were postponed until next Sunday, at 11 a. m. The children will meet on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons for practice.

The Ladies Aid society will have a quilting on Thursday. In the afternoon the regular business and social meeting will be held.

Sabbath school as usual next Sunday at 10 a. m. Children's Day exercises at 11 a. m. Evening services at 8 p. m.

The Children's Day offering will go for Sabbath school mission.

Big Legion Dance On Next Tuesday

Another Of Legion's Affairs To Be Feature Of Events Next Week.

IN NEW FORD GARAGE

The big dance of the season will be the American Legion affair, to be staged here next week Tuesday. The Belmond Auto Co., thru George Heginger, have invited the Legion boys to stage a dance in their new annex, just being completed, free of rental charges, and the boys are taking it up.

The dance is to be a "mixed" one, with some of the old-time dances for the old timers, as well as the modern toddles for the young folks. The well-known Tom Wells Orchestra of Mason City furnishes the music.

The new building will, with its large floor space, easily accomodate from 150 to 200 couples, so that the bigger the crowd the bigger the time.

SCHOOL BUYS MORE LAND

The board of education, seeing in the not very distant future the need of another set of school buildings to house Belmond's constantly growing enrollment, has completed a deal in which the four lots just across the street directly west of the school are purchased. The council, at a special meeting Monday night, condemned and closed the street which lies between the lots and the school house, so that the addition will make a fine extension to the grounds.

SHEFFIELD BANKERS UNDER TEN THOUSAND BONDS

C. J. LeValley, cashier, and Chris C. Storck, assistant cashier, of the defunct Farmers and Merchants Bank at Sheffield, were indicted by the Franklin county grand jury on last Saturday and placed under bonds of ten thousand dollars each. There was one ndictment against LeValley for fradulent banking, one against Storck for the same offense, and one indictment against each of them charging embezzlement. LeValley was also indicted on a separate charge for embezzlement. The particular cases for which the indictments were made have not been announced, but one was for embezzlement of about $50,000 from the Liberty Life Insurance Co. of Des Moines. LeValley was treasurer of this company, but has since resigned. Both men furnished the amount of their bonds and are now out pending their trial, which will take place at the September term of the Franklin county court.

LIGHTING KILLED YOUNG MAN NEAR CORWITH, TUESDAY

Last Tuesday afternoon, Eugene, the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Bogard was instantly killed by a bolt of lighting. He and his father were in the barn when a sudden windstorm came up. The boy stepped to the barn door to see the result the wind was having on a tent in the yard when the barn was struck by lighting, tearing a hole in the roof, shivering the framework, killing the son, knocking the father down and stunning several horses. The bay was thrown six or eight feet and landed under a manger. When the father revived and got to him the boy was lifeless. Splinters were thrown in all directions.

The farm house about 1 1-2 miles east of Corwith, which was occupied by O. J. Bogard, burned to the ground Monday afternoon. It is supposed to have caught from the smoke house. Mrs. Bogard was at home alone therefore could get no help in time to save the building. Soon after the fire caught neighbors were on hand but too late to put it out. However they succeeded in removing most all the household effects except the kitchen range. Luckily Mr. Bogard had rented an adjoining farm which is occupied by Marshal Carey, consequently he will have a house to move into until another house can be built.

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Editorials

If any one needed an object lesson on gravel roads, the rain of Sunday should be enough to convince them that the only and logical solution of the Iowa road problem is gravel. You could go, Monday morning, to within a mile of Clarion on the graveled road, but when you struck the good old Iowa mud at the Clarion town line, there you stopped. Or, you could go past the Immanuel Reformed church east of Belmond until you came to the county line, on the gravel; from that end of the gravel you would have "plowed on low" the rest of the way. After a rain of thirty hours, the gravel road was easily travelable, but the dirt road, was a fright.

There is very little need of paving in Iowa, except on the main roads where there is much heavy truck hauling. Graveled roads will not stand up very long under the loads of the heavy truck, and where there is much of this class of freighting, doubtless pavement is the best solution. But for 90 miles out of every 100 Iowa roads, gravel is the best, the cheapest and the most satisfactory surface.

Belmond business men are paying $75 a week for concerts by the Garner band. Doubtless the Garner band will give us good music, and will be worth the price. But isn't it somewhat of a shame that we are paying this much money to an out-of-town band? Especially when we have all kinds of talent in Belmond for a good band? Why should we let this money go out of Belmond? Is it not about time that something was done to give the Belmond lads the benefit of our money and of the training, The Independent believes that a band tax could be voted here now. At the last election it lost by a very narrow margin—four votes, or five—and sentiment has changed sufficiently since then so that the tax would carry. Belmond people want a band, the business men want one, why not see whether we cannot have a home band next year?

PROTECTION
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Wm. H. Wolle
ALL BRANCHES

Belmond Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Peterson and children of Hampton drove over over Sunday to visit relatives here. The children remained for a longer visit.

The contest in Dr. McBurney's class of Sunday school closes this week Thurday with a big picnic in Tyrrell Park. The losing side is to furnish the refreshments.

Bert Nelson is at Des Moines this week taking training, and will begin work at the Standard Oil station next week.

Mrs. E. F. Bailey went to Iowa Falls last week to stay a few days with her daughter, Doris, who is receiving treatment there.

Mrs. A. L. Bergsma, who has been the guest of relatives here the past few weeks, is visiting friends in Franklin county this week.

Mrs. Eugene Kinney was a guest last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Duran Nagle, at Clarion.

Doctor George, of Dows, was called here in council last week with Dr. McBurney on the case of Chas. Jenison, who is reported very ill.

Geo. Elder and Chester Luick left last week via auto for northern Minnesota, to spend a few days fishing.

Mrs. G. F. McBurney returned on Saturday from Cedar Rapids, where she had been to attend the wedding of Coetta Foster.

The M. E. Aid meets at the home of Mrs. Campbell on Thursday of next week.

Rev. Wilkinson drove to Cedar Rapids last week on business.

Miss Ruth Klemme arrived here Sunday morning from California to join her father. They expect to remain here for the summer.

The farm bureau picnic scheduled for Monday night at the Jake Henn home was postponed on account of the rain until Wednesday evening.

The band concert, postponed last Saturday evening on account of the rain, will be held this week Saturday evening.

NOTICE!
The Photo Gallery will be closed until June 20.—M. J. Thoe.

Brenner The Florist, Phone 134. Clarion, Iowa.

See the Bock Lumber Co., for low prices on barb wire and genuine American Field Fence. 24tfc

The Elite Cafe has added another improvement by placing plate glass windows at the side of the entrance.

The biggest idea for some time is announced in the Cash Market ad of this week. "Scoop" says he is going to give a day's cash business back to his customers, free.

F. P. Dibble was a business caller at Hampton the first of the week.

Mrs. W. O. Butterfield of Mason City was visiting relatives here the first of the week.

N. E. Brear was a business caller at Garner last Tuesday.

Joe Scott and George Mortimer, left last week Thursday for Kansas, on a vacaion trip to some friends of Joe's. They drove in the latter's car, and report back that that they had fine roads and fine trip all the way until they ran into the heavy rains which Kansas has been having the past week. Their destination is close to the Oklahoma border in the east-central part of Kansas.

Big plans are being made by the Clear Lake Commercial Club, for the entertainment of the Iowa State Bar Association when they hold their annual convention at Clear Lake and Mason City, June 21st and 22nd. Several hundred members of the legal profession in this state are expected to attend.

"If you can't knock that tired-worn-feeling out of your bones and once more make it a joy to throw your hat in the air and let out a man-sized "whoop of life" —then, look us up for violation of the anti-trust law," says one paragraph of the invitation being sent to every member of the Bar Association by C. F. Crane, chairman of the publicity bureau of the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce.—Advertisement.

Here and There

Belmond has no band and is planing on hireing a band for one concert a week. The Garner band bid for the job, but we have not heard whether they got it or not. We will guarantee the Belmond people fine concerts if they do hire the Garner boys. -Signal.

Ole T. Rikansrud was a business visitor at Belmond one day last week. He is executor of the estate of Mrs. Ole H. Lien and was there looking after matters pertaining to her estate.

Hector and Hjalmer Rikansrud, who have been attending Waldorf college at Forest City have taken positions on farms in the neighborhood between Olaf and Belmond and will spend the summer season there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Carlston and little daughter of Belmond were visitors here with relatives and friends Wednesday.-Reporter.

Bernes Missman returned Friday morning from Belmond, where he had been visiting with his grandparents.-Times.

Chas. Norris and wife of Belmond and Andy Drake and family of Crystal Lake were Sunday visitors at the W. H. Drake home.-Monitor.

Mrs. Tom Hake went to Belmond Monday for a visit with relatives and friends.-Times.

W. H. Trafford and family, of Belmond spent Sunday visiting with Klemme friends.-Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Riggs of Belmond, were Klemme visitors Sunday.-Times

Mrs. Clara Kirkwood left for Belmond Friday evening after visiting at the home of Mrs. A. Kirkwood. She came here from Cedar Rapids. -Klemme Times.

The Clarion Community Chautauqua starts in this city on June 27th, and will continue for five days. An excellent program has been selected for the community, and it deserves the support of the public at large. Season tickets will shortly be on sale and every one should arrange to purchase one or more.

There is around $1,000 of expense in bringing the chautaqua to Clarion, and only a generous support will enable the backers to break even. -News.

Beryl Hake, of Belmond, visited at the Tom Hake home this week Tuesday until Wednesday. She is a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Hake.

John Burress is spending a few days with Clarion friends while enroute to Minneapolis where he will take a six weeks course at the officers training school.—Monitor.

An independent band has been organized in Klemme. It is the outcome of the hastily arranged band which played Memorial Day here. It is composed of musicians who know how to play and, altho not a big band, it is a good band.—Klemme Times.

A couple of years ago Lew Lewis lost a good Waltham watch in a silver case. Monday evening while out in the garden Mrs. Lewis found the watch. Lew wound it up and it seems to run as good as ever. The case was in good shape but had become tarnished and black.—Klemme Times.

Kanawha is enforcing its curfew law. Now if we could just have a "midnight marshal" to squelch a few of the "hootched profanity contests" on Main street everything would be quiet and serene. The direct cause is the hootch peddler and it is high time that our citizens awake to this fact and see to it that they are picked up.—Kanawha Reporter.

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The Crude Rubber Monopoly weakened when it came into contact with aroused public sentiment. The Press of the country today reflects the Determination of the American Motorist that tire prices shall stay at a reasonable level---and that America must produce its own rubber.

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FARM BUREAU NOTES

Organize Sewing Club.

About 18 girls from different parts of Blaine township met at the S. D. Hinckley home last Monday afternoon, June 4th, for the purpose of organizing a Girls' Garment club.

Social At Streveler Home.

A lively community social was hek at the T. S. Streveler home, one mile north of Rowan, last Tuesday evening, when the regular monthly meeting of the Iowa Township Farm Bureau was held at that place. From 75 to 100 farmers of that community gathered at the Streveler home to enjoy an evening filled with good music, an interesting program of recitations, dialogues and an address also plenty of good eats.

Lyle D. Hall, director local bureau, was in charge of the meeting and opened the program with a short talk in which he urged the closest co-operation of all members in the organization. Mr. Hall is a good organizer and is intensely interested in seeing the Iowa township people succeed in the great farm bureau movement.

The program was given from the front porch of the Streveler home, with seating being arranged on the beautiful lawn in front of the house. E. A. Patton, treasurer of the county farm bureau, gave an interesting address on farm bureau activities and gave a complete report on the national conference on co-operative marketing of poultry products which was held in Chicago under the auspices of the American Farm Bureau federation, May 24th.

Mr. Patton was in attendance at this conference and brought an interesting message to the Iowa township people on the plans which have been laid out for organizing the co-operative marketing of poultry products thru the United Staes.

Big Lincoln Meeting

A special meeting of the Lincoln township Farm Bureau was held at the Wall Lake Church Thursday evening, June 7th., when the church was packed beyond capacity by interested farmers from both Lincoln and Wall Lake townships.

Evergreen Evergrowing Club

On Friday afternoon about 18 girls of the Evergreen district gathered at the home of Mrs. Alfred Hanson for the purpose of organizing a girls' sewing club in that community. Mrs. Alfred Hanson has agreed to take charge of this club and direct the girls in their neighborhood in this interesting work.

Time For Third Spray.

The third spray should be applied to fruit trees ten days to two weeks after the second spray, which will be from June 11 to June 15 in this county.

The spray should be prepared at the rate of four and one-half pound of lead arsenate to 50 gallons of water. This is for the control of the coddling moth, apple scab, apple blotch and curculio.

It is only necessary to spray the trees which have set a crop of fruit at this time.

The apples have grown considerably, and as the insects and diseases are still present, it is necessary to give them a good coating of spray material for protection.

Some Facts About T. B. Law

The new law passed last winter is simply an addition to what we have had for the past four years. The law with its changes provides:

That you may have your herd tested free of charge by a government, state or county veterinarian, providing you sign the agreement.

Whenever a petition is signed by 51 per cent of the owners of cattle, within the county, and presented to the board of supervisors, they shall apply to the state secretary of agriculture for a county area test.

The board of supervisors may then make a levy of not more than three mills for raising funds to be used inconjunction with state and federal money, otherwise appropriated by the state and federal government, in paying for salary and expenses of tuberculosis inspectors and for paying the indemnity for reactor cattle.

When 75 per cent of the cattle owners shall have signed the agreement to test their cattle, the remaining 25 ver cent can be requested to test. Failure to comply with this request subjects the owner to fine and imprisonment.

Any owner of cattle whose loss shall be less than five per cent of the total appraised value of the animals tested, shall in consideration of the free test, waive all claim for indemnity.

Where the loss is greater than five per cent of the total appraisal, indemnity will be paid on the amount over and above the five per cent to the extent of two-thirds of the apparent loss, the apparent loss meaning the difference between the salvage value and appraised value. If, for example, your total herd appraisal is $1000 and you lose one $50 animal, you will get no indemnity. You will, however, be reimbursed to the extent of two-thirds of the loss over and above $50.

Is your subscription paid up? If not, why not drop into the Independent office and square accounts? Pay in advance and save 25 per cent.

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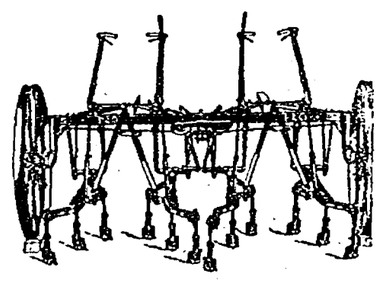

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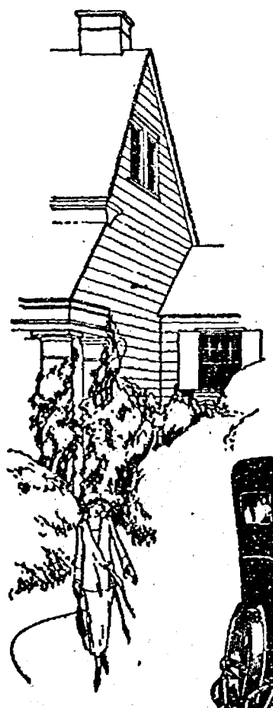
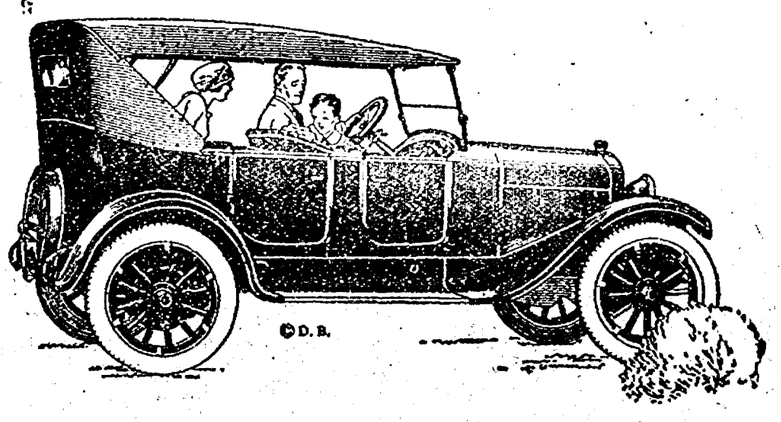




Motor Inn Company

Belmond, Iowa

MESERVEY SECTION

Mrs. Pease and son Lindley, and Miss Mabel Kirk of Tama City, spent last week at the C. J. Wendel home. Mrs. Pease is a sister to Mrs. Wendel.

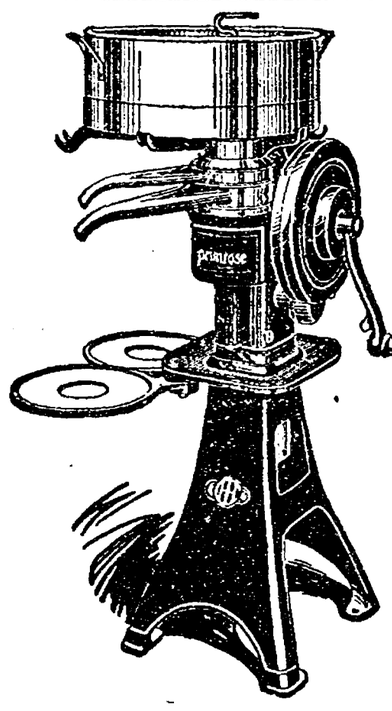
Mrs. Henry Frey had dental work done at Thornton last Thursday.

Mrs. Ed. Foss and Mrs. G. E. Raecker and Louie Foss were Mason City callers last Wednesday p. m.

For Sale—Horse and buggy and harness at a reasonable price if taken at once.—Jacob E. Pals, Meservey, Iowa. 27tfc

Mr. and Mrs. H. Proost were business callers at Mason City on last Thursday.

The daily papers report that all over Iowa the tourists are held up in tourists parks because of the mud roads, while some were left stuck in the mud out on the road from the recent rain.



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The Helping Hand Society will meet in the Evang. Church basement on Thursday P. M. June 21st, for work. Mrs. C. Mayers, hostess.

The Cemetery society will meet with Mrs. W. F. Butz on Tuesday afternoon, June 19.

Mrs. H. Meinderts left last Saturday for a visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Andrew Nelson, and family near Klemme.

Miss Jennie Meinderts returned last Monday from a few days' visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ed. Bachman, near Garner.

Mrs. Wm. Gealow and son Fred visited over Sunday with her mother in Belmond.

Mrs. Pannkuk and daughter, Lydia visited with relatives at Stout this week, leaving Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Pals and younger children visited over Sunday with relatives and friends at Austinville.

Prof. F. Bosch of Central College at Pella filled the pulpit at the Reformed church here both morning and evening last Sunday, during the absence of Rev. Pannkuk.

Mrs. E. Voss, of Loga, Ostfriesland, Germany, is a guest at the T. S. Hulsebus home since last Saturday. Mrs. Voss came to this country on a buiness and pleasure trip several weeks ago. Mr. and Mrs. Hulsebus enjoyed the hospitality of the Voss' during their sojourn in Germany, and spoke of the royal entertainment they were given in their pleasant home. Mrs. Voss may not return to her home until about August 1.

A. J. Nissen and family, accompanied by Mrs. Frank Nissen and baby motored to Ames last Tuesday to be away a few days. A. J. and family are attending the State Bankers' convention and Mrs. Frank is visiting her people.

Rev. Schlesselman and son, Orvis, Franklin Fischer and Donald Muller went on a fishing trip to Clear Lake early Tuesday morning. We are not able at this writing to report what luck they had.

Miss Ollie Pals acompanied H. Block and children to their home in Little Rock, the forepart of last week for a week's visit. Mr. Block and son stopped off here enroute to Cedar Falls where he went to bring his daughter back, who had been attending I. T. C. the past year.

Rev. H. J. Faust, Presiding Elder, will be here to conduct quarterly conference at the Evang. church on next Saturday evening. Communion services Sunday morning. Other services as usual during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Hulsebus, Mrs. E. Voss, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Muller and daughter, Eleanor, visited at the Mennenga home in Belmond on Tuesday evening

Miss Alma Ralston returned from Iowa Falls last Thursday, to spend the summer vacation with her parents.

Mrs. L. B. Hulsebus and sisters, Alma and Louise, went to Webster City last Tuesday to visit a few days at the home of their sister, Mrs. Earl [illegible].

Your choice of any granite ware on our bargain counter at 49 cents each.—C. J. Wendel.

For Sale—My property in the north part of town. See Mrs. P. Echave, Meservey, Iowa. 29tfc

Flowers—Gardner The Florist. Phone 184. Clarion, Iowa.

A recent issue of the Kansas City Star says, "When it was decided to issue a newspaper at the Jefferson City penitentiary, it was no trouble to secure a convict editor. But when it came to finding a convict printer it was another story. There was not one, and outside help had to be secured to get out the paper."—Our friend Heinie sent ye ed the foregoing clipping, and says "How about it?" Well, Heinie, we thought our reputation was better up there than that. That editor was probably in the coop because he told the real truth in his paper.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to those who assisted us in planting our corn during this time of sorrow in the loss of our little son and brother. Following are the ones who so kindly helped us out;

John Kolb, Dave Enabnit, Fred Blau, Frank Sprau, Glen Enabnit, Bennie Zieman, Chas. Zieman, Louis Janssen, Leland Jacobson and Harold Olson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. W. Paul and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kuhlers and Mr. and Mrs. Harm Dirks attended the Reformed Mission feast at Chapin last Thursday.

Bruno Bruns arrived home from German Valley, Ill., last week, where he attended the Pleasant Valley Academy the past year. He will spend the summer vacation with his parents.

Carl Gruis spent a few days last week at his father's home, returning to his school work at I. T. C. at Cedar Falls last Thursday.

Mrs. George Watermiller from near Goodell spent a week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gerdes, helping to care for her mother, who was reported quite ill.

Albert Mayers, of Dexter, N. M., arrived here last Wednesday for a visit with his parents and other relatives and friends

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hulsebus were Mason City and Clear Lake callers last Wednesday.

L. B. Hulsebus transacted business in Mason City last Thursday, driving his car back from Clear Lake which he had left up there the day before to be overhauled.

The C. E. society of the Evang. church met at the L. B. Hulsebus home for their monthly business and social meeting last Friday evening. A goodly number were present who report a pleasant evening. Refreshments consisting of ice cream cake and wafers were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe White and son, accompanied by Mrs. Wallace and granddaughter Lucile Legge from Belmond, spent last Thursday at the Muller home.

FREE MOVIES!

Owing to the rainy weather the "movies" were not given Wednesday evening as scheduled, but were put on Thursday evening to a good sized crowd. Arrangements were completed last week to have free movies on Wednesday night for each week during the summer months, which ought to bring out quite a few people.

Mrs. Mabel Jones and children are staying at the L. Jones home at present.

Rev. Schlesselman suffered considerable last week from the effects of a carbuncle on his face.

Miss Grace Pals is helping Mr. and Mrs. Frey in the restaurant for the present.

Mrs. Clark Shove was out of town several days last week.

Several of our townsmen went to Ventura last week to try their luck at fishing. Some report fairly good catches while others say "no luck at all."

Fred Schluter, H. F. Rief and A. E. Muller attended Masonic lodge at Thornton on Tuesday evening of last week.

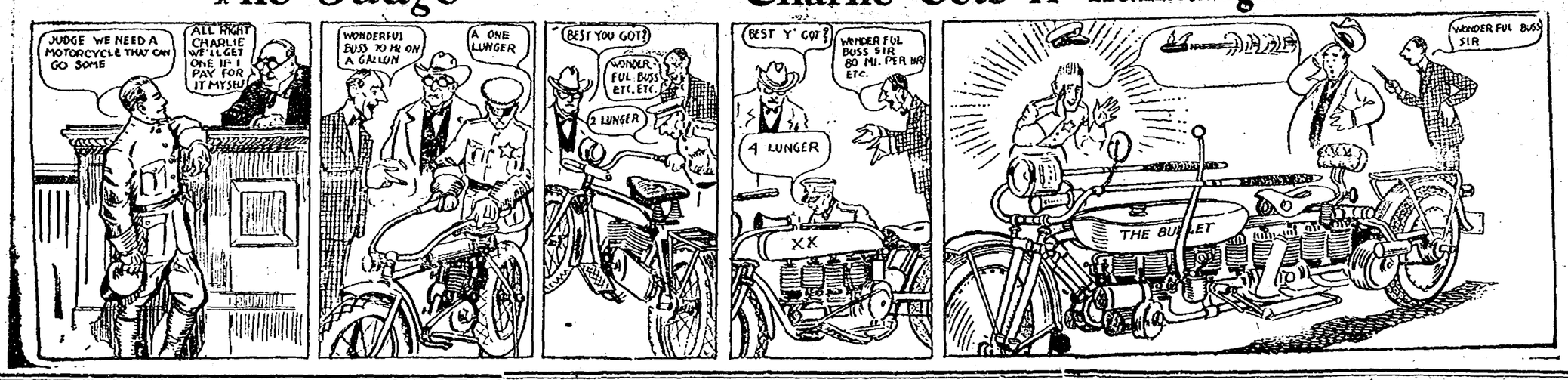
Your choice of any granite ware on our bargain counter at 49 cents each.—C. J. Wendel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schmid are the happy parents of a baby girl, born to them last Saturday, June 9.

On Thursday of last week C. J. Wendel escaped what might have been a serious accident. He was driving his truck, when the steering rod broke, and after considerable plunging about the truck turned over, causing some little damage, smashing the cab and otherwise scratching things up a bit.

John Jordan was a business caller at Mason City last Tuesday.

"The Judge" — — — — — Charlie Gets A "Humdinger"



ROWAN NEWS

Brenner The Florist. Phone 134. Clarion, Iowa.

T. K. Holliday and family started last Wednesday by auto for Ohio, where they expect to spend their summer vacation.

Herman Pepper, of Waterloo, was up on business last week.

Mr. Dayton, Mrs. Al. French's father, was taken quite ill on last Tuesday. Dr. Potter was called in attendance. His two sons, George from Chicago, and Charles from Estherville, have been here helping to care for him. The latter returned to his home Monday. Mr. Dayton is failing quite rapidly.

Master Bernard Stumph, who has been visiting relatives at Ventura, the past few days, returned to his home Monday.

O. H. Isenberger and family left early last Wednesday morning in their car for a trip to Wisconsin to visit relatives. Ed. Miller, of Clarion, is taking care of the Solberg elevator during their absence.

H. J. Whitten and wife went to Grinnell, Monday, to attend the Commencement exercises at which time their son, Ralph, receives his degree.

Will Brooks of Waverly visited his mother, Mrs. J. D. Brooks, last week Thursday.

Fred Hackley is renovating the Pritchett building, preparatory to placing a stock of groceries and shoes therein.

Ejner Kronbech spent Sunday at Clear Lake.

Mrs. Fred Aldinger is visiting her parents at Morristown, Minn.

The Christian Endeavor society spent a pleasant evening last Thursday at the L. A. McCallum home.

Mrs. John Pritchett left last week Thursday to visit at the home of her daughter, at Twin Falls, Idaho.

Miss Elsie Keith of Montreal, Canada, arrived last Monday to make an extended visit at the R. H. Keith home.

Lester Andrews and O. E. Preden returned from South Dakota on last Sunday.

Tice Streveler is enjoying a visit from his parents, who reside at Blairsburg.

Miss Mae Virden came home from Mt. Vernon last Thursday to spend her summer vacation.

Mrs. Chas. Boyington departed for Iowa City last Friday to visit with friends and have some dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter McCallum arrived Monday evening from Pasadena, Cal. They expect to spend some time visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Harry Fox came over from Shell Rock the first of the week to visit at the Nels Hansen home.

Mrs. W. H. Knowles and daughter from Chicago spent last week with her sister, Mrs. G. R. Sheldon. From here they went to Clarion on Friday to visit her parents.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Chris Fowler next Wednesday, June 20. Mrs. C. T. Halbert is the leader. A silver offering for flower missions will be taken.

Mrs. Peter Hansen was quite badly shaken up in their car one day last week. While she and Mr. Hansen were driving into town as they were going over one of the street crossings the car jolted and threw Mrs. Hansen against the side of the car, bruising her badly and breaking a rib. She is much improved at this writing.

Our town has been greatly improved the past week by the addition of a coat of gravel to the main street, from he Rock Island depot east to the O. E. Ballou residence, and then south to the Rowan Lumber Co. office. Edgar Mantle has the contract for the job.

Our ex-service men have been very much elated the past week because of receiving the long-looked-for bonus checks.

The Epworth League annual election of officers held at Mrs. Dan Whitten, Sr.'s, home last Tuesday evening, chosen the following—Pres., Angie R. Baines; 1st. vice pres., Clara Azeltine; 2nd. vice pres, Gladys Whitten; 3rd. vice pres., Lorine Liming; 4th. vice pres., Amy Azeltine; secretary, Arno Myers; Treas., Anna Rietz; organist, Bernice Hansen.

Seven new members were taken in at this meeting. Ice cream and wafers were served by the hostess.

There will be special services in the Congregational church on Sunday morning at 10;30. A children's choir will furnish the music. The pastor will have a special sermon for children. There will also be a baptismal service for children and adults.

D. W. Whitten and family, Angie Baines and Laurel and Gladys Whitten drove to Tyrrell Park, Friday evening, and ate a picnic supper.

Harvey Lineweaver came home the latter part of last week from Cambridge, where he has been hauling gravel.

GOODELL NEWS

Brenner The Florist. Phone 134. Clarion, Iowa.

Owen Conwell was in Sioux City last week, doing duty on the federal jury

About 75 were present at the farm Bureau meeting at the home of Mrs. Elmer Schneider at Twin Lake on June 5. The large number indicates the interest that the ladies are taking in dress making instruction.

Wednesday of last week Mrs. John Ahrenkeil, her two daughters and son, Walter, visited at the Leo Ahrenkeil home.

Arthur Savogue returned from Mason City on Thursday.

George Griggs and John Savogue were fishing at Clear Lake on last Thursday.

Miss Clara Johnson was in Garner on Thursday, at the Eighth Grade graduating exercises.

Nels Chelsig drove to Garner, on Thursday afternoon, to bring home the children who took the Eighth Grade examination.

Miss Butts met with her club girls at the home of Mrs. T. R. Burgess on Friday afternoon.

George Ness left Friday for Williams, Iowa, by auto. where he took his daughter, Ruth, who went to help some friends with their housework.

Donald Meyers and Harold Savogue returned from Clear Lake, on Friday, where they had spent the greater part of the week fishing. The boys had no trouble to bring their fish home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesenberg and family attended the Twin Lake farm bureau meeting at the West Lake on Friday night.

Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hanson, Harold Savogue and Carl Sandberg autoed to Ames. Carl remained to take the six weeks' of summer school. At the end of the six weeks he will go on to Boone to work for the Iowa Falls Electric Co.

Lloyd Carpenter and wife Sundayed at the Sandberg home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thada were at the farm bureau meeting on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyers and daughter, Bethuel, were out to the farm bureau meeting Friday night.

Mr. Lake is assembling his equipment to erect a new shop for Mr. Sandberg. The new shop will be 60 feet by 24 feet.

A. C. Carpenter and daughter, Thora, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carpenter, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schlichting were entertained on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sandberg.

Earl Clark moved his household goods down from Garner, Thursday.

The Misses Matson and Ina Ahrenkeil gave a shower for Miss Martel Avery on Friday night. Another shadow of coming events.

Mr and Mrs. John Ellsworth were in Green last Friday visiting with friends and relatives.

Prof. O. E. Nelson was among those that registered at Ames on Saturday. He will persue work in the Manual Training department.

Elmer Schneider left, Saturday evening for Chicago, with his cattle. They were a fine bunch of cattle.

J. J. Cooks drives a new car these days.

Mr. Rich of Waterloo was in town Monday.

L. Ericson and son, Vincent, are back in Goodell.

The Children's Day program was postponed to June 17 because of the rain last Sunday.

Wm. Nelson of Belmond was in our city on Monday.

Willard STORAGE BATTERY
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SERVICE
Belmond Storage Battery Co.

When your bonus comes---

Don't spend it foolishly. Salt it down for a rainy day if possible. It's the hardest money you ever earned and you deserve every penny of it ---don't let it slip through your fingers.

If you must spend it---get something to show for it---and get what you pay for.

Get To Know
GILDNER BROS.
Iowa's Largest Clothiers
MASON CITY, IOWA

HELLO!

You Renter with $500 or $1,000---You Land Owner with $1,000 or $10,000.

We have the farms---150 of them---in Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and the Dakotas. Some first class exchanges---what have you to offer?

Let's Boost A Little

Tell me not in mournful numbers that the country's on the "bum;" rouse up from your peaceful slumbers, get out, buy, and make things hum.

The past is gone; you can't call one moment back; so let's go to work and make things hit on high. Get out your wallet and let's go.

We sell the earth and all it's belongings. Just give us a chance.

Truly yours,

WOLLE LAND AGENCY
Over Griesy's
Belmond, - Iowa

ALEXANDER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Arends were Hampton callers last Saturday.

Oscar Hensel was transacting business at Spirit Lake the forepart of the week.

Ralph Schulte was a caller at Belmond last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Larsen were Hampton callers last Thursday.

Leonard Arends who has been attending college at Elmhurst, Ill., came home Saturday for a visit with home folks.

Jelto Beenken and son Henry were callers at Belmond last Wednesday.

Arthur Winwood was a business caller at Hampton last Thursday.

Miss Eva Whetstone left on last Friday for Rock Island, Ill., where she will visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kieslich and daughter Blanche, were Hampton callers last Saturday.

Mrs. T. J. Tebay of Hampton visited her friend, Miss Anna Beenen, here several days the past week.

Mrs. M. D. Latham, who has been seriously ill for the past week, is reported to be somewnat improved at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schulte and Hannetta and John were Belmond callers last Tuesday.

Mrs. Clarence Murphy and sons, Raymond and Donald, visited with relatives at Hampton several days the past week.

John Schulte visited at the home of his sister, Mrs. F. H. Frohling, at Belmond, the latter part of the week

J. F. Douglas of Hampton visited at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Otto Kieslich, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schulte, Jr., and two children were callers at Hampton last Saturday.

Frank Ostendolph of Meservey was transacting business at Alexander last week.

Miss Edna Arends was a Belmond caller last Saturday.

A. M. Butler was a caller at Dows last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jelto Beinken and son, Henry, were Belmond callers on Saturday evening.

R. L. Carlock was at Fargo, North Dakota, the past week on a business trip.

Karl Griemann, the M. & St. L. depot agent at Latimer, spent last Thursday evening at the F. L. Greenfield home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Winwood and daughter, Miss Mary, visited at the Dan Butterwick home in Fairbault, Minnesota several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Butler and children of Hampton visited with relatives at this place a few days last week.

Miss Esther Larsen was a caller at Hampton one day last week.

John Arends and son, Bobbie, were Rowan callers last Saturday.

H. J. Bohlen and daughter, Letha, were business callers at Belmond on Saturday.

George D. Pals and daughter, Miss Jennie, were callers in Alexander on business Thursday.

Why Shouldn't Iowa Lead?

Iowa has even distribution of natural resources and of population; unsurpassed fertility of soil; towns and small cities well placed, factories scattered over the state; ample railway facilities; schools, churches, newspapers, railroads, market centers, manufacturing areas, all in close proximity. She has two navigable rivers on the east and west (Mississippi and Missouri), which may be developed to greater extent if needed by commerce; everything in the state works toward industrial, economical and social progress.

Iowa's wealth, which is its soil, its climate and its moisture, is enduring. Each year there are more hours of sunshine in Iowa than in California. Altho 23 states in the United States are larger than Iowa, she leads in the percentage of tillable land, 98 per cent of her surface being productive, a larger per centage than any equal area in the world, and furnishes 1-10 of the food products to the U. S. every time the sun sets, one million dollars worth of Iowa live stock crosses the Mississippi on the way east to help feed the world. The richest agricultural states in the Union are those which touch Iowa, and the choicest portions of any of those states are the portions adjoining Iowa. One half of Iowa's area, (55,000 square miles), is in grains; one-half of her population (2,404,021), is concerned with the production of grains. Her live stock, farm products, wool, dairy and poultry products, etc., averaged last year $100,000,000 a month. The value of the total grain crop of Iowa is $480,142,000; the value of all dairy products is $126,948,011.88. These two sources of Iowa's wealth together make a total of $607,090,011.88, to say nothing of the total value of live stock as of January 1, 1923, which is $430,952,000, and poultry in the amount of nearly $19,000,000 with an egg production of approximately $30,000,000. To live in a state whose farm products alone exceed a billion dollars yearly is worth thinking over.

One of Iowa's greatest natural resources is her bituminous coal. According to United States Geological Survey, it is estimated that Iowa's coal fields contain 19,000 square miles, possibly two-thirds of which may in time become productive. The original coal supply was 29,160,000,000 tons. United States Geological Survey also estimated in 1907 that with a production of about 7,500,000 tons per year the supply will last 2,550 years. There are nearly 13,000 men employed in Iowa's 235 mines and in 1920 the output was 7,881,869 tons.

Iowa's 642 factories, employing some 103,000 people, have an annual pay roll of $92,000,000 and are capitalized at $450,000,0000. This investment, together with the $745,000,000 annual output of Iowa's factories establishes her industrial stability.

Iowa has 15 cities of the first class 90 cities of the second class and 788 incorporated towns.

The latest available statistics give Iowa's per capita debt as $0.16 as against an average per capita debt of $3.57 for all the states. The per capita wealth of Iowa is $3,345, as against $1,965 for the United States

For tansportation facilities Iowa has 104,027 miles of highways (this includes about 642,162 acres), and 10,493 miles of railroads or one mile of railroad for each 224 persons and one mile for each 5 1-3 square mile.

Iowa ranks fourth in the United States in railroad mileage. A fifteen minute automobile journey connects every farm house in Iowa with a railroad station. Every county seat has railroad facilities as also has almost every town and village of one hundred or more inhabitants.—Iowa Chamber of Commerce.

And Then the Fun Began

For the first dinner in their new home the bride had made a pie. "I am afraid," she said, as she helped her husband to slice, "that I have left something out, and that it isn't very good."

The husband tasted it and said, "There is nothing, my dear, you could have left out that would make a pie taste like this. It's something you've put in."—Sales Sense.

Demonstrator Wanted

For any quarrel two's required;
So doth an ancient adage run,
And would I had its maker hired
To prove to Jane that we are one.

Is your subscription paid up? If not, why not drop into the Independent office and square accounts? Pay in advance and save 25 per cent.

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AND IT RAINED!

But the weather man says that we are going to have good weather, so this Saturday we intend to have the band concert, and don't forget that can of cream, case of eggs, or sack of old roosters. We are here for business on Saturday nights, so come one, come all.

And by the way, the government statistics show that the annual output of eggs and poultry equals the entire yearly production of all of America's oil wells, plus $250,000,000. And don't you know that the State of Iowa has a higher percentage of poultry and eggs than any other state in the Union. "Greeley Meant Iowa"—the real state.

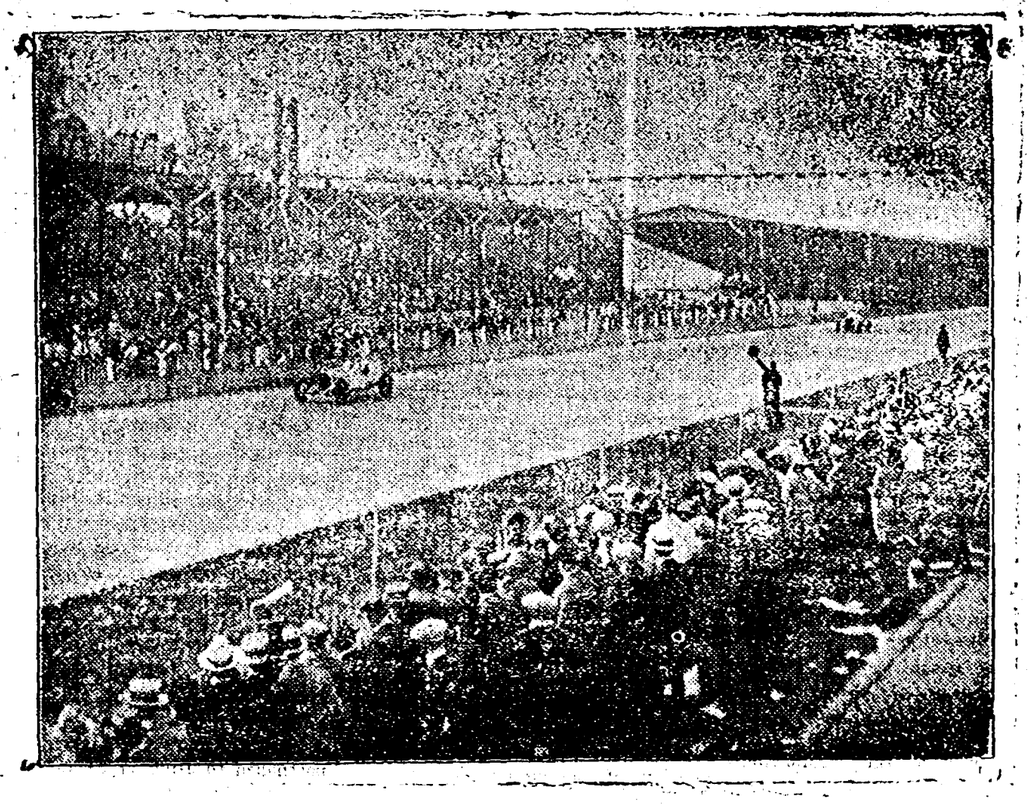
Call us when you have any broilers, 1½ lbs. and up. We are in the market every day for these. Also hens and old roosters. Now is the time to sell the old roosters, too.

People are strange beings. Some eggs are. We have quite a collection of odd eggs in our window.

REMEMBER—White buys Cream Eggs and Poultry—Belmond and Goodell.

"That WHITE Boy"

Editor and Manager



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FINISH OF INDIANAPOLIS RACE

The finish of the great 500 mile race at Indianapolis. Photograph shows Tommy Milton crossing the line a winner. He drove an H. C. S. Special.

More Royal Clinchers for 1923

United States Tires are Good Tires

THE U. S. Tire people took plenty of time in developing the Royal Clincher Cord.

When it was finally placed on sale there were no mistakes in it.

Last year we couldn't make Royal Clinchers fast enough.

Production for 1923 has been more than doubled.

But whenever and wherever you can get a Royal Clincher—*take it.*

Where to buy U.S. Tires

Jones Harness Company

Belmond, Iowa

The Turn In the Road

Some time or other everyone comes to the turn in the road. "Turn to the right and you can't go wrong," is an old saying. In this case a turn to the right leads to the Belmond Savings Bank, to preparedness, to independence. If you haven't a savings account, remember that it is a long road that has no turning. This bank will be glad to serve you.

Belmond Savings Bank

Belmond, Iowa

LOCALS

Word was received here the past week that Miss Irene Hunter and Mr. Burton Hyne were married on June First at Sterling, Colorado. They will reside at Sterling. The bride has been the trimmer at the Hat Shoppe for the past two years, and made numerous friends in Belmond who unite in extending their best wishes. Mr. Hyne was employed at the Sugar Factory here during the last campaign.

Mrs. Pat Dillon returned from Hampton the first of the week, after spending a few days there with relatives and friends.

J. N. Johnson was called to Madison, South Dakota, Monday by the serious illness of his brother, Tom Johnson.

Hoyt and Randall Klemme went to Mason City on Sunday to visit at the home of relatives.

Mrs. Kirkburg of Fort Dodge came Monday to attend to business matters here.

Mrs. Wm. Gealow and son Fred, returned to Meservey, Monday, after a few days' visit with relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Jones were Mason City callers on Monday.

Mrs. H. Mennenga and Miss Margaret were Mason City callers on Monday.

Minnie Madison left Wednesday of this week for Colorado Springs, Colorado, to join her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Madison. Otto, who has been at Colorado Springs for his health, is much improved, and is employed now as a teamster with a gravel outfit.

The members of the Treese families held a farewell gathering at Cornelia Lake a week ago Sunday for Minnie Madison, before she left for Colorado to make her future home.

Mrs. E. W. Klein of Snohonsise, Washington, is visiting at the home of her father, J. P. Byers, and her brother, Guy, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Norris have moved back to Belmond from Garner, where they have been living the past year.

Theo. Hansen, one of the leading merchants of Rowan, was a business caller here last Friday.

Pop corn that is fresh and covered with real creamery butter; Fresh roasted Jumbo Peanuts—the big fellows—and smiling service are what you get at the Stand on the Corner—Wm. Dempsey's. Have you tried it?

Sunday's all-day drizzle put a big crimp in the opening day festivities at Clear Lake and Lake View Park. We understand that the big day at the latter place will be this coming Sunday.

Save your cucumber and cabbage from bugs. Use Hammond's Slug Shot. 25 cents per package.—Schultz Drug Co.

Mrs. Wm. Parker will teach the third grade in the local school next year.

The Iowa soldier Bonus checks arrived last week, Frank Retleft getting the first one. Many of the boys have received theirs since, and all expect to get them within a short time. A number of checks for the limit have been received.

We have a nice line of Hammocks. Prices $2.50 and up.—Schultz Drug Co.

Chas. Reese has had a force of men working the past week in cleaning up and excavating the lots where he will build. Building operations will be pushed as fast as possible, so as to have the building completed by the time specified by the postal department, about Sept. 1st.

Atty. Jensen and family, and Fred Shipley and wife, drove to northern Minneasota recently, where they enjoyed the fishing for a week. They returned home empty handed, but swear they caught a bunch of them just the same.

Miss Gladys Skouge has been engeged to teach the Domestic Science department of the Belmond schools next year.

Order your spring chickens now.—C. F. Hedges. Phone 3809. 301c

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The first band concert of the season, scheduled for last Saturday evening, was postponed on account of the rain, and will be given this coming Saturday evenig. The Garer band has been engaged to play.

An officer of the Third Infantry was in town last week looking after the grounds where this battalion of soldiers will camp in Belmond next week.

Miss Maurine Hake of Klemme is spending the week at the home of relatives here.

Mrs. Rosecrans, accompanied by the Pritchard family of Buffalo Center, drove to Des Moines last week Friday.

W. C. White drove up from Fort Dodge on Tuesday, to attend to some business matters.

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KURTZ DAIRY

Phone 1205

T. B. tested cows. Why take a chance? We deliver, or you can buy at Robinson's or the Cash Market.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuller Bailey, and Mr. Bailey's parents drove to Grand Rapids, Minnesota, on Tuesday, for a week's visit with relatives.

Tom Brooks suffered a stroke of paralysis last week, and at this writing is quite ill at his home west of town.

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"How you do stutter, my poor boy. Have you ever attended a stammering school?"

"N-n-n-no! I d-d-d-do this natur ally!"

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Announcement!

I will be at the

Schultz Jewelry Store

in Belmond, on next

MONDAY, JUNE 18

to test your eyes and fit glasses.

FRIEND C. BRASS

Optometrist

WHERE DO YOU BUY YOUR CLOTHING?

Where you can get it the cheapest? No! Where you can get the most value for the dollar you spend. Then you owe it to yourself to see what Patton Bros. are offering.

Summer Suits of Palm Beach and Tropical Worsted ..... $18 to $35
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The Car That Resists AGE

THE Willys-Knight motor car is the one vehicle you hear talked of with impressive enthusiasm after the owner has driven it 50,000 miles.

It is the Willys-Knight motor that gives this age-resisting vitality to this motor car which combines dependable, unfailing economy of operation with a true elegance of riding comfort.

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Thus you have a motor with no valves to grind, no delicate mechanism to get out of order, no clashing, hammering, wearing parts, no cams, no tappets, no springs that wear out, no expense to speak of on the road. Thus owners say that the Willys-Knight motor actually improves with use.

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Belmond, Iowa

The Joy of Living

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Disliking the prospect of a month's visit to her austere aunt, Lady Erythea Lambe, at Jervaulx abbey, and her cousin, Alexander Lambe, Aimee, vivacious daughter of the Very Reverend Viscount Scroope, is in a rebellious mood.

CHAPTER II.—She wanders into the park, there encountering a strange youth in trouble with a motorcycle. He laughingly introduces himself as "Billy," American. The two cement the acquaintance by a ride on the motorcycle, the "Flying Sphinx," and part. With Georgina Berners, her cousin, Aimee sets out for Jervaulx. On the way she decides that Georgina shall impersonate her at Jervaulx, while she goes on a holiday. Georgina's horrified protest is unavailing.

CHAPTER III.—Happy in her new freedom, Aimee again meets "Billy." He tells her his name is Spencer, and she gives hers as Amy Snooks, at present "out of a job." Billy offers to take her into partnership in selling the Sphinx. In a spirit of madcap adventure, she accepts. The two proceed to the town of Stanhoe, taking separate lodgings in Ivy cottage.

CHAPTER IV.—That night Aimee visits Georgina and learns that the deception has not been discovered. By her dominant personality she compels Georgina to continue the subterfuge.

CHAPTER V.—On a trial spin next day on the Sphinx, with Billy, Aimee almost collides with a carriage in which are her aunt, Georgina and Alexander. The pair escape unrecognized.

CHAPTER VI.—Georgina learns that Lord Scroope is coming to visit Lady Erythea and, realizing what will happen on his arrival, is in hopeless bewilderment.

CHAPTER VII.—While Aimee is secretly visiting Georgina at Jervaulx, the place is burglarized. Aimee escapes.

CHAPTER VIII.—Georgina learns, with much relief, that Aimee has got away.

CHAPTER IX.—Police Inspector Panke decides that the robbery is the work of "Jack the Climber" and "Calamity Kate," noted thieves, who travel on a motorcycle.

CHAPTER X.—Billy, aware of his "partner's" nocturnal jaunts, is troubled. He follows her, on the Sphinx, to Jervaulx. He hears the commotion, at once suspects burglary, and follows two figures on a motorcycle who are apparently in a desperate hurry. Cornering the pair, Billy knocks out a man who attempts to shoot him, picking up a package the fellow had dropped. He discovers the other fugitive to be a woman. Stopping to aid her, she strikes him with a stone, rendering him unconscious, and the pair escape.

CHAPTER XI.—Recovering, Billy discovers the package he had picked up is a jewel case, containing emeralds. Realizing they must be part of the loot from Jervaulx, he starts for the abbey. On the way he meets Aimee, with the police in pursuit. In a secure hiding place, a cave among the crag pits, Aimee tells him the whole story. He urges that she make a frank confession to her father, but on reflection both realize Aimee's good name has been compromised by her two nights' stay at Ivy cottage.

CHAPTER XII.—Assuring Aimee he has a plan to save her, Billy leaves her in the cave and, proceeding to Jervaulx, restores the emeralds to the astounded Lady Erythea.

CHAPTER XIII.—Rejecting any reward, after explaining how the emeralds came into his possession, Billy accepts the position of chauffeur to Lady Erythea, seeing in the situation a promise of a way out of the embroglio.

CHAPTER XIV.—Realizing what her father's visit to Jervaulx would mean, Aimee goes secretly to her home, disables the family auto, thus preventing his journey, and induces a parlormaid to let her take her place at Jervaulx.

CHAPTER XV.—Alexander recognizes Aimee as the woman on the motorcycle which ran into the Lambe carriage, denouncing her as "Calamity Kate." Georgina divulges Aimee's identity. Hearing her story, Alexander consents to keep the secret.

"Billy," she said breathlessly, "how good you've been to me. How good you've been! I want—"

"I'd be flayed alive for you!" said Billy suddenly. "There isn't anything I wouldn't do—and I've done nothing, yet. You've got the grit of twenty." He held her hands tight in his. "Aimee—"

"Oh! Look out!" exclaimed Aimee, darting back. There was a heavy step on the gravel and Mr. Tarbeaux came round the corner. Billy walked briskly forward.

Mr. Tarbeaux bent a suspicious and accusing eye upon him.

CHAPTER XVII

Complications.

"Either you are working too hard, Alexander," said Lady Erythea, inspecting her nephew through her lorgnette, as they rose from the luncheon table, "or the burglary has been a greater shock to your nerves than I should have suspected. I do not like to see you wearing that pallid and constrained expression. Your sister will be quite concerned about you. She arrives, you remember, by the evening train."

"Diana!" said Mr. Lambe. "I had quite forgotten that she was due here."

Georgina started slightly, and looked perturbed.

"She is coming," said Lady Erythea, "to investigate the Jervaulx ghost. Certainly, she might have done it before. But I believe she has only recently become a member of the Psychical Research society. She is quite enthusiastic about it—so far as Diana can be enthusiastic about anything. Indeed, her letter is so technical as to be unintelligible to me."

"I did not know there was a ghost here," said Georgina, wide-eyed.

"I should not like to say that there is. But it is a tradition in the family, and has been well vouched for. I have never seen it. Diana seems to imply," added Lady Erythea a little acidly, "that only those who are advanced, and in tune with the infinite, see such things. If she thinks she is more spiritual than I, she is welcome to try. She will discover nothing whatever." Lady Erythea turned to her nephew. "Bertrand de Jussac is coming also."

"De Jussac?" cried Alexander, staring at her.

"Yes. You know him, I think."

"I have met him, of course," said Mr. Lambe dryly. "I should have thought this was the last house that so frivolous a person would wish to visit. Why is he coming? Surely he is not interested in the ghost?"

"In the ghost—no," said Lady Erythea, with a faint yet serene smile, "but possibly his interest may arise. I approve him. A young man of excellent standing and irreproachable descent."

"Descent is the word," said Mr. Lambe rather curtly, and left the room.

"How long is—Diana going to stay here?" Georgina asked anxiously.

"Two days—but it is possible she may be persuaded to prolong her visit," said her ladyship placidly.

"What is the Vicomte de Jussac like?"

"D'Artagnan—in the flesh. With a touch, perhaps, of Porthos. The type which it is a good woman's mission to reform. But this is outside your province, Aimee," she said abruptly, and laid a hand on the girl's shoulder. "Go, my dear child, and get your cousin away from his books. Take him for a drive and some fresh air."

Georgina left the room obediently. But instead of seeking Alexander, she hunted, with an agitated face, for Aimee.

"Hullo! What's the trouble now?" exclaimed Aimee. "I say, Georgie, dear, I'm beastly sorry about being in the arbor. I couldn't help—"

"Oh, never mind that now!" broke in Georgina distractedly. "A much worse thing's happened. I knew how it would be. Lady Diana Lambe is coming; she'll be here in an hour or two."

Rapidly she repeated the news concerning the two expected guests. Aimee received it with consternation.

"Cold Lambe!" she exclaimed. "Coming here? As if I hadn't enough to bear without that! It's the worst news yet."

"Wh-what did you call her?"

"It's what everybody calls her in London—Cold Lambe. It fits her like a glove. A beautiful, frigid beast!"

"Aimee! She knows you, doesn't she?"

"Of course. She lives in town. She's the only one of the Lambes I do know. And Diana hates me, and—well, I've never pretended to like her, either. She's perfectly pitiless; she'll give me away like a shot, and flatten me out. She'll be all over it!"

"Let us hope," said Georgina breathlessly, "that Monsieur de Jussac will

Exploded With Laughter.

—er—distract her attention; keep her occupied. Lady Erythea says—"

Aimee sat on the bed and exploded with laughter.

"That aunt of mine is incorrigible!" she gasped. "I tell you it's perfect rot. You might as well try to melt an iceberg fresh from the Pole. This French vicomte won't stand the slightest chance."

"Do you know him, too?"

"I've heard of him. They say he's rather a—a rip. I expect that means he's a good sort. But Diana—heaven preserve us! Well, she probably won't know me in this rig, but she'll know you're the wrong horse. And then zizz! boom!—up we all go in the air! You and Billy, and me—and Alexander!"

Georgina sat down and pressed her hand to her forehead.

"Aimee," she said faintly, "the burglary, and all the rest of it, has upset me. I don't feel well. I—I have headache, and I can't come down to dinner. I shall go to bed."

"What a trump you are!" said Aimee, kissing her with intense affection. "It's the very thing. I'm so sorry, Georgie. It'll be beastly dull for you in bed, dear."

"I shall like a little dullness," said Georgina pathetically, as she left the room, "it will be restful. Goodby, dear. You will have to keep out of Diana's way as best you can."

"I'll take jolly good care I do," murmured Aimee fervently, as she put her cap straight. "Even Billy can't help this time!"

CHAPTER XVIII

"Cold Lambe!"

Lady Diana might have been the original of that tedious young woman who was described by the poet as "divinely tall and most divinely fair." She was without doubt strikingly beautiful, a type of the large and very pale blonde. But an atmosphere of frigidity surrounded her, which many people found repellent.

"My dear aunt," she said calmly, entering the drawing room and kissing Lady Erythea, "so good of you to have me for this flying visit. Alexander, how are you?" She touched her brother's cheek with her lips.

"You will have a clear field for your investigations, my dear," said Lady Erythea, "and I hope the advances you have made in psychic science will—ah—bring you to terms with the ghost. But I doubt it. By the way, your cousin Aimee is here, as I told you. But she is unwell and is keeping her room. I am rather anxious about her. Incidentally, we shall have another guest; I expect Monsieur de Jussac today."

Alexander left the room.

"Monsieur de Jussac!" exclaimed Diana. She paused. Lady Erythea watched her somewhat keenly. "What brings him here?" said Diana.

"He is very anxious," said Lady Erythea glibly, "to examine the Lambe collection of armor. We have a suit of mail which is believed to have been captured at Crecy; there is a tradition that it belonged to one of the De Jussac family."

Lady Diana looked incredulous.

"And I understand he is interested in psychic matters, and anxious to improve his knowledge."

"That is something in his favor," said Diana with suspicion.

"I expect that is his car," said Lady Erythea.

A rakish automobile of semi-racing type was observed sweeping along the park drive. The Vicomte de Jussac had motored direct from town.

A minute later he presented himself. Bertrand de Jussac was tall, and for his age, rather full-bodied. His complexion was healthily ruddy, he had a little black mustache and a jolly, roving dark eye. In spite of his very material appearance, he had undoubtedly the bel air. He raised Lady Erythea's skinny fingers to his lips.

"Enchanted, dear lady, to pay homage to you sur vos terres. How very amiable of you to invite me!"

Lady Erythea bestowed on him the smile she reserved for elder sons. "Charmed to have you. You know my niece, surely?"

Bertrand's little start of surprise was admirably done. He bent low over Diana's hand, but refrained from kissing it.

"But this is delightful!" exclaimed Bertrand. "You told me in town, Lady Diana, that you were interested in the ghost. Happy ghost! I, too, am developing rapidly an interest in the psychic. I hope—"

"I thought it was armor that attracted you here," said Diana frigidly.

"Helas, mademoiselle," said Bertrand, allowing his dark eyes to meet her pale blue ones, "there are weapons against which armor is of no avail."

"With your bent for ancient history, Diana," interrupted her aunt, "you should know more of the Lambe armor than I do. Why not show it to Monsieur de Jussac, so that he may commence his studies. You will find most of it in the hall."

"I think Monsieur de Jussac had better pursue his own investigations, for I shall be fully occupied with mine," said Diana, "and for the present I will retire to my room, if you will excuse me, Aunt."

She glided majestically through the doorway.

The Vicomte's eyes followed Diana's departure.

"Adorable blonde!" he mused. "The invincible phlegme brittanique. But it is the icy, inaccessible peak that spurs the courage of the mountaineer!"

He sat down and made himself particularly pleasant to Lady Erythea.

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When the party of four assembled for dinner, Lady Erythea was amiable and resplendent in purple, Diana frigid and ethereal in pale yellow, while Alexander at first wore the air of the Jackdaw of Rheims molting under the abbot's curse. But Bertrand de Jussac, looking like a revived D'Artagnan in evening dress, contrived to chase heaviness away.

Continued next week.

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—K—

If you need rubbers for this rainy weather, see us. And we've the real shoes to go inside the rubbers, too. We're shoe headquarters. Have you noticed the classy shoe we have in our window, at $2.28? That, we claim, is honest shoe value. Look it over.

—K—

Join the Country Club by trying a package of our Country Club cocoa.

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—K—

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—K—

And say, folks, if you want to get in on those peaches for 19c you want to hurry up.

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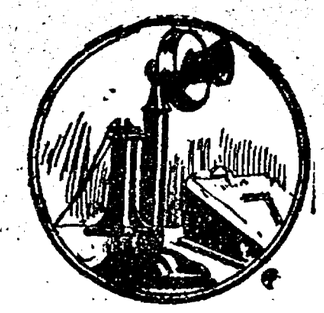

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LOCALS

Mrs. A. Lamb left for Illinois last week, where she will spend some time visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Edna Stedman was visiting friends in Belmond last week. Miss Agnes Dillon accompanied her home to Monmouth, Illinois, for a few weeks' visit. They made the trip in Miss Stedman's car.

E. O. Snyder, of Huron South Dakota, came last night for a visit at the home of his brother, F. E. Snyder and wife.

Mrs. Chris Enger left last Saturday for Minot, North Dakota, where she will spend about three months visiting relatives and friends in her former home.

Boys and Girls—Buy your fire works at the Gift Shop, two doors west of the Theatre.

Miss Francis Perry, a sister of Mrs. A. A. Kieser, suffered a stroke of paralysis the first of the week. She was taken to the John Lieunen home, where she is being taken care of.

John Buress was in town last Friday, visiting old friends. He was enroute to Minnesota, where he will spend six weeks at an officers' training camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Jorgenson and son, Hans, were visitors in Belmond recently. From here they when to Owatonna, Minnesota, to visit Harry Sorenson and family, and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Collinske at Austin, where Mr. Jorgenson is employed.

HEMSTITCHING

Hemstitching done at the Gift Shop. Black and white cotton thread furnished. Ten and 15 cents per yard. 30tfc

Mr. and Mrs. John Butterfield of Long Beach, California, were greeting old friends here last Saturday. They arrived from California last Friday, and are staying at Hampton with relatives. They expect to spend the summer in Hampton and Belmond, visiting friends and enjoying good old Iowa.

Mrs. J. H. Neal, of Mason City, was a week end visitor in Belmond with friends. She formerly resided here.

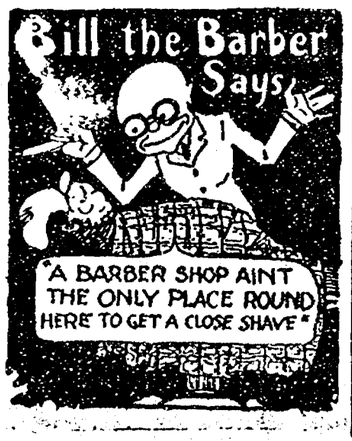
Adolph Rierson, who is attending college at Des Moines, was a week end visitor with home folks. He returned Monday, and leaves in a few days for California where he will attend a school this next year.

Mrs. Seth Huntington and children came from Dinsdale Tuesday for a few weeks visit with realatives.

O. L. Varland went to Northfield Minn., last week Friday to attend a reunion of his class of St. Olaf College, also a reunion of the choir of 100 voices which toured Europe 10 years ago. Mr. Varland was a member of this choir. He returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schultz drove to Iowa City on Tuesday for a visit with Mrs. Schultz's people.

Fred Pletch, who recently moved his family back to Belmond from Pomeroy is again employed at the McGuire clothing store.



Father Eardley has returned from Michigan, where he was recently called by the illness of his father. His father is much better.

P. Barban has just installed an electric molding machine, for use in his bakery. The new machine molds the loaves of bread, so that it is not necessary to use the hands at all on the dough.

Mrs. Joe Sprenzel was a visitor at Mason City last Saturday with friends.

Louis Tokman spent Sunday at Mason City visiting with his family.

E. Purcell came home from State Center, where he is working, to spend the week end with his family.

Raymond Walton drove up from Iowa Falls on Tuesday evening to visit relatives here.

E. M. Schmidt and family from Ft. Atkinson Wis. moved here the first of the week. They are living in the Peter Stacy house. They were residents in this vicinty several years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe White, accompanied by Dorothy and Marjorie Purcell, drove to Clear Lake on Wednesday.

WANT ADS

Two cents per word first insertion; one cent per word ensuing insertions.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost—English Setter dog, white with black spots on head. Finder please notify Ned Packard.

Lost—Tool box from car, between Ralph Christie's and Arthur Hinman's. Reward if returned to Independent.

Found—Bunch of collars. Owner can have same by calling at the Independent and paying advertising.

FOR SALE

For Sale—White Wyandotte baby chicks. Delivery at once.—Mrs. Chas. Gealow. Prone 2712.

For Sale—Oliver typewriter, No. 9. See Bert Groen, Meservey. 30tfc

For Sale—Registered Spotted Poland spring pigs, male or female. Price $10.—F. E. Christie. 301*

For Sale—Saturday we will sell 100-pound empty flour sacks for ten cents each.—Belmond Bakery.

For Sale—Studebaker Six, 1918 model, in good shape. Will sell cheap. Phone 2902.—Gerald Treese. 293c

For Sale—160 acre improved farm three and a half miles southwest ot Belmond. For terms and particulars write to Mrs. Julia Tegland, 3624 Tenth Avenue So., Minneapolis, Minnesota. 292c

For Sale—4-door Ford Sedan, brand new.—Nordschow Motor Co.

For Sale—Hot water heating plant, in A I condition. Bargain if taken at once. Inquire of L. O. Skovlin. 291tfc

BELMOND TRAIN SCHEDULES

(Corrected to date.)

ROCK ISLAND

Going North

Passenger, daily	8:15 a. m.
Freight, daily	11:46 a m.
Combination, daily	2:15 p. m.

Going South

Passenger, daily	6:28 p. m.
Freight, daily	1:10 p. m.
Combination, daily	11:46 a. m.

M.& ST. L.

Going West.

Combination, daily	8:30 a. m

Going East

Combination, daily	3:35 p. m.

GREAT WESTERN

Going North

Motor, daily	10:03 a. m.
No. 16, pass., D & S	1:36 p. m.
No. 12, pass., D & S	1:26 a. m.
Local Freight	7:55 a. m.

Going South

No. 11, pass., D & S	1:24 a. m.
No. 15, pass., D & S	3:40 p. m.
Motor	5:19 p. m.
Local Freight	3:20 p. m.

BELMOND MARKETS

Hens, heavy	16c
Roosters	08c
Broilers, 1½ to 2 lbs.	32c
Leghorns	08c
Geese	08c
Ducks	12c
Turkeys	25c
Old Toms	16c
Eggs	17c
Cream	35c
Dairy Butter	40c
Creamery Butter	47c
Corn	68c
Oats	38c

Mrs. G. H. Klemme was hostess to the Chain of Ten on Monday of this week.

Mr and Mrs. C. M. Morse are spending a few days in Chicago, visiting his brother, Rufus, and wife. They made the trip by auto.

Miss Nellie Bell of Alexander was a visitor here yesterday, having dental work done.

Mrs. A. E. Muller of Meservey and husband and daughter were visitors at the Mennenga home here Tuesday evening.

Belmond has been flooded with a bunch of solicitors and beggars the past week or two. Wonder whether the soldier bonus hasn't called in a lot of these pesticators with the hope of easy money?

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scott drove to Eagle Grove Wednesday evening.

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We will give you back the full amount you paid us---whether for one cent, one dollar, or a hundred dollars.

This not a temporary offer. Next month---and every month---you will again receive one day's purchases back. This offer holds good on anything bought of us, whether meats, groceries, fruits or vegetables.

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First Band Concert Draws The Crowds

Streets Are Crowded With The Visitors At An Early Hour From Many Points.

ANOTHER ONE SATURDAY

The first band concert of the season was given last Saturday evening, by the Garner band, before a crowd probably the largest Belmond has entertained since its last celebration. The streets began filling up early in the evening, and by nine o'clock the streets were packed so that going from one block to the next was a real job. Scores from other towns, as well as the farmers living between, were here. The attendance at this first concert was ample evidence that the band brings the crowd, and that the people want and appreciate the concerts.

The Garner boys gave an excellen program of high class music, and played to perfection. Many comments were heard upon their ability, and they showed the results of much training and practice.

An almost universal criticism of the concert, however, was the noise made by small boys shooting fire crackers and fireworks on the street. At times the exploding crackers drowned out the music of the band, especially on the softer notes, and a great many people were more or less put out over it. The next concert should not be marred by a similar annoyance.

The Garner band will give the next concert here this week Saturday evening, and as this is the day that the 300 soldiers are scheduled to be in Belmond, the crowd will probably be larger than before.

LEGION DANCE SUCCESS.

The big dance put on by the American Legion on Tuesday night, in the new annex of the Belmond Auto Co., was attended by a large crowd, many from other towns, and the building was crowded with dancers and spectators. The boys, while they have not checked up at this writing, will realize a profit from the affair, and "the morning after" found only highly complimentary remarks for the way it was conducted and the good time that was enjoyed by everyone.

RETURNS FROM ENGLAND

George Gelder returned from his three months' stay in England last week. Mr. Gelder, who was farming south of Belmond last year, went to England in February to visit his people. He states that conditions in England are much harder than most of us realize. Everything is higher in price excepting clothing and potatoes, both of which can be bought cheaper than in the States, the latter especially as Germany has shipped in great quantities and flooded the market. Average day laborer wages are a dollar, and with meat from 45 cents a pound up, that is an article of diet seldom found on the average table. A thousand-pound cow of butcher stock sells for one hundred fifty dollars.

JIM KENEFICK BACK

Jas. Kenefick came back to the old home town last Friday from Algona, where he has been taking treatment at his brother's, Dr. Kenefick's, hospital since he suffered a stroke recently. "Jim" is coming splendidly, is able to use all his limbs, and walks around unaided. He is staying at the Albin Tomson home. Jim's many friends are all glad to see him so much improved and to have him back in Belmond again.

DOINGS AT PARK TODAY

The Legion boys of Hancock county are staging a big picnic and reunion at Lake View Park, near Kanawha, today. The day is filled to the brim with various events, and a variety of attractions and stunts are on the program, including two good ball games and water sports, balloon ascension, and free acts. A dance will be held in the evening. A small admission fee will be charged.

FACTS TO REMEMBER—IOWA

Iowa,s annual apple crop is worth more than that of any of the Pacific or mountain states.

Iowa,s wool is worth more than California,s strawberries.

Iowa's honey is worth more than California's figs.

Iowa's corn is worth more than the annual products of all the gold mines in the United States. It is worth more than all the output of antracite coal in the United States. Again Iowa is worth more than all of Canada's or Argentina's wheat crop.

Iowa's egg production is worth more than all the oranges raised in the United States.

Iowa's hens produce more wealth each year than all of Colorado's mines.

Iowa's cattle are worth more than the entire tobacco crop of the United States.

Iowa has seven million head of cattle, including the largest herd of Whiteface cattle in the world.

Iowa has eleven million head of hogs.

Iowa has the second largest goldfish farm in the world.

Iowa has the prize winning sheep herds of the world.

Iowa is the second largest honey producing state in the Union, while its honey crop is valued more than that of any other state.

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The per capita wealth of Iowa is nearly twice as great as the per capita wealth of the United States. Iowa's per capita wealth is $3,345, while that of the United States is $1,965.

Iowa's soil produces moro wealth each year than all the gold mines of the world.

PEG AWAY CLUB MEETS

The girls' Peg Away club met with their mothers at District No. 6, Belmond township, Tuesday June 19, 1923. The mothers kindly assisted in making the dress forms for the girls, two being finished Tuesday, making a total of five forms in two meetings of the club. Nineteen were present at this meeting, which was called at two o'clock p. m. Refreshments were served at five.. The next meeting will be held at the home of R. D. Box, June 26. At this meeting Mr. Edwards and Mrs. Clark, chairman of girls' sewing committee, and her helpers will be present.

TEACHERS EXAMINATION

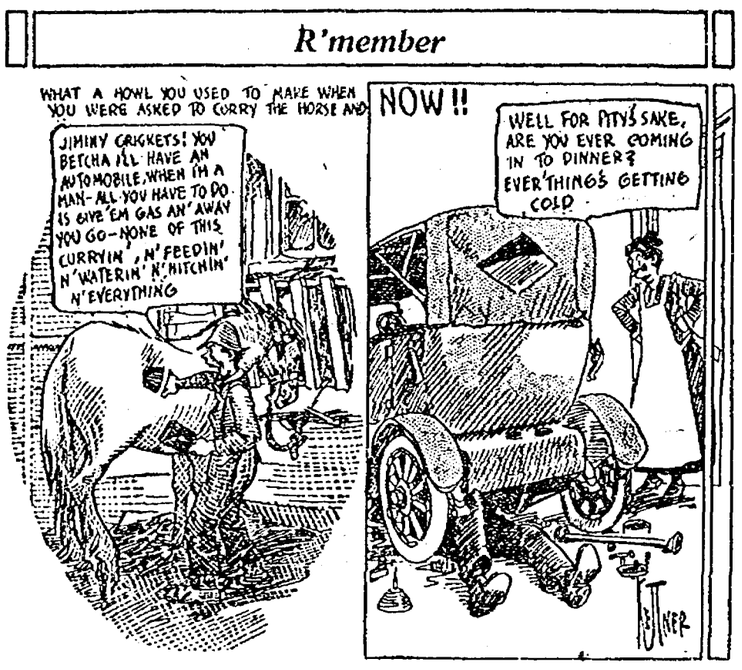
The Uniform County Teachers' Examination will be held in Clarion, June 27, 28, 29. Applicants must have had twelve weeks' of normal training, or have taught six months on a regular certificate. A year of college work will be accepted in lieu of the twelve weeks of normal training. Candidates writing for the first time should bring their certificates of normal school attendance; if a college student, a certified statement of a least one year's work.

Blanche Bock, Co. Supt.

NEW MANAGER IOWA FALLS ELECTRIC DOWS—GARNER

H. D. Mitchell, of the Iowa Falls Electric Co., was in Garner yesterday, and accompanying him was W. E. Klingaman who will move to Garner and be manager of the Dows—Garner Division of the Iowa Falls Electric Co.

They will remodel their office building at Garner plant and put in a complete stock of all electric consuming devices. Mr. Klingaman comes from Vinton and will move here as soon as he can get a suitable house to live in.—Signal.



ENJOYABLE MEETING AT HENN HOME WEDNESDAY

The Pleasant township Farm Bureau meeting held at the Jacob Henn home last Wednesday evening was a very enjoyable affair, and was attended by about 250 people. A splendid program was given by the children of that township, under the capable direction of Miss Grace Gartz. The complete program for the evening was as follows—

Recitation—He Didn't Pass, Herman Frohling.
Instrumental Solo—After Sunset, Louella Loats.
Recitation—Mistress Mouse, Velma Braner.
Recitation—How Many, Mildred Frohling.
Duet—Come With Me, Cecelia Finn, Grace Frohling.
Recitation—Mamma's Little Darling, Erma Frohling.
Talk—Supt. Guthrie.
Talk—County Agent Edwards.
Song—Amercia, Audience.

Ice cream was served after the program. These meetings are not limited to members of the farm bureau only, but are open to all, town as well as country. Attend the next one and you will thoroly enjoy every minute of it.

KANAWHA PASTOR TO ROWAN

Rev. George A. Osborn, pastor of the Methodist church at Kanawha, has resigned his position there and goes to Rowan, where he has accepted the pastorate of the Methodist church, formerly filled by Rev. Tomkinson, who went from Rowan to Clarion this spring.

DAIRY COW SALE.

Brown & McHatton, who are breeders of Jersey and Guernsey cows, of Illinois, will hold a sale at Belmond, Saturday afternoon of this week. They have some very fine milk cows, most of them being fresh with calves at side, and a few to be fresh, and some heifers. If you are interested in milk cows, look their offering over Saturday. The sale will start promptly at 1;30.

BILL WOLLE TO WED

Invitations have been issued for the wedding of William C. Wolle, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wolle of Belmond, to Miss Vivian Down, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Down of Odebolt, which will take place at t he home of the bride on June 26th. Miss Down was a student at Morningside, where Mr. Wolle graduated and where, later, he was alumni secretary for the college. "Bill" has a host of true friends in Belmond who will wish him and his bride-to-be every good thing in life.

CITIES SHOW GOOD BALANCE

The towns of Humboldt and Storm Lake are in the same class as Eagle Grove, where they have a good sum on the right side of the ledger. Humboldt's financial statement shows a cash balance in the funds of $26,848. The town carries $8,000 each in bonds on the city hall and water works, and after retiring these would still have $10,000 to the good. A cut in taxes there is anticipated for next year.

Storm Lake's statement shows a balance of $57,000.

BELMOND TOWNSHIP FARM BUREAU MEETING 27TH

The Belmond township Farm Bureau will hold a meeting on next Wednesday evening at the Oren Hanson home. Luick's orchestra will be a part of the excellent program arranged, and O. L. Varland will have charge of the singing. A good time is assured and all are invited to attend.

TRINITY CHURCH NOTES

Thursday evening prayer meeting at the church at 8 o'clock. Saturday morning at 10 o'clock the class meets at the church.

Sunday morning Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Sunday afternoon service in the Norwegian language at three o'clock. Sunday evening at eight o'clock the Young Peoples League has its meeting. Come to these services and take some one with you.

ST. OLAF CHURCH NOTES

Sunday morning divine service in the Norwegian language at ten thirty. Come and take some one with you.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

Professor Schoon from the Academy at German Valley, Ill. filled the pulpit Sunday during the absence of the Rev. A. H. Waalkes.

Cecelia Barry's music students gave a recital at the Barry home Friday evening.

Vida, Virgie, and Cloe Jenison, who have been attending school the past year, returned to spend the summer vacation at their respective homes.

The township Farm Bureau Social held at the J. F. Henn home last Wednesday evening was a great success in every way.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Riekens were called to Kelsey, Iowa by the death of Mrs. Riekens' brother, Krien De Berg.

Mr. and Mrs. Harm Menke are the proud parents of a baby girl.

We are sorry to state that Fred Loats, who went to South Dakota for his health, is not improving very rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Smidt and daughter Minnie, Mr. and Mrs. John Halfpap and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Barker spent Sunday at the W. A. Gartz home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Dorenkamp helped celebrate the 90th birthday of Mr. Dorenkamp's father last Sunday. He is making his home with his son John in Belmond.

W. S. PRITCHARD FAMILY WILL HAVE FINE NEW HOME

The W. S. Pritchard family are to have a fine new modern home on the sit of the old home on South Main Street. The old house will be divided and a part of it moved to the lots in the rear of the present home, and the other part moved to a vacant lot in the east part of town just north of the house now occupied by the John Pulfrey family. Work began Monday excavating the basement for the house in the rear of the present Pritchard home.

As soon as the old house is moved work will begin on the new home but just what they will build is yet undecided. The site is one of the best in Garner, and a fine new home will be a big improvement to south Main street.—Signal.

COURT HOUSE NOTES

Monitor—Albert Ohlson, the paroled convict whose escape from Gold field was mentioned in this paper a few weeks ago, returned to Goldfield Saturday night with a pal, who says his name is Frederick Lang and that he lives in Colorado. They were driving an Essex coach with a Wisconsin number, which later proved to be stolen. About closing time they drove up to one of the oil stations for some gas and tendered a large bill in payment of the same. The safe was locked for the night, and the manager wisely refused to open it, so he accepted what change they had and they drove away. The nightwatch, L. Carter, recognized Ohlson and started towards the car when the occupants fired on him. He returned the fire, but no one was hurt. The next day the Essex coach was found by the side of the road. to the west of Troy township, in Humboldt county. It was taken in charge by the sheriff of that county, who notified Sheriff Lang on Monday. He sent Deputy Johnson to Eagle Grove and with the officers of that city and from Goldfield, Ohlson and Lang were soon located in Greenwood park and placed under arrest. They are now in the county jail held on the charge of assault with attempt to commit murder. They are wanted in Wisconsin for the theft of the car and Ohlson must also answer for breaking his parole.

T. H. Kenefick of Eagle Grove has began action in the district court to secure judgment against J. T. Johnson for the sum of $402.68 on his past due promissory note.

Judge Clock of Hampton held an adjourned session of court at Clarion, Tuesday, to dispose of some unfinished business continued from the April term of court.

All parties who have paid the usual county fee on the amount involved in foreclosure of mortgage sales since the new law went into effect, March 15, will now have the same refunded by the county. Heretofore the county collected two per cent on the first $500, 1 per cent on the remainder up to $5,000, and one-half per cent on sums in excess of that amount.

THIEVES AT CLARION

The Pyramid Lumber Co. office at Clarion was entered by thieves last week, and an attempt made to crack the safe. The robbers were unsuccessful, however, and for their trouble secured a few cents in loose change and a few stamps. Entrance was gained to the office by breaking in two windows. The theives had a lunch while in the office, the remnants of some limburger cheese sandwiches being found. It is thought they were probably local parties.

DOING MUCH BUILDING

If the amount of building now going on in Iowa is any criterion prosperity seems to have located in this state. April building contracts in Iowa amounted to $9,801,800 according to the F. D. Dodge corporation, Chicago. This was an increase of 86 per cent over April 1922. The total construction started during the first four months of 1923, has amounted to $21,044,300, which is seven per cent less than the amount for the corresponding months in 1922. Last month's record included $4,896,500, or 46 per cent for public works and utilities; $1,685,500, or 18 per cent for residential buildings and $1,262,000, or 13 per cent for industrial buildings.

RUSSIAN CONDITIONS BAD

A Clarion man who has a brother in Russia, received a letter from him a few days ago. The letter said conditions in Russia were terrible. The brother is engaged in relief work in the Bolshevik nation, and declares that shiploads of supplies were held up for weeks because the authorities at one of the ports discovered some woman had slipped a bible into a package of supplies. Fearing other bibles might be smuggled in, the port of ficials searched every package. That sounds very strange, but the writer declared it true.

The Clarion man says his brother always advises against publication of the letters, he writes, saying that such publication would eventually react against his work, and hamper it.—News.

Let's Have Farm Bureau Picnic Here

Biggest Picnic Of History Can Be Brought To Belmond By Little Effort.

IS ALL UP TO THE TOWN

Does Belmond want the Wright county Farm Bureau picnic? The Farm Bureau of the county has requested the various towns of the county to speak up and see whether they can handle the crowd and take care of the exhibits. All the club exhibits of the club members are to be shown at this picnic, which will be the biggest yet. The town having the picnic will be required to furnish certain things, but they are all easily furnished, and the entertainment of this picnic should be seriously considered by Belmond. The Farm Bureau committee in charge will meet with representatives of the towns next Friday to settle the place.

Let's have it here.

CHARLES EARL JENISON

Charles Earl, eldest son of Joseph and Alvina (Sprague) Jenison, was born October 14, 1851, in Wabash, Wabash county, Indiana, and came to Belmond, Wright county, Iowa, with his parents in the year 1856. He was married to Kate A. Pierce, daughter of Hanibal and (Charlotte Pierce, on November 14, 1878. After spending the first few years of their married life in Belmond they moved to a farm five miles northeast of Belmond where they resided for two years, moving back to Belmond in 1895, where they have since made their home

Last November he was taken sick with stomach trouble that later developed into pernicious aenemia from which he had been a patient sufferer until death relieved him on Sunday, June 17, 1923, at the age of 71 years 8 months and 3 days.

Mr. Jenison was a quiet, unassuming man, always ready to speak a good word for everyone, and will be greatly missed by all. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, six brothers, William, George, Edgar, Burton, Oscar of Belmond, and Russell of Ft. Dodge; two sisters, Mrs. F. F. Meacham and Mrs A. J. Nihoof of Belmond, besides many other relatives and friends. One sister, Mrs. T. T. Jewell of Albia, having preceded him in death.

Charley Jenison has been a part of this community from its very beginning; he has watched its growth and expansion, its developement and its increasing wealth. A mild mannered man of non-agressive habit he has not figured prominently in public affairs but his life has been one of quiet steady growth with the community. He counted no one other than friend. While his passing will not compell many changes in the community life, yet he leaves no enemy and none who knew him that does not regret his going.

LEGION CONDEMNS K. K. K.

The Geo. A.. Aldinger post of the American Legion at Hampton has published a resolution condemning the burning of a cross by the K. K. K. on the lawn of the Catholic priest there recently. The resolution is as follows—

"We the members of George A. Aldinger Post No. 183, of the American Legion, of Hampton, Iowa, unanimously condemn the action of the parties who burned a cross on Chaplain Behan's lawn on Friday night, May 11, 1923, as an unfair and cowardly act. And we further unanimously endorse and commend Chaplain Behan as our comrade and as a friend whom we know to be 100 per cent American, a splendid citizen and force for good in this community."

AND NOBODY KICKED

The city council of Eagle Grove met recently to hear any objections to the proposed surfacing of the paving there, and had only themselves for company. Not a single tax payer showed up to register a kick, and the council then passed the resolution and will now advertise for the bids, the contract to be let on the 26th of June.

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R. A. RANKINS
Editor and Proprietor.

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Editorials

Don't let anyone try to tell you that the band doesn't draw the crowds. Just refer them to last Saturday evening, when we had the biggest crowd since our last celebration.

One very annoying thing about the concert Saturday evening was the noise made by the boys shooting firework. There is just cause for the many complaints made about this by people Saturday evening. At times the softer strains of the music could not be heard twenty feet from the band. Parents should assist the officers in avoiding this next Saturday evening.

The three hundred soldiers to be here Saturday will be a rare sight to many people. Despite the fact that we went thru the greatest war of history, hundreds of people have never seen a large body of troops. To them it should bring home the immenseness of the American army when it was in full swing in 1918.

The big question to be decided at present is—where are you going the Fourth?

The Clarion Monitor tells of some men drinking hootch only ten feet feet from an officer of the law, in a wash room, there. The Monitor does not say that the men were taken into custody. There is one of the reasons why some folks say that prohibition is a failure. It is not prohibitoin that is a failure, but the enforcement of it.

At the robbery of the Pyramid Lumber Co. at Clarion last week, the officers found the remains of limburger sandwiches where the robbers had lunched. They ought to secure some strong evidence on that case.

WORSE TO COME

Having been served with a wedge of some yellow substance, the husband poked at it cautiously with his fork, and finally turned it over heavily on his plate, asking;

"What is this?

"Pound cake. What of it?" the wife replied.

"Nothing," said the husband. I thought my section weighed more than a pound. What are you going to make next?"

"Marble cake," said the wife defiantly.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Belmond Local News

Joe Scott, who has been visiting friends in Kansas, is expected home today. Joe drove down, accompanied by George Mortimer, and when they arrived in Kansas ran into the heavy rains recently there, which flooded the country and caused so much damage. Joe was compelled to leave his car in Kansas and finish the trip by rail.

Boys and Girls—Buy your fire works at the Gift Shop, two doors west of the Theatre.

Miss Violet Starnes, who is employed at Chicago, is spending a few days here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Starnes.

Wm. Purdy and daughter, Rena were visiting friends at Rowan, Sunday.

Mrs. Geo. Elder entertained Monday afternoon in the honor of her nieces, Mrs. Spooner from Storm Lake, and Mrs. Patterson from San Marcos, Texas. They were formerly Maud and Lucille Thompson. The guests were old friends and classmates of the two girls.

The Progress club held their annual picnic at the Tyrrell Park Tuesday afternoon. The children of the club members were the guests.

Mr. and Mr. Herman Schultz attended a family reunion of the Schultz family at Webster City, Sunday.

The Delphian club members held their annual picnic at the W. T. Gfeller home Monday evening. After the picnic supper the evening was spent in games. The following guests were present; Miss Ruth Klemme, Miss Jaleen Flynn, Miss Slavata from Cedar Rapids, and Mrs. Lee Johnson from New York.

Mrs. O. R. Patterson of San Marcos, Texas, arrived last week for a few weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Thompson.

The Goldfield Auxilliary of the American Legion invited all the Auxilliares of the County to a picnic dinner Yesterday. Ten or fifteen Belmond members were planning to attend. The picnic was to be held in the Goldfield Park.

H. F. Reif of Meservey was a brief business caller here on Monday.

Carl Steffens of Rowan was a visitor here on Tuesday afternoon.

Martin Thoe returned Monday of this week from his vacation trip to Wisconsin, where he has been the past ten days.

Estray Notice—Broke into my enclosure in Section 24, Belmond township, Wright county, Iowa, one Red and White Heifer, aged about one year. Owner is requested to prove property, pay charges, and take anima away. Dated June 15, 1923.—Geo. P. Hardwick. 313*

In order to cose the estate, I offer for sale the Mrs. Nellie Lein house and lot located north of the Great Western R R. tracks in Belmond, Iowa. Paries interested submit bids to me at Kanawha, Iowa.
OLE T. RIKANSRUD,
Executor. 314c.

The ast meeting of the Auxiliary until next fall will be held on next Tuesday evening.

Miss Dolly Wilson, formerly editor of the Meservey Register, was a brief caller here Monday, enroute to Dows where she will be employed in the Advocate office.

W. C. White of Fort Dodge was a business caller in in town the first of the week.

BELMOND TRAIN SCHEDULES

(Corrected to date.)

ROCK ISLAND
Going North
Passenger, daily ..... 8:15 a. m.
Freight, daily ..... 11:46 a m.
Combination, daily ..... 2:15 p. m.
Going South
Passenger, daily ..... 6:28 p. m.
Freight, daily ..... 1:10 p. m.
Combination, daily ..... 11:46 a. m.

M.& ST. L.
Going West.
Combination, daily ..... 8:30 a. m
Going East
Combination, daily ..... 3:35 p. m.

GREAT WESTERN
Going North
Motor, daily ..... 10:03 a. m.
No. 16, pass., D & S ..... 1:30 p. m.
No. 12, pass., D & S ..... 1:26 a. m.
Local Freight ..... 7:55 a. m.
Going South
No. 11, pass., D & S ..... 1:24 a. m.
No. 15, pass., D & S ..... 3:40 p. m.
Motor ..... 5:19 p. m.
Local Freight ..... 8:20 p. m.

Here and There

Mr. and Mrs. Ole T. Rikansrud and daughter Miss Thelma went to New Richland, Minn. last Saturday and on Monday attended the wedding of their son Thorleif and Agnes Eleanora Christensen.— Reporter.

Friday, June 8th was the night set by the council to hear remonstrances on the proposed paving resurfacing, and not a single property owner objected. The council then passed the next resolution and will advertise for bids on the proposed work. The contract will be let, if a satisfactory bid is received, on the night of June 26th. At this meeting the bids will be opened and the successful bider will then be privilged to start the work, so badly needed on our main business street. —Eagle Grove Eagle.

Tuesday evening of this week was the first appearance of the local band in their summer concerts. The crowd that assembled was one of the largest ever in our city on band concert evening. In order to get a place to park, it was necessary for some to get well into the country Our band blossoms out this season greatly improved, and is an organiztion of which we are all proud.—Garner Signal.

Miss Hazel Thomas of Belmond visited here from Saturday until Tuesday at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Lawton. —Reporter.

Mayor Pritchard shipped several cars of cattle from his Belmond farm that Henry Larson lives on and accompanied the shipment to Chicago Saturday evening.—Leader.

Mrs. Ed Eiler spent Tuesday at Belmond with her sister Mrs. G. C. Johnson. —Monitor.

Miss Nellie Pierce spent the first of the week with Mrs. C. A. Templeton, while enroute to Belmond.—Monitor.

EVERYBODY'S HAPPY!

Brother's lost a button from his $14 shirt.
Mother's sewing fasteners on her $40 skirt.
Sister nice and comfy in her $80 fur.
And father works like sixty for his $30 per.
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I love to live in a town like this --just a little old town like this; where the jessamines bloom along the way, and the birds sing songs the livelong day, and the glorious sun, with a genial kiss, makes it good to live in a town like this.

I love to live in a town like this --just a little old town like this, where you know the names of the folks you meet, though they happen to live on a different street, and if they move their faces you miss, in a little old town like this.

I love to live in a town like this --just a litle old town like this; where every anguish in one's breast is felt and shared by friends the best, who share the gall and share the bliss, in a little old town like this.

I love to live in a town like this --just a little old town like this; where neighbors watch by the loved one's bed and weep with you o'er the bier of the dead, and forgive every deed that was done amiss--in a little old town like this.

Then let me live in a town like this--just a little old town like this; where your foe of today is your friend of tomorrow, who is eager to bear the cross of your sorrow, and make it as light as the morning mist in a little old town like this;

Yes, let me die in a town like this--just a litle old town like this; and o'er my grave let the roses creep to brighten the spot where my poor bones sleep, when my soul has winged the deep abyss and I rest forever--in a little old town like this.-Ex.

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GOODYEAR

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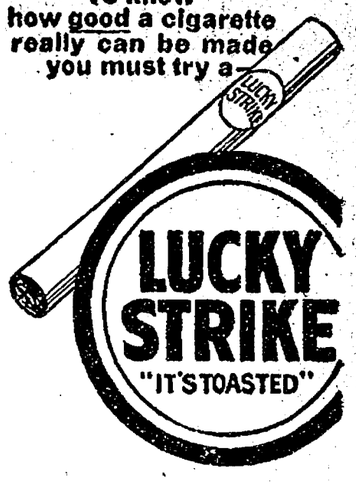
There is a new professor at Ames, his name is Dr. J. E. Guthrie, and he is ordered to study the snake life of Iowa. He asks that if you have killed an unusual specie of snake, he would like to have you send its carcass to him for inspection. He wants to find out all about the kinds of snakes there are in Iowa.

Of course he only wants to know about that brand of snakes that crawl on their bellies. He isn't interested in the human snakes that steal chickens from the widowed and orphaned, the peddlers of hootch, the fellows who put sand in the sugar and the rest of that sort.

To know how good a cigarette really can be made you must try a—



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FARM BUREAU NOTES

FARM BUREAU
-- Gilt Club Members Hear Quist --

Members of the Purebred Gilt club of Wright county met with J. S. Quist, assistant state club leader, at the county agent's office last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Quist's mission in the county was to go over the plans of the Purebred Gilt club with the members so as to outline the work for the year and to give helpful suggestions for feeding care. The members of this club are making great plans for exhibiting the gilts at the county exhibit next August.

The boys and girls of Wright county are proud of the twenty-two gilts which are being fed and fitted for the county club exhibit. Most of the youngsters have high class purebred gilts and with proper care and feed they should be rounded into shape for winners at the club exhibit. The best gilts which are shown at the club exhibit will be taken to the state fair along with the baby beeves and poultry which will be shown at the same time.

All boys and girls who are members of the clubs of the county are looking forward with considerable interest to the county club exhibit because a liberal list of prizes is being arranged for the winners The boys and girls who have taken active part in the club work this season will join their fathers and mothers in the big picnic which is being made part of their exhibit this year.

Pleasant Farmers Hold Social

The J. F. Henn home, three and one-half miles northeast of Belmond, was the scene of a lively community social last Wednesday evening when the farmers of Pleasant township met for the postponed meeting of the township farm bureau.

Mr. and Mrs. Henn should be commended for the splendid spirit of hospitality which they have always shown towards the people of Pleasant township in throwing open their home for such community gatherings. They have always taken active part in the activities of the farm bureau in their community. Miss Grace Gartz, teacher of the Center school, was in charge of the meeting and should be commended for the interesting program which she arranged among the school children.

Superintendent W. J. Guthrie of the Belmond schools, gave an interesting and inspiring address at this community social. Mr. Guthrie reminded the Pleasant farmers of the necessity of organization and the closest cooperation in order to obtain results. All farmers of this community are agreed that Mr. Guthrie is a student of world problems and that he is entirely familiar with the agricultural conditions and problems of the community in which he lives. This address was followed by refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake.

Junior Judges Work at Myer's Farm

Ten of the boys who are taking active part in the junior livestock judging work for this season met with the county agent at the O. R. Meyers' farm last Thursday afternoon, June 14th.

Through the kindness of Mr. Meyers, three classes of draft horses were arranged for the boys and they succeeded in getting a good work-out on the judging of draft horses. Mr. Meyers nas some splended specimens of the Percheron draft horse type on his farm and the boys are fortunate in having this class of horses to work on.

All boys who are taking part in the juging work will be given opportunity to enter the individual livestock judging contest at the state fair this year. Those who make up the Wright County Junior Live stock Judging team will be selected from those who are most regular in attendance and most efficient in the judging work. Those who took part in the judging contest at the Meyers' farm are as follows, Lynn Thompson, Will Paul, Fred Moellering, Arno Meyers, Leo Woodley, Duane Bingham, Laurel Hill, Melvin Buck, Milan Buck and Everett Woodley.

Blaine Social at Toyne Home

Farmers of Blaine township met at the Frank Toyne home last Thursday evening for the regular monthly meeting of the Blaine Township Farm Bureau. The beautiful Toyne farm home was thrown open to this group of interested people and everyone who attended reports a lively good time.

Director T. P. Simpson was in charge of the meeting and opened with a short talk in which he explained the necessity of monthly meetings and urged the closest cooperation among the farmers of the community in work on projects which are of interest to all. A short program was given in connection with this meeting. Miss Toyne, who happened to be home on vacation from college, gave two lively readings. Other numbers consisted of recitations and songs were given. This was followed by a short business session in which final plans were laid for the Blaine township picnic which is scheduled for next Thursday, June 21st.

All farmers of Blaine township are now looking forward to the township picnic which will be held at the Dows community park next Thursday. J. F. Coupe, assistant secretary of the Iowa Farm Bureau federation at Des Moines, has been secured as the speaker of the occasion and will, no doubt, bring a great message to the Blaine township farmers. The committee in charge of the picnic have promised a program filled with plenty of sports, good music, a good speech and plenty of picnic eats.

County Picnic Committee Meets

A meeting of the committee on arrangements for the county-wide picnic-club exhibit was held at the county agents office last Saturday evening when plans were made for holding the joint picnic-club exhibit August 22nd.

All committees and subcommittees for planning and organizing will be appointed sometime this week and the final plans for this county-wide affair will be completed so that the program can be announced in a short time. The place of the picnic has not been decided definitely as yet but some of the towns of the county are biding strong for this big gathering and some liberal inducements have been made by them for having this picnic held in one of th towns of the county. All farmers seem to be agreed that wherever the picnic is held it will be well attended because it is being planned for a time of the year when harvest work will be completed and especially because of the fact that the boys and girls will exhibit their products.

John W. Coverdale, secretary of the American Farm Bureau federation at Chicago, who has been secured as the speaker of this occasion is an Iowa product and, according to Mr. Coverdale, is pleased to have opportunity to come back to the Hawkeye state. He is an exceptional speaker of wide experience and will have a real message on the activities of the farm bureau as a national organization to bring to the farmers of Wright county.

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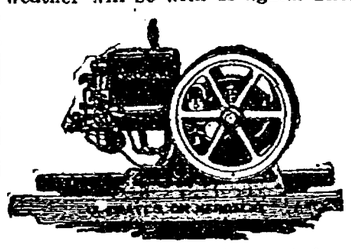
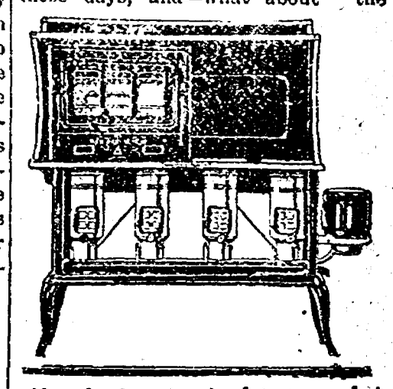


when you will appreciate a helper—One that will do many of the odd jobs around the farm at a minimum of expense. Such a helper is the International kerosene engine. The International helps the whole family and knows no limit to its day when you have work to do. It will pump your water, saw the wood, wash the clothes, separate the milk, grind the feed, shell the corn, churn the butter, and do many other odd jobs about the place if given an opportunity—all at a cost of less than three cents an hour—and we'll say that's going some. Come in and look over the International hard-working kerosene engine.

Three more Primrose Cream separators sold last week. Geo. C. Johnson, John Wirtz and I. N. Soma are the new owners. Ask them.

ARE YOU HOT?

We will bet you are in the fields these days, and—what about the



wife who has to stand over a hot range all day? Hadn't you better buy her that New Perfection Oil Range that you promised her? We have all sizes in stock.

Taxes and death may be certain, but they are not similar. You can do all your dying at one time and get thru with it.

AND REMEMBER— Our prices are from 10 to 21 per cent below the market on all farm machines as long as we have a machine left purchased under old contracts.

Dairy Cow Sale

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BELMOND, IOWA

At Ball Park, across from Rock Island Stock Yard

Saturday, June 23, 1923

At 1:30 O'clock P. M.

30 Jerseys, Guernseys and Holsteins

This offering consists of fresh cows with calves at side; also a few close springers and heifers.

They are all T. B. tested and will be sold on a re-test.

If in need of a good family or dairy cow you cannot afford to miss this sale.

They are from 2 to 6 years and are in good milking condition.

These cows will be in Ball Park at Belmond two days before the sale. Come and look them over.

Bring your bucket and try your cow. Free milk to everybody.

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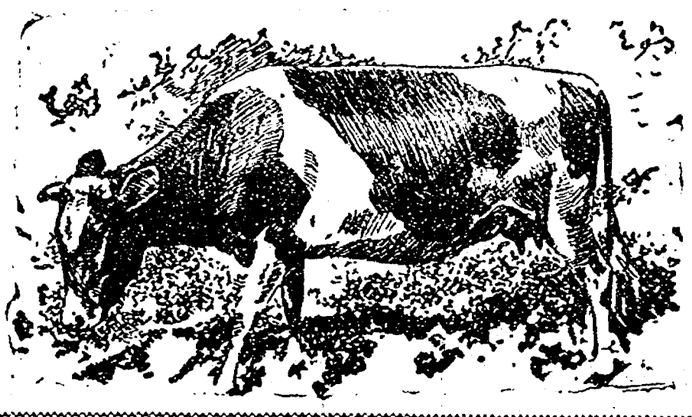

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A BIG TIME SATURDAY

Saturday will be a big day here again as you know the Second Batalion of the Third U. S. Infantry will spend that night here. They are marching from Ft. Snelling to Des Moines. There will be about 300 men, with their wagon escort and about 50 animals. Be here and see them come in; it will be a sight that you won't forget But remember, while you are watching their activities let us handle your cream, eggs or poultry in that pleasing, *satisfying manner that we maintain.*

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Editor and Manager

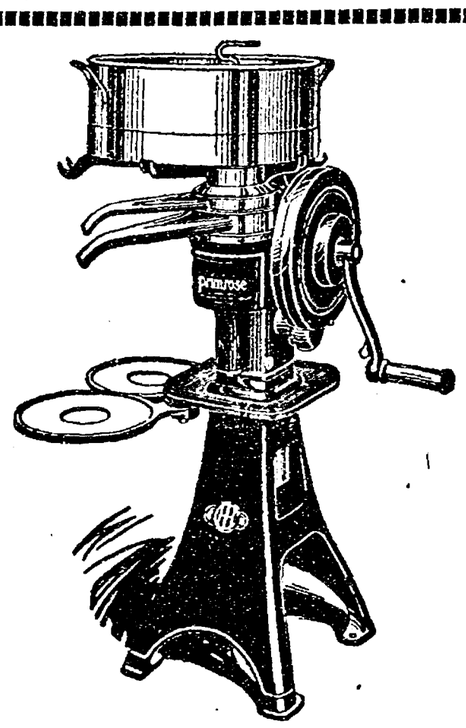
MESERVEY SECTION

For Sale—My property in the north part of town. See Mrs. P. Schove, Meservey, Iowa. 29tfc

A number from here attended the Mission Feast at the Reformed church in Alexander last Wednesday.

The Misses Marie Fischer, Irene Guth, Viola Lauster and Herman Fischer Jr. returned home fron Naperville Ill. last Wednesday for the Summer vacation.

Mrs. A. E. Muller was a Mason City caller last Wednesday.



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Mrs. Mary Butz visited at Mason City several days last week.

H. W. Hulsebus and Miss Daisy Clark of Mason City were callers at the S. Hulsebus home last Wednesday evening.

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L. B. Hulsebus was a Rockwell and Mason City caller last Wednesday P. M.

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L. B. Hulsebus motored to Webster City last Thursday for a short visit at the Earl Boughten home, returning Friday evening accompanied by his wife, who had visited there since Tuesday.

Keith Weaver who attends school at Council Bluffs came here last Wednesday to spend the Summer vacation with his mother.

C. J. Wendell and family and Mrs. Pease and son Lindley and Miss Mabel Kirk enjoyed a day's outing at Clear Lake last Thursday.

Mrs. Barbara Geitz of Belmond spent several days last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Gealow and family

W. F. Butz and daughter Irene were Belmond business callers last Friday afternoon.

Irwin Nissen, Frank Guth, Irv. Bier and W. J. Hartfelder were business callers at Mason City last Monday.

Otto and Ernie Strasburg departed last Monday for a two weeks fishing trip at Lake Mille Lac, Minn.

Joe Suntken was transacting business at the County seat last Monday.

C K. and K. K. Pals with their families motored to Allison and Austinville last Sunday to spend the day with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hemming were callers at the Ed. Foss home last Thursday evening

Frank Hafferman and C. Bier were business callers at Hampton on Saturday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Smith, and family who have resided in Ft. Atchinson Wis., for the past few years, are moving to Belmond, where Mr. Smith has a position in the Candy Kitchen. They spent the latter part of last week visiting relatives here, while waiting for their household goods to arrive.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Kolb visited at the Nels Meyers home in Thornton on Sunday p. m.

Word was received here Sunday of the death of Lee Lewis at a Mason City hospital. Mr. Lewis was well known here and his many friends will be grieved to hear of his sudden demise, only a few having known of his last illness, altho he had been in poor health for a number of years. We understand the funeral services will be held at Thornton, where interment will also be made. We have not been able at this writing to get particulars in detail.

Miss Dolly Wilson called on friends here between trains Monday. We did not hear where her place of residence is at this time.

H. F. Reif and Mel Smith were business callers at Clarion, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Studer of Waseca, Minn., accompanied their daughter, Mrs. H. Casebeer here last Friday, the latter having been visiting them for about ten days. They returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Fischer, Sr., and three chidren and Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Raecker and Jeanette motored to Ackley last Sunday p. m. to hear the men's glee club of Northwestern college, Naperville. From there they went to Abbott to make an over night visit at the Rev. H. Raecker home.

A. E. Muller and family were visiors at the Cliff Brogan home in Garner, Sunday.

The Sunday School picnic of the Evang. church will be held at Twin Lakes on Tuesday, June 26. All are welcome.

Mrs. M. A. Smith, Harry and Esther departed last Monday via Clarion to Chicago, where they will visit the formers daughter. From there they plan to go to Los Angeles for a visit at the home of a sister, to remain indefiniely.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Boelman are rejoicing over the arrival of a boy at their home since Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Kolb, Mrs. Irv. Nissen and Mrs. Chas. Waddingham were Belmond callers Saturday.

Rev. Schlesselman, H. F. Reif, Harm Groen and F Hafferman were those to respond to an invitation of the Iowa Falls Electric Co. to spend Tuesday inspecting their plant, etc. The business men here were all bidden, tho only a few were able to be presen. They were given free entertainment.

A. J. Nissen was a Thornton business caller Tuesday.

Miss Selma Fischer left Tuesday for her home in Wisconsin, after a year's stay at the H. Fischer home. The King's Daughters and friends S. S. classes of the Evang. church held a farewell party for her at the F. C. Sprau home last Monday eve.

Mrs. Emil Vos of Germany, who was a guest at the S. Hulsebus home last week left last Friday for Ackley for a visit with relatives.

GOOD ROADS IMPROVEMENT

Good roads improvement in Iowa will be discussed from every angle at the initial general meeting of the Iowa Good Roads Association, which has been called at Des Moines by the executive committee of the new organization for June 28.

This meeting will be open to all persons interested in the improvement of the Iowa highways. The new association, according to President H. B. Allfree of Newton, hopes to put an end to the bitter controversies which have existed in Iowa for several years between those interested in the improvement of the secondary road system, and those who have favored an intensive improvement of the primary roads.

"The Iowa Good Roads Association is in favor of the improvement of the entire road system of the state of Iowa, including both primary and secondary roads, in a manner that every part of such road system will satisfactorily carry at the least cost, the traffic thereon," says Mr. Allfree.

"We believe that sufficient progress has been made along these lines already so as to make it possible for all factions in the past road fights to get together to get together and agree to co-operate in forwarding further improvements in the future.

"It is time for a better understanding on the part of advocates of the hard surfacing of heavily traveled roads of the farmer's viewpoint in the road question. It must be realized that there can be no sacrifice of the secondary roads in the interests of hard surfacing, and that hard surfacing must be done if at all as part of the general road improvement policy which considers all of the roads of the state and not merely the primary roads.

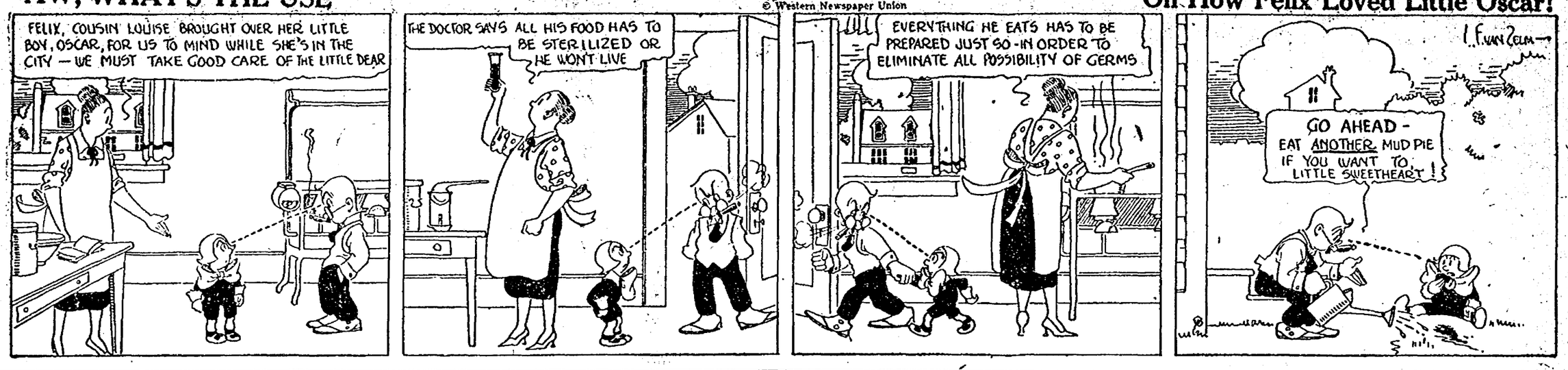
"It is becoming evident to all that some roads cannot be satisfactorily maintained without hard surfacing, and that graveling has some very decided limitations. It is also obvious that hard surfacing is not needed on all roads, and many counties are well satisfied with their gravel programs.

"Our meeting on June 28 in Des Moines will develope, we hope, a real good roads association for Iowa one which will devote itself to the improvement of all of our roads as rapidly as possible. The question of financing these roads, we feel, will be rapidly settled when public sentiment thruout the state has had an opportunity to crystalize upon a united drive for better roads.

All present good roads associations of the state have been invited to unite with the new organization. Inviations to attend the convention to be held June 28 have been extended to all members of the legislature, officials of the Farm Bureau, Farmers Union and other organizations of farmers, to county supervisors, auditors and engineers and to representatives of commercial organizations generally. The meeting will be open to the public.

MAKE NEW DISCOVERY

Richard Guyer of Cherokee, has made a discovery that may be of interest to housewifes. Rhubarb may be successfully dried, and when dried one pound shrinks to one ounce. Three tablespoonsful of water added will produce a quart of sauce the same quality as from the newly gathered plant. The process allows cheaper and more compact storage and shipment by mail without danger of loss from breakage.



ROWAN NEWS

Brenner The Florist. Phone 134. Clarion, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Underdahl and little son of Rake visited over the week end with Rowan friends.

The Fred Aldinger home is nearing completion and Mrs. Aldinger, who has been with her parents at Morrstiown, Minn., is expected home this week,

Carl Steffens returned home last week from Iowa City, where he had been for medical treatment.

Keith Nevitt from Savannah, Ill, visited his mother, Mrs. Henry Azeltine last week. He is planning to take a four year's course in the Armour Text. school in Chicago.

Mrs. F. H. Fowler received word last Friday evening of the serious illness of their daughter, Mrs. Levi Johnson, at her home in Sioux Falls. Mrs. Fowler left Saturday to assist in caring for her

Miss Esther Fowler returned Sunday from Marengo, where she had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Milton Brown

Fred Hackley and Geo. Pritchett went to Cedar Rapids last week. While there Mr. Hackley ordered his new grocery stock.

Mrs Ed. Miller and daughter, Blanche, of Clarion, visited with Rowan friends several days last week.

Mr and Mrs. E. J. Margraitz and children of Waterloo visited at the Roy Hyde home last week.

Mrs J. R. Coulter returned last Friday from Iowa Falls, where she had been visiting at the home of her brother, Thomas Parland.

Messrs. F. B. Sheldon, A. C. Rietz and daughter Anna, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sheldon attended the bankers convention at Ames last Wednesday.

G. W. Whitten and family visited Sunday at the C. R. Snow home in Goldfield. Miss Blanche Cleveland returned home with them to visit a few days with Miss Gladys Whitten.

Mrs. Lou Vennum and two children of Fort Dodge are expected by special train on the Great Western Wednesday of this week, boosting for the Fourth of July celebration in their city.

L. R. Fitz is in Minnesota on a ten days' business trip.

The Misses Esther Emerson and Frances Virden are attending the Young Peoples conference at Cedar Falls this week.

Rev. Osborne of Kanawha delivered two very able sermons at the M E. church last Sabbath morning and in the evening. Rev. Osborne expects to move his family here this week and take up the work of this charge, and also at Latimer. We are very glad to welcome this family into our midst and are expecting that his pastorate among the people will be very successful.

Wm. Purdy and daughter Rena of Belmond called on friends in Rowan Sunday.

Messrs. G. W. Whitten, Floyd Whitten and Gay Fletcher autoed to Allison last Friday, where Floyd and Gay secured the contract for hauling gravel between Allison and Greene.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lane from Manley visited Sunday at the Joe Thomas home.

Mrs. Etta Carr, who has been visiting the past month with her daughters at Latimer and Lyle, Minn reurned home last Wednesday accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Klusmeier of Lyle, and Mrs. Henry Miller and two children, who came over from Latimer to spend the day with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bailey, Sr., went to Belmond, Tuesday, from where they accompanied their son Fuller and wife to Minnesota.

Jay Knuths, who taught the past school year at Carrol, has returned home for the summer vacation.

Mr. and Mrs Clarence Lindsey drove to Iowa Falls, Sunday, and spent the day at the home of his sister, Mrs. Chas. Lamb.

Rev. Hardcastle of Iowa Falls was in town on Monday.

Chas. Aldinger and Lee Aldrich spent Sunday at Charles City.

Mrs. Ben Jergenson had her tonsils removed at the Steele hospital in Belmond, Monday.

Evelyn Whitten had a severe attack of tonsilitis the first of he week

C A. Church of Belmond spent the week end with relatives in Rowan.

Mrs. Bergsma came up from Dows Saturday to spend the day at the Albert Emerson home. She went from here to Belmond to visit relatives.

Erma Donahue of Forest City is a guest at the Fred Aldrich home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Linaweaver and little son left last week for Elma, Iowa, where Harvey will engage in hauling gravel.

Wm. Rietz of Waterloo spent several days last week with his brother Henry and other relatives here

Flet Howell came up Sunday from Des Moines, returning Monday, taking his wife and children back with him. Gay Fletcher took a truck load of their furniture down on the same day. Mr. Howell is building a new home there and the family is living in the garage until the completion of their house

The Jens Kjar family were visiting friends at Humboldt, Sunday.

Mrs. Esther Andrews went to Sheffield, Saturday, to spend some time at the home of her nephew, Glen Seha, who has been quite seriously ill.

Will Azeltine has begun the work on his house. He is building an addition on the house he purchased of Aug. Rietz some time ago.

Mrs. Ed. Riley has begun to harvest her mammoth straw berry crop. She has employed a number of pickers, who are picking several hundred quarts each day.

I wish to sell our household furniture at private sale. Phone 34.—Mrs. O. F. Braden.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gates and son from Pasedena, Cal., came Thursday and visited until the middle of this week at the Harold and Ormal Gates homes.

Mesdames Frost and Rice of Dows spent Friday at the F. B. Sheldon home.

Is your subscription paid up? If not, why not drop into the Independent office and square accounts? Pay in advance and save 25 per cent.

ALEXANDER NEWS

Remember Alexander has free moving picture show on the street every Saturday evening. Don't fail to see them. They are fine.

Theoore Beenen was a Sunday visitor with friends at Eldora

R. L. Carloek returned here Monday from Fargo, N. D., where he has been on a business trip.

Jerry DeFriese was visiting with relatives at Albert Lea, several days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thomas of Iowa Falls were business callers at Alexander last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Larsen and daughter, Mrs. Clarence Smith, and two children were visiting relatives at Hampton last Saturday.

Miss Gertrude Berninghausen of Eldora came Sunday for a visit with friends at Alexander.

John Bell and daughter, Miss Nellie were callers at Belmond on Wednesday.

Leonard Arends was a business visitor at Latimer one day last week.

Mr. and Mr. Hilko Pals and son Ormal Lewis, and Mr. and Mrs. Hans Pals and children were callers at Mason City last Tuesday.

Cornelius Stoffer was a business caller at Belmond last Wednesday.

The Misses Esther and Velma Larsen spent the past week with relatives at Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell, Misses Jessie, Nellie and Inez Bell, and Mrs Mabel Symens were among the callers at Dows last Friday.

Miss Edna Arends was a caller at Belmond between trains last Saturday.

Mrs. Grace Dirksen went to Mason City, Sunday, to visit her father, Mr. Suntken, who is in the hospital at that place.

Miss Lorene Aldinger of Hampton visited at the W. P. Aldinger home a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Arends and family visited with Glen Seney at the hospital at Mason City, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Muhlenbruch and baby of Iowa Falls visited at the Chris Standtlander home last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Arends and children were visitors at Mason City on Sunday.

Orvalle Houg of Dows was a caller at Alexander last Saturday.

L. C. Peters and Tenus Johnson left Monday morning on a fishing trip to Biglake, Minn.

Will Muhlenbruch has purchased a fine new Overland car.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Greenfield were Belmond callers last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hensel and children were callers at Belmond on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Leonard of Swaledale were in town Friday calling on friends and also attending to business matters.

The Ladie Aid society of the Methodist church will meet with Mrs A. L. Nelson next Wednesday, June 27. A large attendance is desired.

P. C. Murphy of Hampton was a business caller in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stoffer were callers at Belmond Saturday.

There will be a child welfare clinic held at the Alexander consolidated school house June 28. It will be held under the directiin of Miss Harriett Lee, Red Cross public health nurse, assisted by child welfare workers of the county.

Dr. John Prentice of Iowa City will examine all babies brought to the clinic under two years of age, and all children between two and six years old who are sick or have some abnormal condition. Phone your district welfare worker and make appointments any time between the hours of nine a. m. and three thirty p. m.

Work and Play.

We work because it is necessary to work in order to live. We play because it is necessary to give mind and body that relaxation which keeps them in condition for the performance of our daily labors.

When at work the wise man centers his mind and his energies upon that work to the exclusion of everything in the realm of play. It is this concentration of thought and action that enables men o accomplish things that stamp them as successful in life.

It is the same when the wise man plays. He puts the cares of business away from him for the time being, and enters whole-heartedly into that physical and mental exercise which develops the body and strengthens the mind and keeps him in condition to withstand the wear and tear of his hours of toil.

Never allow troubles to worry you, especally when they belong to the other fellow.

GOODELL NEWS

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Mrs. Thada's little niece returned to Mason City last Wednesday with Arthur Savogue.

Mrs. Elmer Keinenberger has been on the sick list the past week.

Arthur Savogue, Mrs. John Savogue and Mrs. Reed picniced at Mason City last Wednesday.

Mr. Lane of Mason City started work on Mr. Sandberg's new shop June 12.

Warner Butts has moved his old house back and Dan Miller is excavating for his new house.

Miss Ina Ahrenkeil spent a few days last week with some friends at Iowa Falls.

Mrs. Conklin and Mrs. H. T. Miller met with their girls' club on last Thursday at the home of Mae Griggs

Elmer Schneider returned from Chicago, Thursday.

Carl Sandberg spent Sunday at home. Mrs. Okrueg has been very ill the past week.

Mr. Sandberg, daughter Edith and Rev. Miller autoed to Ames Friday an brought Carl home with them.

Eddie and Ethel Hughes of Garner called on Mrs. John Ahrenkeil last Sunday.

Mrs. Cloon of Charles City was in Goodell the past week at the funeral of her son, Earnest.

Master Richard Clark returned to his home in Garner last Wednesday.

John Suurballe of Garner drove to Ames on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Schneider visited relatives at Klemme on Saturday evening

Mr. and Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. H. T. Miller and John Miller accompanied Carl Sandberg to Ames on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Jas. Patrick of Charles City and her two sons were in Goodell on Monday to attend the funeral of her brother Earnest.

The Childrens' Day exercises at the U. B. church were well attended on Sunday. The offering was $20.64.

Mr. Wellemeyer was in Goodell on business Monday

The body of Earnest Cloon arrived Monday morning from Butte, Montana, where he was accidently killed while working in a sewer ditch. Mrs. Cloon and child accompanied the body.

Death of Earnest Cloon

Earnest James Cloon was born at Hampton, Franklin county, Iowa, on Jan. 17, 1885, and died at Butte, Montana, June 5, 1923, age 38 years, five months and 18 days. His son, Marriam, died in 1907. In Oct. 1920 he was married to Willa Marie Tucker of Greenfield, Mo. He leaves to mourn his departure his mother, of Charles City, a sister, Mrs. James Patrick of Charles City, a brother, John, of Sanich, S. D., his wife and adopted child, besides other relatives and friends.

New Kind Of Auto

Raymond Keagle has manufactured an automobile which is run by a propeller direct from the engine. The car contains no gears and travels the same as an airplane except it runs on Mother Earth. A trial trip was made Sunday evening to Manly and took two gallons of gas to run 65 miles—the distance via Mason City If the envention is a success or can be made a success it will cut out a lot of machinery in a car that is costly and liable to breakage and much expense. Mr. Keagle has spent much time in trying to get the propeller arranged just right so that it will be a success and whether he reached the point of efficiency will be found out after a few trips have been made. The rate of speed is controled by the engine to which it is attached. It might be able to make one hundred miles an hour.—Titonka Topic.

The wise man knows and observes these necessary laws of nature, and get the substance of life. The foolish man observes them not—and toddles around in his own shadow.

By remembering that charity covers a multitude of sins we can readily a multitude of sins we can readily understand why some people are so overly generous.

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NEW LETTER SORTING DEVICE SPEEDS DISPATCH OF MAIL

What is it? A new mechanical contrivance designed to insure an early dispatch of mail has been installed in the Washington Post Office. No hand sorting of mail any longer. Five men at keyboards like this one operate the machine like a linotype machine and by the prsesure of two keys on the keyboard each letter in front of the operator is sent on its way to a particular cell or compartment, leaving before him the next letter in the stack. Thus mail for various states and cities is seg

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Belmond, Iowa

LOCALS

John Brooks and his mother spent Sunday at the Ray Brooks home at Clear Lake.

M. C. Madsen is quite ill again.

Tom Johnson, brother of J. N. Johnson died at his home in Madison S. Dak. last week.

Mrs. O. B. McGowan of West Union is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. U. Leinbach.

Mr and Mrs. Spooner and children of Storm Lake spend the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Thompson.

Mrs. Gene Curtis and children from Webster City are visiting friends and relatives here.

Tom Brooks who suffered a stroke of paralysis recently is improving very nicely.

Friend Bras from Ft. Dodge was here Monday.

Mrs. Mamie Smith of Ft. Dodge was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Packard, the first of the week.

For Potatoe Bugs use Paris Green or Arsenate of Lead.—Schultz Drug Co.

Louis Tracy left last Saturday for Minneapolis on a business trip. He will be gone some time.

Lenton Collins of Ft. Dodge, was an over Sunday visitor with his parents, Mr and Mrs. L. Collins. He is now employed on the Illinois Central railroad.

Theo. Buchanan left Sunday on a vacation and fishing trip to Gun Lake, Minn.

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See the Bock Lumber Co., for low prices on barb wire and genuine American Field Fence. 24tfc

C. N. Resse has started pouring concrete for his new building, and is now putting in the foundation.

Adolph Meinders has started work on his new residence in east Belmond, just west of the Hogenson home. The house will be finished in pebble dash.

Art Cuppett came down from his farm in Minnesota Saturday night, to spend a few days here visiting on

While the town of Clarion is torn up with paving, the motorist who desires to reach points south can avoid the rough roads in the Clarion territory by going west of Belmond, past the St. Olaf church, and four miles beyond, where he will strike a graveled road leading to Holmes, and thence west and south. Only three miles of dirt road—from the church west—the balance gravel and smooth. This is the best route to Fort Dodge.

Harry Bohning has purchased a Dodge Sedan from the Motor Inn Co

Chas. Haupt is driving around in a new Dodge Sedan, purchased last week from the Motor Inn Co.

John Dorenkamp is the owner of a new Studebaker Sedan, purchased last week from the Motor Inn Co.

Mrs. Hamilton left last Friday on a six weeks' vacation trip to points in southern California.

N. E. Brear was a business caller at Fort Dodge on Thursday of last week.

Members of the Clarmond Country club enjoyed a picnic at the club house on Wednesday evening.

The Rebekah lodge met on Wednesday evening of last week, at which time they initiated some new members and enjoyed a social evening afterwards.

Fred Lynch is the owner of a new Dodge Sedan, purchased of the Motor Inn Co last week.

The town of Clarion is a mighty good place to stay away from right now, unless you have urgent business there. The streets are all torn up while the paving is going in, and the roads leading to the town are in fierce shape. When the paving has been completed and the roads into town graveled, however, Clarion will be right up among those present in the way of improvements. But just now the streets and roads there are simply rotten.

friends and looking after business affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Moore, who were visiting their son, Howard, and family, last week, went to Iowa Falls, Friday, to visit a daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Haword Moore took them down in their car.

Lud Johnson brought us down an album of Japanese pictures, sent by his son, Jasper, who is teaching in an American college at Nagasaki. The pictures are very interesting, and in many ways show the customs and manners of the people.

Cornelia Lake was filled with a crowd of people Sunday, picnicing and enjoying the lake and bathing. Fishing is much better at Cornelia than at Morse Lake, and most of the fishermen are going to the former place.

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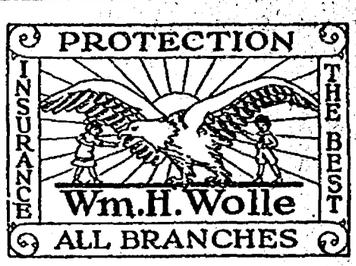
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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Disliking the prospect of a month's visit to her austere aunt, Lady Erythea Lambe, at Jervaulx abbey, and her cousin, Alexander Lambe, Aimee, vivacious daughter of the Very Reverend Viscount Scroope, is in a rebellious mood.

CHAPTER II.—She wanders into the park, there encountering a strange youth in trouble with a motorcycle. He laughingly introduces himself as "Billy," American. The two cement the acquaintance by a ride on the motorcycle, the "Flying Sphinx," and part. With Georgina Berners, her cousin, Aimee sets out for Jervaulx. On the way she decides that Georgina shall impersonate her at Jervaulx, while she goes on a holiday. Georgina's horrified protest is unavailing.

CHAPTER III.—Happy in her new freedom, Aimee again meets "Billy." He tells her his name is Spencer, and she gives hers as Amy Snooks, at present "out of a job." Billy offers to take her into partnership in selling the Sphinx. In a spirit of madcap adventure, she accepts. The two proceed to the town of Stanhoe, taking separate lodgings in Ivy cottage.

CHAPTER IV.—That night Aimee visits Georgina and learns that the deception has not been discovered. By her dominant personality she compels Georgina to continue the subterfuge.

CHAPTER V.—On a trial spin next day on the Sphinx, with Billy, Aimee almost collides with a carriage in which are her aunt, Georgina and Alexander. The pair escape unrecognized.

CHAPTER VI.—Georgina learns that Lord Scroope is coming to visit Lady Erythea and, realizing what will happen on his arrival, is in hopeless bewilderment.

CHAPTER VII.—While Aimee is secretly visiting Georgina at Jervaulx, the place is burglarized. Aimee escapes.

CHAPTER VIII.—Georgina learns, with much relief, that Aimee has got away.

CHAPTER IX.—Police Inspector Panke decides that the robbery is the work of "Jack the Climber" and "Calamity Kate," noted thieves, who travel on a motorcycle.

CHAPTER X.—Billy, aware of his "partner's" nocturnal jaunts, is troubled. He follows her, on the Sphinx, to Jervaulx. He hears the commotion, at once suspects burglary, and follows two figures on a motorcycle who are apparently in a desperate hurry. Cornering the pair, Billy knocks out a man who attempts to shoot him, picking up a package the fellow had dropped. He discovers the other fugitive to be a woman. Stopping to aid her, she strikes him with a stone, rendering him unconscious, and the pair escape.

CHAPTER XI.—Recovering, Billy discovers the package he had picked up is a jewel case, containing emeralds. Realizing they must be part of the loot from Jervaulx, he starts for the abbey. On the way he meets Aimee, with the police in pursuit. In a secure hiding place, a cave among the crag pits, Aimee tells him the whole story. He urges that she make a frank confession to her father, but on reflection both realize Aimee's good name has been compromised by her two nights' stay at Ivy cottage.

CHAPTER XII.—Assuring Aimee he has a plan to save her, Billy leaves her in the cave and, proceeding to Jervaulx, restores the emeralds to the astounded Lady Erythea.

CHAPTER XIII.—Rejecting any reward, after explaining how the emeralds came into his possession, Billy accepts the position of chauffeur to Lady Erythea, seeing in the situation a promise of a way out of the embroglio.

CHAPTER XIV.—Realizing what her father's visit to Jervaulx would mean, Aimee goes secretly to her home, disables the family auto, thus preventing his journey, and induces a parlormaid to let her take her place at Jervaulx.

CHAPTER XV.—Alexander recognizes Aimee as the woman on the motorcycle which ran into the Lambe carriage, denouncing her as "Calamity Kate." Georgina divulges Aimee's identity. Hearing her story, Alexander consents to keep the secret.

CHAPTER XVI.—Alexander finds himself very much in love with Georgina.

CHAPTER XVII.—The approaching visit of Alexander's sister, Lady Diana (who, of course, knows Aimee) brings consternation to the two girls.

CHAPTER XVIII.—Another visitor to Jervaulx is the Vicomte de Jussac, Diana's suitor. Diana recognizes Aimee and threatens to denounce her.

His merry, infectious laugh and quick sallies uplifted the spirits of the others. He made a deeper impression than ever on Diana Lambe, and with the usual perversity that seized her when in mixed company, she felt it due to herself to become the more openly hostile.

"I do not understand how you can defend the spirit of the age," she said coldly, in answer to a sally that made even Alexander smile. "The days of chivalry are dead. What romance can one attach to the modern young man? But in the days of heraldry, when men were splendid in helm and gorget and camail—ah, then," she exclaimed, with a rare touch of enthusiasm, "romance flourished indeed—"

"Talking of mail," said Lady Erythea blandly, "the ghost always appears in a complete suit of it, though his coming is noiseless as a breath of mist. I regret to tell you, Vicomte, that he came to a bad end through a romantic passion."

"Why regret?" protested Bertrand. "I will wager 'twas worth it."

"Because he was refuted—or disreputed—to be an ancestor of yours; a De Jussac taken as hostage by Sir Piers Lambe—after a most gallant resistance," said Lady Erythea smiling. "While here he engaged the affections of a daughter of the house, and being discovered, was permitted to don his armor and debate the matter with Sir Piers. His end was—tragic."

"No end can be wholly tragic, if reached by the path of a great passion. To every rose its thorn. I applaud him!" Bertrand raised his glass. "To you, nameless ancestor!" He replaced the glass appreciatively, and Mr. Tarbeaux refilled it. "Touching this ancestor, Lady Diana—"

But his hostess had given the signal, the ladies rose, and the two men were left alone—a custom that still lingered at Jervaulx. De Jussac did not find Mr. Lambe a very exhilarating companion, but Alexander, though drinking only water, kept him at the table an unconscionable time. When eventually they reached the drawing room Alexander departed at once to his library, and Bertrand found that Diana had retired.

"I must apologize for my niece, Vicomte, but she has gone to her room; to achieve the proper psychic attitude, or whatever she calls it, for her inquiries as to this absurd ghost," said Lady Erythea. "She can, of course, do nothing tonight. And as it is late, and you will not wish to sit up talking to an old woman—"

"Most spirituelle of hostesses," protested the Vicomte, "I should like to sit and talk to you all night, if you will allow me—"

Diana put her head inside the door. "I told you, Aunt," she said, "that my stupid maid lost herself at the terminus, and I cannot retire unattended. May I have yours?"

"My own incumbrance has been away for two days," said her aunt, "but we have a parlor maid who really attends to one's hair very soothingly; she did mine last night." Lady Erythea pressed the bell.

The butler appeared. "Tarbeaux, you will tell Snooks to attend Lady Diana in her room."

"Very good, m' lady."

Mr. Tarbeaux found Aimee on her way upstairs to bed, and gave her the order. Aimee was astonished, and secretly panic-stricken.

"This has absolutely finished it!" she reflected. "I might as well bolt at once." Suddenly she came to a resolution. "But—I'd better go. I shall run against her sooner or later. And anyhow she'll be alone. Di's such a fool she may not know me."

Aimee reached the bedchamber, where Lady Diana had just arrived. She scarcely glanced at the parlor maid, and donning a light wrap, seated herself before the mirror.

"Take down my hair," she said curtly, "and if your fingers are cold, warm them first at the fire. I abhor being touched by cold fingers."

Aimee's fingers itched to warm themselves by a totally different method. But she held them to the fire, and then set about her task. She had hardly commenced when Diana's pale blue eyes, catching sight of her in the mirror, opened in a stare of amazement.

"Whom did they say you were?" she said in a grating voice.

"S-Snooks, m' lady," said Aimee, dropping a curtsey.

"Snooks! You are Aimee Scroope! Don't deny it!" said Diana fiercely. "Don't attempt to deceive me. I should know you in a thousand. What is the meaning of this—masquerade?"

Aimee surrendered.

"Yes, Di—it's me! For goodness' sake don't shout." For once Aimee lost her head. "Aunt doesn't know I'm here, you see. Don't give me away. I'll try and explain—"

"I don't want your explanation. You will explain to Aunt!" rasped Diana. "I can see by your manner there is something more in this than mere folly! I've had my suspicions, from what Aunt has said—"

"Di," exclaimed Aimee imploringly, "there's no use trying to hide it now—I'm in trouble—real trouble. If you give me away now you'll get me into a fearful row with Dad. You don't want to do that, do you? It—it will simply finish him!"

"Very likely! It is high time he knew the truth about you. I know a little more of your character than he does, Aimee. His absurd leniency to you up till now—"

She moved swiftly between Aimee and the door, and pressed the bell.

"Let me out!" said Aimee, rather white and her eyes gleaming. "Get away from that door!" She strode toward Diana.

"I shall not!"

There was a knock at the door. Diana opened it, and the housekeeper appeared.

"Was that your ladyship's bell?"

"Yes!" said Diana. "Ask Lady Erythea to come here immediately. Do you hear? Immediately!"

CHAPTER XIX

Arms and the Man.

The housekeeper looked bewildered. Diana's wrath agitated her. Aimee was standing quietly in the middle of the room, her hands behind her.

"I dare not disturb her ladyship now that she has retired for the night and her room is locked," said the housekeeper; "my orders are strict. May I suggest that you see her yourself, my lady? If there is anything else I can do—"

Diana paused, and appeared to reflect.

"No," she said curtly. "You can go." When the housekeeper had left the room, Diana turned to Aimee.

"You will come with me now—to Aunt!"

"I'll do nothing of the sort," retorted Aimee defiantly. "Go and speak to her yourself, if you want to. Rouse her out of bed now, and tell her all you know. I shall get it hot; I'm used to that—but there's one consolation, she'll jolly well flatten you out, too!"

Again Diana hesitated. She saw herself roaring accusations into the ear-trumpet of an infuriated aunt newly aroused from slumber.

"I am tired, and I do not wish for a scene at this time of night," she said, fixing Aimee with a malignant eye. "On consideration, I shall leave this affair till the morning. And now—you may go."

She stood away from the door.

"Won't you be decent about it, Di?" said Aimee imploringly. "I don't care for myself, but it's going to be awful for Dad. I—I—if you'd only let me tell you—"

"I have no desire to listen to a discreditable story, at which, no doubt, I could give a very good guess. As for your father, he must face the consequences of having allowed you to behave as you do. I have no more to say," replied Diana with cold disdain.

Aimee's eyes blazed at her.

"You utter beast, Di!" she said, and flung out of the room.

For half an hour Aimee mused upon the situation, and mentally pronounced it hopeless. The dreary bedroom became impossible to her. She opened the door; the house was in darkness; everyone, apparently, had retired. Aimee made her way to Georgina's bedroom door, and rapped stealthily for some time, for the door was locked. It seemed impossible to arouse Georgina, and after a lengthy effort Aimee desisted. Lady Erythea's room was next door, and even the deaf hear when they are not wanted to.

Finally, Aimee crept down into the hall, where the suits of armor loomed grimly in the half-light, a silent, threatening host. It was impossible to get out of the house. All conceivable outlets were secured, since the burglary. Aimee passed through the paneled dining hall. The darkness got on her nerves. She switched on a single electric light, and looked round her hopelessly.

"Two or three more days, and I believe Billy would have pulled me through," she said dully. "I know he would. Now, it's all up. I'm done. And I can't get to Billy."

Aimee dropped into an armchair, buried her face in her hands, and began to cry. She cried like a child that has hurt itself.

A large figure stole into the room with a remarkably noiseless step. It was the Vicomte de Jussac. He started as he caught sight of the forlorn figure in the chair, and stared in surprise. The spectacle of a damsel in distress at once roused generous sentiments in the beau sabreur.

He crossed the room and seated himself on the arm of the chair.

"Away, dull care," murmured Bertrand. "Such eyes as those—I cannot see them but I am sure they are adorable—were never made for weeping. Tell me your sorrow, ma petite," he said gently; "it shall be swept away!"

"I'm in awful trouble!" sobbed Aimee.

"Alas! But let me help you. Here am I, a big, gross fellow, but very capable, sent by the gods to aid you. It is what I am for!"

Aimee dropped her hands and stared at him, startled.

"Are you Monsieur de Jussac?" she stammered.

"Infinitely at your service, mademoiselle."

Aimee's eyes searched his face. It was rather closer to hers than appeared necessary, but it was undoubtedly sympathetic.

"Tell me!" he murmured.

Aimee hesitated.

"Well, I will tell you. I've got to tell somebody, or I shall go mad!" said Aimee with a rush. "Anyway they'll know it tomorrow. I'm not the parlor maid. I'm Aimee Scroope—Lady Erythea's niece."

"Hein!" exclaimed the Vicomte. He rose to his feet, staring at her, and twisted his mustache—a habit in moments of bewilderment.

Aimee plunged into her tale breathlessly. She made it brief; it was also very jumbled. But the thread managed to unravel itself. Before she finished, Bertrand turned away. His shoulders quivered and shook, the back of his neck was crimson.

"You're laughing!" cried Aimee accusingly.

"But no!" gasped the Vicomte, choking. "It is grief. Grief and sympathy—for you—mademoiselle."

"You are laughing!" said Aimee stepping in front of him. "Go on then—laugh! If you can laugh at that, you're—you're all right! Billy says—" She checked herself, and suddenly began to laugh, too; a very rainbow of laughter and tears. "But what's to be done? It's the finish!"

Bertrand turned and caught her by the hands.

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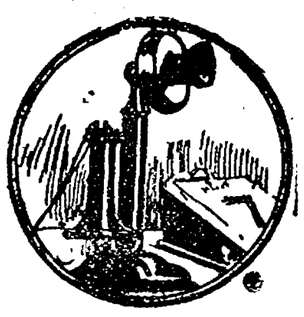

Phone the News to 115.

LOCALS

Mrs. Herman Schultz is enjoying a visit from her sisters, Mrs. Lee Johnson from New York, and Miss Slavata from Cedar Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Cummings drove here from Wibeaux, Montana last week. They are visiting at the T. S. Wallace home.

Mrs. W. H. White is spending a few days with her son, W. C. White, in Ft. Dodge.

Miss Ruth Klemme went to Mason City yesterday for a visit with her sister.

Miss Mary Forristal returned from Fort Dodge, yesterday, after a few weeks' visit with relatives and friends there.

Mrs. Thos. Whelan an d children were guests with relatives at Thornton, Tuesday.

Mrs. L. V. Sharpe and son, and Miss Veone Lobdell went to Mason City, Tuesday, to consult an oculist for Dale Sharp.

Lucretia Morse and Valda Robinson were shoppers at Mason City on Tuesday.

Joe Scott got back Tuesday evening from his trip to Kansas, where he has been the past two weeks visiting friends. He made the trip back—about 700 miles, in two days.

H. B. Bohman of Alexander was a caller in Belmond on Tuesday of this week.

Joe S. White was a business caller at Clarion on Tuesday.

Harry Webb came up from Woden last week to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Webb. He returned Friday.

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Alex McGregor of Des Moines has been here he past week building new fences and making other repairs on his farm.

Mrs. A. E. Martin and Mrs. Rosecrans drove to Garner last Friday to hear a lecture on the Court of Nations, by a prominent club woman from Hartford, Conn. They also attended a luncheon in honor of the speaker.

Joe Barry is the owner of a new Chevrolet coupe, purchased of the Belmond Motor Sales Co.

Mrs. Jergensen of Rowan had a minor operation at the hospital here Monday.

Peter Bohning has purchased a new Overland "Redbird" from the Nordschow Motor Co.

The Deep Rock Service Station has been completed and began doing business on Saturday. The station is a handsome affair, very nicely arranged, and adds much to that corner of the business section

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Three More Belmond Young People Wed

Two Young Men And One Girl Joined In Wedlock In Past Week In Other Towns.

OTHERS ARE IN PROSPECT

The following accounts of three weddings in which Belmond young people figured were taken from the Garner Leader and Webster City News. Rumors of these events have been floating around for some time, but the young folks stole a march on their friends, and are now enjoying the delights of their honeymoons. The Leader says—

Yesterday, June 20th, at Mason City, occurred the marriage of a couple of Goodell young ladies to young men who belong at Belmond. The parties to the contracts were Mardel Avery, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Avery, and Reynold Kinseth, a young business man of Belmond; Miss Marvel Chase, daughter of Mrs. F. R. Chase, and Gus H. Wenzel of Belmond. The two brides are cousins, and as each had found the young man whom they most desired, decided that they would take the important step of adopting the "Mrs." at the same time, and accordingly Mason City was selected as the place. The grooms are both Belmond young men, and while we have not the pleasure of intimate acquaintance with either of them, the report we have on them is flattering. She who was Miss Marvel Chase, finished her high school work at Goodell a year or so ago and since that time has been staying with her mother. She is a young lady much beloved and decidedly popular with both the young and the older people of her home town. It happens that we are more intimately acquainted with the now Mrs. Kinseth than with any other of those directly iterested in Wednesday's event. It has been our pleasure to know Mardel Avery for several years. Oftentimes she has visited at our home and we alway had the highest regard for her. Her jolly, jovial disposition, her cheery smile and unfailing wit are outstanding characteristics with her. In each instance, their at home cards read Belmond after July 15th or thereabouts. Following the ceremony, the bridal party left Ma-City for Minneapolis in the Kinseth' car. They will spend a few days there and then go on to Lake Bimidji, Minnesota for a few weeks camping trip. The Leader surely wishes these young people all possible happiness and prosperity. The Independent joins them in their happy life which will be spent together.

The News said—

Miss Ruth Shaw, of Belmond, and Mr. Emmett Robert Boggs, of Clarion, were united in marriage last night at 8:30 o'clock at the home of the bridegroom's grandmother, Mrs. Esther Harris, 514 Water street. Rev. Manson E. Miller, pastor of the Webster City Christian church officiating. Miss Ethel Boggs, sister of the bridegroom and Mr. Lewis Shaw, brother of the bride attended the young couple and the single ring cermony was witnessed by several relatives including the mother and sister of the bridegroom.

Mr. and Mrs. Boggs will reside in Clarion where he is a freight handler for the Chicago & Northwestern railroad.

TYRRELL MILLINERY IS SOLD

Mrs. Fred Wilkins has purhased the stock and fixtures of the Tyrrell Millinery store and took possession yesterday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins moved here from Goodell last spring, and are residing in the north part of town. The shop will be conducted by Mrs. Wilkins and her daughter.

SIX FOOT RYE

Or nearly so, lacking just one inch. Don't believe it? Its a fact just the same, and raised right here in Pleasant township. The young son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Henn has 18 acres of rye, and a bundle of it brought to town measures five feet eleven inches tall. That is certainly some rye. It was drilled in between the corn stalks last fall, and protected by them during the winter is now over the average man's head.

ERICK N. ERICKSON

Erick N. Erickson was born in Norway, Jan. 11, 1857, his parents being Nels and Bertha Erickson. He emmigrated to this country in the spring of 1874, with his parents, and settled in Kandall Co., Newark, Ill. On Feb. 15, 1883, he was united in marriage to Miss Anna J. Nelson of Newark. The union was blessed with five children, namely, Mrs. Cryder Wicks, Alvan, Joseph, Arthur and Alma Erickson. He leaves to mourn his death a wife, five children, an aged father, two sisters, three brothers, seven grandchildren and a host of relatives.

In the spring of 1891 he came to Wright co., Iowa, and resided here continuously until his death, which occured on June 22, 1923, at the age of 66 years, 5 months and 11 days.

The funeral was conducted Friday afternoon, June 26, from the house at 1 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Jensen. A large congregation of friends and neighbors gathered, evidence of their honor and esteem. A short service was conducted at the house, after which the procession moved to the St. Olaf church, where the final services were held by the pastor. Rev. H. C. Holm, a former pastor, and Rev. P. B. Trelstad of Kanawha, assisted. Mrs. C. O. Fitts and Miss Maud Newgard sang a duet; Miss Florence Simerson and Mrs. H. H. Stewart sang solos. The remains were laid to rest in the cemetery by the church of which Mr. Erickson had for so many years been an earnest and useful member.

BECOMING A PROBLEM

How and where to park cars is becoming a problem in most Iowa towns on busy nights, Greenfield, the county seat of Adair county, has a population about 1,700 and averages well with towns of its class. Conditions there are duplicated in about every town of similar size and location in Iowa. E. J. Sidney recently ran across a picture taken of the public square in that town when the hitching chains encircled the court house. Tied to the chain in close order was a variety of horses hitched to vehicles of assorted sizes, shapes an colors. Last Saturday night there were 523 automobiles in Greenfield by actual count. On the square alone there were 257 cars parked. The Saturday night traffic regulation is becoming a problem. Cars were parked three deep around the square and one man had to wait an hour bfore he could get his car to go home. At midnight there were seventy-one cars remaining awaiting their drivers. Conditions at Greenleld are duplicated every Saturday night in a couple hundred towns in Iowa. One man gives the following report of his experience in operating an automobile during its first year, in which he traveled 6,000 miles; Interest on $800 (purchase price,) $48; insurance, $75; tax, $13; garage rent, $120 depreciation, $300; gasoline, $84; oil, $10; one set of tires, $40; repair bill, $45; total $735. His garage bill is too high and his tire and repair bill too low, will be the verdict of the average auto owner.

TRINITY CHURCH NOTES

Thursday evening prayer meeting at the church at 8 o'clock.

Saturday morning at 10 the class meets at the church.

Sunday morning Sunday school at 10. Divine service in the English language at 11, and Norwegian service in the evening at 8.

ST. OLAF CHURCH NOTES

Sunday school next Sunday at the usual hour, 10.30. Good roads, beautiful weather should fill our church with pupils, parents and teachers. Let this service be a personal notice to each one, and you will be there if you comply with it.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The Ladies Missionary society will meet on Thursday afternoon. This is the time of the dollar social and election of officers. Let every member and friend be present.

Usual services next Sunday, both morning and night. A week from Sunday night we will begin our open air meetings at the country homes. The first meeting will be held at the W. D. Schlieffarth home. This is the time of year that tests our christian patriotism.

Monday Morning

Mrs. John Hammill To Speak Friday

Community Club Meeting On Friday To Be Addressed By Noted Speaker.

EVERYONE IS INVITED

The Community Welfare club meets at the library, Friday afternoon, June 29. A patriotic program will be given. An instrumental solo by Miss Marjory Williams, two patriotic readings by Miss Elizabeth Lienbach and a talk on peace problems by Mrs. John Hammill of Britt, wife of the Lieutenant governor of Iowa. The club is fortunate in getting Mrs. Hammill and everyone should plan to hear her.

Mrs. Ralph Christie is chairman of the serving committee.

EAGLE GROVE GETS FARM BUREAU PICNIC

At a meeting of the executive committee, Harry Poundstone, Mrs. Harry Woodley and Will Tillman, with representaives from the various towns of the county, which was held at the County Agent's office last Friday evening, June 22nd, it was decided that the county farm bureau picnic club exhibit which is scheduled for August 22nd should be held in Greenwood park at Eagle Grove this year.

Three towns of Wright county were represented at this meting by committees. Eagle Grove being rpresented by B. H. Moore, secretary of the Eagle Grove Business Men's association, Ed Davis and Mr. Hinkley; Clarion being represented by Dr. E. D. Tompkins, president, and George Richards secretary, and J. H. Ramsay of the Clarion Commercial club; and Rowan by president O. R. Myers, secretary G. E. Toyne and Frank Drury of the Wright and Franklin county Breeder's association. Representatives from each town met with the Farm Bureau committee separately and presented their propositions which they had to offer in the way of accommodations and equipment, other towns of the county sent written invitations to the farm bureau committee for entertaining the farmers at the farm bureau picnic in August.

After the place of holding the picnic was decided upon, the farm bureau committee met with the county agent and made plans and appointed sub-committees for organizing the picnic in order that plenty of time may be given in working out the details. The following were appointed as chairman of the various sub-committees to have full charge of the different departments in making final plans for this club picnic celebration,

Program comittee, County Agent Edwards.

Finance committee, Fred Soults, Lincoln township.

Athletic committee, J. E. Kirstein, Woolstock township.

Livestock committee, Guy E. Toyne, Blaine township.

Poultry committee, Lewis Wilson, Eagle Grove township.

Girls' exhibits, Mrs A. L. Middleton, Troy township.

Police committee, Harry Summers, Dayton township.

Ye Olde Tymme Dance On Friday Night

Belmond Auto Co. Will Stage Big Affair Friday Night In New Building.

EVERYTHING TO BE FREE

Ye Olde Tymme Dance will hold sway Friday evening of this week, and will doubtless be the chief attraction of the week. Ye Ode Tymme Dance will be held in the new building of the Belmond Auto Co., and the company is staging the dance as a treat to its friends and the public. Everybody is invited. Everything is free, no charge for anything. You are invited to come as the guests of the company, to dance any or all of the dances, and have a good time. The Jenison—Nolte four—piece orchestra will furnish the music for the affair, which is for old and young. Choose your partner and be there, for this is going to be one of the happiest occasions for a long time. Everything free and everybody invited.

NINE BLOCKS STORM SEWER

Workmen have been busy the past week digging the storm sewer recently authorized by the city council.

The sewer will consist of about nine blocks of tiling in some of the worst places, this being all that can be financed this year. Next year it is understood more will be put in. The tile were purchased of the Sheffield factory. This is a much needed improvement, and the city officials are to be congratulated upon the progressive move

NEXT PAPER ON FRIDAY.

The busiest day of the week for the Independent force being Wednesday "Press Day," and next Wednesday being the grand and glorious Fourth of July, the paper will be a day late, coming out on Friday of next week.

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION

Where you going the Fourth? That's the big idea now. With nothing doing in the old town, the seekers after excitement will have to go elsewhere. Dows is staging a big time, with numerous attractions. Goldfield will celebrate, and if they live up to their past records their celebration will be worth going to. It is probable that most Wright County people will attend one or both of these. Clear Lake will have usual mob and events. Forest City has a good program arranged, and Humboldt is co-operating with the Legion nd Farm Bureau for a big day and Swaledale celebrates, Last year they had a fine little affair. However, if you don't want the dirt and crowds and noise, Morse Lake is still here and the swimming is fine. A lot of folks are going to stay right here at home.

M C. MADSEN DIES

M. C. Madsen died at his home in Belmond about nine o'clock yesterday morning. Death was caused by cancer of the stomach. He had been failing for some time. At this writing funeral arrangements rave not been completed.

NOW THEY RUN WITHOUT A DRIVER

The remark that you can do anything with a Ford was made good at Hayfield Sunday night when the Geo. Cope car ran almost half a mile with out a driver. While returning from Bayside Sunday night Clarence Cope accompanied by Ted Flom were struck by the severe wind storm just west of the J. J. Lowe farm. The boys were afraid the car was going over and they jumped for the ditch leaving Lizzie to make her way alone; rather ungallant of them. Following the lines of least resistance the car turned south going with the wind over the ditch through the fence into the Guy Geddes oats field, then struck out in a southeasterly direction going through the east fence on the Geddes field across the road which is well graded through the east side fence into the Rhiem meadow into the pasture and across a partly filld tile ditch and finally deciding it had gone far enough, stopped right side up with care. Outside of a few scratches the car is unhurt and none the worse for having gone through four wire fences and about half a mile unattended.—Summit.

RECEIVES DEGREE

St. Olaf college, Northfield, Minn., confered the degree of Bachelor of Arts upon McKinley Munson of Belmond and formerly of Roland on June 11, when the largest class in the history of the institution, with 191 members, was graduated. Governor Nestos of North Dakota delivered the commencement address, and diplomas wre presented by President L. W. Boe. The class was the largest among Minnesota colleges.

Mr. Munson has taken part in many activities outside of the regular school curriculum. He was a member of the college gym team and of the class basketball team. The gym team has for consecutive years won the college championship of the Northwest. Mr. Munson also took part in the inter-society debates and played a role in the college presentation of a Shakespearean drama. He plans to teach next fall.

McKinley Munson is the son of Mr. ad Mrs. E. O. Munson of Belmond but formerly of Roland. He graduated from the local schools wth the class of 1919 and during his years in high school here was an active participant in school athletics and activities of all kinds. He was also honor student of his class. Mr. Munson will teach in the fall, but has a yet not secured a position.—Roland Record.

BELMOND YOUNG MAN GOES STEADILY FORWARD

Howard R. Wolle, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wolle of Belmond, has advanced another round on the ladder of success, and is now operating Manager of the Automatic Home Telephone Co., at Pontiac, Ill. This is a branch of the Chicago Corporation, and the advancement is a very important one as it carries with it a great deal of authority and responsibility. The general notice issued by the company to all employees read as follows,—

Mr. H. R. Wolle has been appointed operating Manager and as such will be directly in charge of all matters pertaining to the maintenance and traffic."

DAIRY COWS SELL FAST.

The thirty head of high grade dairy cows, Jerseys, Guernseys and Holstien, sold here last Saturday by two Illinois men, brought good prices and sold fast. They were exceptionally fine animals, and a heavy advertising campaign brought a large crowd of buyers and competition was keen. Two of the cows brought $136. apiece, while some of the calves sold for $50. An increasing interest is being shown among farmers in this community in better dairy stock, which indicates that the money-making cream is going to be considered more in the farm income.

SUCCESSFUL OPENING

The Belmond Deep Rock Oil Co., held their opening day last Saturday and besides entertaining a big attenance had a fine business. Favors in the way of cigars for men and carnations for the ladies were given away, and the company managed to give away a pile of both. The new station vastly improves that end of the business section.

"The Best Town In The United States"

Troops Are Much Pleased With Reception Given Them By Belmond Citizens.

WANT TO COME BACK, TOO

"The best darn town in the United States," the expression of one of the soldiers from the Third Infantry who were in Belmond from Saturday noon to Monday morning, was the universal opinion of every officer and private in the camp. So pleased are they with Belmond that they are going to try and come thru here on their way back in the fall.

The troops, the Second Batallion of the Third Infantry, comprising some 300 men and a dozen officers, reached here about 1:30 Saturday afternoon. Mayor Sullivan had secured quarters for them on the ground just south of the Dillon residence, across the M. & St. L. track, and within 20 minutes after they marched onto the ground camp was made. The men were given liberty, and all who did not have duties at camp were up town giving the town a good inspection. A subscription, taken up among the business men and citizens, furished 20 gallons of ice cream and seven gallons of crushed strawberries, which was presented to the soldiers with the compliments of Belmond at their evening meal, Saturday. To say it was enjoyed does not express it.

A ball game had been arranged between the soldiers and Belmond's representatives for Sunday afternoon, and this, together with a drill which had also been arranged for, was carried out. An immense crowd of people, probably the largest that has been in Belmond for several years, was at the grounds, many of them from long distances, and the field was so jammed with cars that parking room was at a premium. The drill, given just before the game, was an inspiring sight, and was exceedingly well carried out. Uncle Sam's regulars certaily know their business, and the crowd, to which a military drill was a novelty, were highly pleased. The pep and snappy action put into the drill was inspiring.

Following the drill came the big game, which turned out an easy affair for the troops. Belmond made error after error, and presented the troops with two runs at the beginning of the game. Chapman was off form, and had very poor support, with the result that from beginning to end the soldiers were never in danger. The game was for a hundred dollar guarantee, split 60-40, and the troops realized $60 for equipment, uniforms and the like. An admission of ten cents was charged to defray expenses.

After the game some 200 of the boys in khaki were taken to Morse Lake on trucks donated by business firms, and there they enjoyed a cool swim. The way they took to the water was worth any effort made to entertain them. Sunday evening, a large number of the boys were taken for auto rides. The Legion gave them access to the hall, Klemme's cement plant srowers were placed at their disposal, and everything possible done to make them welcome by local citizens.

The troops left about 5:30 Monday morning for Wall Lake, where they camped that night. They expected to reach Des Moines by Saturday noon. They start back from Des Moines about Sept. 15, and if Belmond is on their schedule coming back they should reach here around Sept. 21.

Mayor Sullivan received the following letter from G. S. McCullough captain of the Third Infantry:

"On behalf of the officers and soldiers of Company "F", Third U. S. Infantry, I wish to extend our thanks, thru you, to the citizens responsible for the refreshments and other entertainment furnished the members of this company on our march thru your city

We appreciated every bit that was done for us, and memories of such generous and open hospitality remain long in the hearts of soldiers. Wherever the members of Company "F" may happen to go in the future, they will always remember with pleasure their all-to-short stay in Belmond, Iowa."

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Editorials

A GOOD NAME

There is nothing a town can have that is better than a good name. To say that a town is a good town, is to give that town a name among strangers. And as strangers speak of a town does it count. It is not what we who live in Belmond may say of our city, but what is said by the stranger who has been within our gates and has passed on his way. And what may be said of our town is up to us; upon us depends in a large measure what the verdict shall be.

Without exception, the troops who were here last Saturday and Sunday were emphatic in their praise of Belmond They all want to come back. And that is because Belmond people made them welcome. And in their travels the name they give Belmond will be worth all that was done to make them welcome. The immense crowd here Sunday cannot help but carry away a good feeling toward the town. If we can lay aside the consideration of money for a time, we can place Belmond back again to the position she once occupied in the esteem of the state.

No town is ever successful when the inhabitants indulge to any extent in critizing and backbiting and fighting each other. Fighting is commendable if you expend your prowess against a foe who is endeavoring to destroy you, yours, or your country. Criticising is uplifting, when it is directed aganst the forces of evil.

Backbiting can be tolerated, if you confine yorself to bitting your own back. But the moment we begin to inject personalities into community affairs we begin to retard the growth of a progressive community spirit. And without aggressive progressiveness a community will be a community—but nothing more.—Franklin County Recorder.

When you think you are tired just make up your mind that you are not, and go back to work. You will accomplish more.

If you must be a pessimist put off being one until tomorrow. That will give you a long time for optimistic waiting.

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LOCALS

Brenner The Florist. Phone 134. Clarion, Iowa.

Order your buns for the Fourth of July by July 2.—Belmond Bakery.

Ralph Sharp of Clarion was a business caller in Belmond on last Saturday.

For Gasoline, Kerosene and Lubricating oil, call phone 39½.—Belmond Deep Rock oil Co. 32tfc

If it is a good used car that you want, we have it.—Belmond Motor Sales Co.

Two of the Soldiers here Saturday and Sunday left their names and addresses with the request that if convenient they would be glad to receive letters. They were Pvt. W. S. Snyder, and John J. Kopusick, their address is both Co. H, 3rd Inf., Ft. Snelling, Minn.

Miss Gertrude Ely gave a recital at the library last Friday evening. Her pupils gave a very remarkable and entertaining program. Relatives of the students were enthusiastic, in their praise of the ability shown.

Grading is being done on the Morse Lake road in Belmond township and it is understood this road will be graveled this summer or fall.

See the Bock Lumber Co., for low prices on barb wire and genuine American Field Fence. 24tfc

The Methodist Aid society will hold an ice cream social and cake sale on the grounds just west of the case hotel, Saturday evening. Everyone invited.

Estray Notice—Broke into my enclosure in Section 24, Belmond township, Wright county, Iowa, one Red and White Heifer, aged about one year. Owner is requested to prove property, pay charges, and take anima away. Dated June 15, 1923.—Geo. P. Hardwick. 313*

In order to cose the estate, I offer for sale the Mrs. Nellie Lein house and lot located north of the Great Western R R. tracks in Belmond, Iowa. Paries interested submit bids to me at Kanawha, Iowa.
OLE T. RIKANSRUD,
Executor. 314c.

BELMOND TRAIN SCHEDULES

(Corrected to date.)

ROCK ISLAND
Going North

Passenger, daily	8:15 a. m.
Freight, daily	11:46 a m.
Combination, daily	2:15 p. m.

Going South

Passenger, daily	6:28 p. m.
Freight, daily	1:10 p. m.
Combination, daily	11:46 a. m.

M.& ST. L.
Going West.

Combination, daily	8:30 a. m

Going East

Combination, daily	3:35 p. m.

GREAT WESTERN
Going North

Motor, daily	10:03 a. m.
No. 16, pass., D & S	1:30 p. m.
No. 12, pass., D & S	1:26 a. m.
Local Freight	7:55 a. m.

Going South

No. 11, pass., D & S	1:24 a. m.
No. 15, pass., D & S	3:40 p. m.
Motor	5:19 p. m.
Local Freight	3:20 p. m.

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Here and There

Mrs. Sullivan came down from Belmond the latter part of last week and visited at the H. F. Graepler home. She returned Saturday at her home.—Reporter.

Miss Maurine Mulnix motored to Belmond, Sunday, and spent the day with friends. She went from here to Rochester.—Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Baldridge and family and little Miss Audrey Deibler were visiting relatives and friends at Belmond last Thursday.—Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Carlston and daughter, Miss Margaret, of Belmond were here last Wednesday evening. Mr. Carlston assisted at the clothing store and Mr. Carlston and daughter spent the evening with relatives and friends.—Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Eggers returned Monday morning from a Sunday visit with relatives and friends at Belmond.—Reporter.

The Garner Progressive Club responded to an invitation from the Progress Club of Belmond to attend a meeting in that City Tuesday afternoon, and a picnic in the evening. At the afternoon meeting, a report of the bi-ennial convention of the state federation which was held in Waterloo, was read.—Ieader

Mrs. Reese and daughters, Miss Winifred and Mrs. Spears and baby of Waterloo were guests at the Geo. Baldridge home the latter part of last week. They went from here to Belmond to visit and from there Mrs. Reese and Winifred will go to their home at Rochester and Mrs. Spears and baby will return to their home.—Reporter.

D. Grace Wilson arrived Monday evening from De Soto, Wis., where she has been helping in the Argus office the past several moths. She visited a short time with friends in Meservey, Monday afternoon, being the editor of the Register at that place at the time the plant was sold to the Belmond Independent nearly two years ago. Miss Wilson will be remembered by many Dows people who will be pleased to know that she is again employed here on the Advocate force.—Advocate.

(Klemme Times)

Joe Stearnes was a Belmond visitor Sunday. Miss Mable returned home with him.

Lu Verne Smith and Ernest Helps drove to Belmond on matters pertaining to business last Friday afternoon.

Mr. James Brooks of Belmond, accompanied by Harry and Arthur Devareaux, of Wisconsin, were visiting Klemme relatives Monday.

Miss Mable Stearnes went to Belmond Saturday for an over Sunday visit with a cousin, whose home is in Chicago and who is visiting at Belmond.

Mrs. Tom Greenwood and children of Belmond visited at the Joe Stearnes home from Thursday until Saturday of the past week.

Mrs. Hake and daughter, Maurine, and Mrs. M. O. Barr, visited at Belmond Friday.

Attorney Jensen, of Belmond, was a professional caller in our city on Monday.

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GOODYEAR

Road Music

"Mamma," begged Betty, "do sing that automobile song again, please."

"Automobile song?" her mother esked. "I don't know any automobile song."

"Oh, yes, you do," the child responded, positively, "we sing it at Sunday school. You know it—that one about going home on high."—Road Economics.

As a cheap vacation, we suggest putting on a bathing suit and being photographed at home.

When a couple of lying golfers meet the recording angel has to start writing shorthand.

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Tell me not in mournful numbers that the country's on the "bum;" rouse up from your peaceful slumbers, get out, buy, and make things hum.

The past is gone; you can't call one moment back; so let's go to work and make things hit on high. Get out your wallet and let's go.

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Are You Free?

Can you do as you please, go as you please, have what you want? Is it not simply a question of "Can I afford it?" If you have acquired the habit of spending less than you earn, of saving a part, no matter how small, you are and will be free, the equal of the next fellow. It is up to you now. We will help you to start a savings account that will make you the equal of any man, free you from worry and want, and place a rosy hue over the future.

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FARM BUREAU NOTES

Junior Judges Meeting Often

Members of the Junior Livestock Judging team and the county agent met at the G. J. Miller home, two and one-half miles southwest of Clarion, last Tuesday afternoon where the boys were given a work-out on the herd of Spotted Poland China hogs. The fore part of the meeting was spent in studying the score card which is used in judging hogs and the balance of the time was spent in working over two classes of Poland China sows.

The boys met with the county agent at the Harry Woodley farm, four miles east of Clarion, last Thursday evening where they were given a work-out on the sheep and dairy cows. The time was spent in explaining the score card and in working over several classes in these different kinds of livestock.

The boys seem to be taking great interest in the judging work and are all determined to see that the silver loving cup or trophy is kept in Wright county this yar. Those who are still interested in joining the Junior Livestock Judging club should get in touch with the county agent and arrange to be at the next meeting. Boys who are taking active part in the judging work are as follows, Lynn Thompson, Will Paul Fred Moellering, Arno Myers, Leo Woodley, Duane Bingham, Laurel Hill, Melvin Buck, Milan Buck and Everett Woodley.

Woolstock Farmers Enjoy Picnic

The Woolstock Township Farm Bureau picnic which was held at Head Grove last Wednesday, June 20th, and which was attended by from three to four hundred farmers of that community laid aside their work for the afternoon and took part in this lively community picnic.

Blaine Picnic Big Success

The township farm bureau picnic which was held at the Dows Community Park last Thursday, June 21st, proved to be a big success from the standpoint of community social life and general interest which was shown in the program. Meeker's orchestra which is so widely known over Wright county, furnished the music for this occasion and everyone was pleased with the life which the music frunished for the occasion.

Poultry Members to Hear Specialist

Professor L. E. Heifner of the poultry department of the extension service at Ames, will be in Wright county next Thusday to meet with the boys and girls who are members of the Wright County Poultry club. The meeting will be held in the county agent's office Thursday afternoon, at 2;30.

Each member of the poultry club is being urged to attend this meeting and get the suggestions direct from Mr. Hiefner who is admitted to be authority on poultry club work.

It has been thought that since there are about ninety members of the poultry club in Wright County, it would be best to hold a county wide meeting at the county agent's office and in this way give every member an opportunity to hear what Professor Hiefner has to say. Every member of the poultry club in Wright county should make a special effort to hear Mr. Hiefner's talk.

Baby Beeves to be Inspected

John A. Day, representative of the Iowa Beef Producers' association with headquarters at Ames, will be in Wright county next Friday to accompany the county agent on a trip to visit all members of the Baby Beef club.

The object of Mr. Day's visit in the county will be to check up on the condition of the calves and to give suggestions to the boys and girls for the proper caring and feeding for the baby beeves.

Plans are being made for the committee in charge of the livestock exhibit of the county picnic and sate fair to give every boy and girl opportunity to show their calves at the state fair. If plans are carried out, a car load of calves will be made up and exhibited at the state fair this year.

COW TESTING IS IMPORTANT

Record Showing High Production of Animal Greatly Increases Price of Bull Calf.

A farmer sold a male calf for $35. Later its dam was tested for advanced registry. When the yearly record was completed it was found that the cow produced over 22,000 pounds of milk and 681 pounds of butter. Her next bull calf was sold for $300. This indicates in a concrete way something of the value of testing dairy cows.

THE FARMER'S WIFE

Cording for dress Trimming—

This is a form of trimming for putting designs on silk dresses with rope silk or slip stitching it on; for making belt or sash by braiding three cords and using tassel or ball to finish the ends; to make loop buttonholes.

A—Cut bias strip desired length and as wide as type of your material requires for padding. Try a small piece following the directions before cutting a quantity of bias. B—Fold bias through center. C—Stitch from the fold the desired size of the casing of your cord. This stitching produces a tuck. The material part of this tuck is to be used for the padding of the cord. D—Use a safety pin which is small enough to pass through the casing. Secure it at one end of the casing wrong side out. This draws the material through the tuck turning it inside out and acting as padding. If the tuck is too nuarrow to use a sefety pin as bobin catch one end with a stout threaq and run the threaded needle blunt end forward through the tuck. Pull on the end of the thread and the tuck will turn inside out.

Cleaning Reed Furniture—

Keeping reed or wicker furniture clean is a problem in itself. Before freshening the pieces with paint or varnish, they should be cleaned with this solution; Into one gallon of warm water have three ounces of pure castile soap, add one ounce of any bland oil, such as corn, olive or cotton-seed. When the soap is dissolveed, apply to furniture with stiff brush and pour the rest of solution in jars for future use. After cleaning, a small amount of furniture polish may be rubbed over the surface to remove the oily film of the cleaning solution.

Did you know that tacking a thin piece of silk in the heels of your silk hose add t· their wearing quali'i·?

RICHES IN GYPSUM

When Iowa was being settled back in the "seventies" land seekers avoided the rough prairie and timber land southeast of Ft. Dodge. A deposit known in after years as gypsum from which the famous Cardiff Giant was carved was either unknown or regarded as of no value. Plaster from such a formation was never dreamed of. Lime and sand with cow or horse hair mixed with it to give adhesiveness, were the component parts of the only plastering material known. The conversion of gypsum into the large scale it holds now added immense value to lands underlaid with this deposit. Recently the U. S. Gypsum Co., operating a large plaster mill southeast of Fort Dodge purchased what is known as the Welles tract from George Ringland, trustee, for $401,570, or $1000 per acre. This addition to its holdings will give the United States Gypsum Co., material to last it for many years. There are other rich gypsum deposits in the vicinity and the gypsum industry has added untold wealth to Webster conty, and contributed much to the substantial growth of Fort Dodge, one of the most promising cities in Iowa.—Leader.

Foolish Question.

"I suppose you were touched when your wife gave you that $100 watch on your birthday?" "Of course I was touched. How do you think she got the hundred?"—Boston Transcript.

How to Do It.

"I wish I could earn a large fortune."

"You've got the wrong idea, my boy.
Fortunes are'nt earned; they're saved."

Always be too busy to pity yourself, but never too busy to sympathize with others.

Willard STORAGE BATTERY
TRADE MARK REGISTERED
SERVICE
Belmond Storage Battery Co.

HOW DO YOU TACKLE YOUR WORK?

How do you tackle your work each day?
Are you scared of the job you find?
Do you grapple the task that comes your way
With a confident, easy mind?
Do you stand right up to the work ahead,
Or fearfully pause to view it?
Do you start to toil with a sense of dread,
Or feel that you're going to do it?

You can do as much as you think you can,
But you'll never accomplish more;
If you're afraid of yourself, young man,
There's little for you in store.
For failure comes from the inside first,
It's there, if we only knew it,
And you can win, though you face the worst,
If you feel that you're going to do it.

Success! It's found in the soul of you,
And not in the realm of luck!
The world will furnish the work to do,
But you must provide the pluck.
You can do whatever you think you can,
It's all in the way you view it,
It's all in the start you make, young man;
You must feel that you are going to do it.

How do you tackle your work each day?
With confidence clear, or dread?
What to yourself do you stop and say,
When a new task lies ahead?
What is the thought that is in your mind?
Is fear ever running through it?
If so, just tackle the next you find
By thinking you're going to do it.

By Edgar A. Guest.

The Fable of Tut.

Three thousand years ago lived an Egyptian king named Tut-Ankh-Amen. It sounded like a stutter and the gang at the Luxor Golf club called him "Tut."

When Tut reached the Cake Eater age and got his hair plastered back right—he died. Dying was one of the leading Egyptian indoor sports and Tut's death was a major event. They slipped him into a swell tomb in the Valley of the Kings.

Three thousand years later a party of snoipers dug up Tut's tomb and all the junk buried with him. The advertising men took charge of Tut and in a few weeks have given him a rep which makes Charlie Chaplin's and Doug's and M. Day by Day Coue's look like last year's almanac is comparison.

Dead for 3,000 years! Lost! Forgotten. Then, Bang! Advertised—and the whole world hollers for more news of Tut.

If advertising can thus put life into a dead one—what cant be done for a live one?

For a live business—for your business?

They could have dug up a hundred Tuts in the desert and if they had kept the good news to themselves only a few would have known of it.

You can have the best merchandise in the world, but if the world don't get hep to it—the business will sleep along peacefully.

Remember Tut!

Marathon Republic.

If you want to change your wife's opinion just find out quietly what she thinks and then spring it as your own idea.

Glory comes to the man who doesn't allow it to slip by.

Willard STORAGE BATTERY
TRADE MARK REGISTERED
SERVICE
Belmond Storage Battery Co.

United States Tires are Good Tires -and "USCO" confirms it!

YOUR enthusiasm over "USCO" performance won't surprise the motorist who knows the fabric tire field.

Every 30 x 3½ tire user recognizes "USCO" as a value to be respected and to be investigated.

The users of "USCO," know it as a money's worth that came before the public as a *leader* and that has *maintained its leadership.*

"USCO" is made by the same people who make Royal Cords.

Where to buy U.S. Tires

Jones Harness Company
Belmond, Iowa

Griesy's Store News

Vol. 2 BELMOND, IOWA, JUNE 28, 1923. No. 14.

RELIABLE MACHINES

McCormick and Deering binders are reliable machines. Your father and probably your grandfather depended on McCormick and Deering binders to harvest their crop. Each year more and more McCormick and Deering binders are being used, showing that your forefathers' faith was well placed. In lightness of draft, ease of operation and accuracy in getting all the grain under varying conditions, these binders have made good under the most severe tests of time. We have binders set up for your inspection. Come in and look over the latest improvements and talk with us about your harvesting problems. We are here to help you.

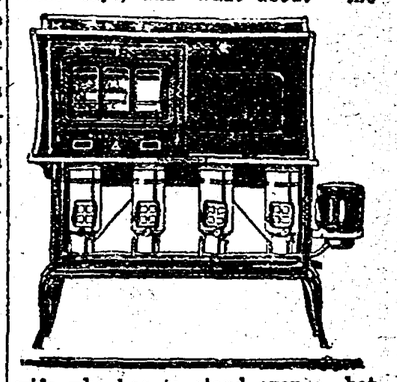
A Warm Weather Helper.

It won't be long until real warm weather will be with us again. Then's when you will appreciate a helper—One that will do many of the odd jobs around the farm at a minimum of expense. Such a helper is the International kerosene engine. The International helps the whole family and knows no limit to its day when you have work to do. It will pump your water, saw the wood, wash the clothes, separate the milk, grind the feed, shell the corn, churn the butter, and do many other odd jobs about the place if given an opportunity—all at a cost of less than three cents an hour—and we'll say that's going some. Come in and look over the International hard-working kerosene engine.

Three more Primrose Cream separators sold last week. Geo. C. Johnson, John Wirtz and I. N. Soma are the new owners. Ask them.

ARE YOU HOT?

We will bet you are in the fields these days, and—what about the



wife who has to stand over a hot range all day? Hadn't you better buy her that New Perfection Oil Range that you promised her? We have all sizes in stock.

AND REMEMBER— Our prices are from 10 to 21 per cent below the market on all farm macaines as long as we have a machine left purchased under old contracts.

FRIEND C. BRAS, O. D.
Optometrist
Eyes Examined and Glasses Fitted
Schultz Jewelry Store
Belmond, Iowa
MONDAY, JULY 2

Ye Old Tymme Dance

FREE! FREE!

Ye Public is invited to attend Ye Old Tymme Dance on

Friday, June 29th

In the new building of the

Belmond Auto Company

The Jenison-Nolte 4-piece Orchestra
will furnish the music. All the old time dances. "Allemand Left" and Do-Se-Do" will be there—and everything is FREE!

NO CHARGE FOR ANYTHING!

It's just for a good time. Old and young, from Eight to Eighty, are invited to come; join in, and have a good time, as guests of the

Belmond Auto Company

"CHOOSE YOUR PARTNER"

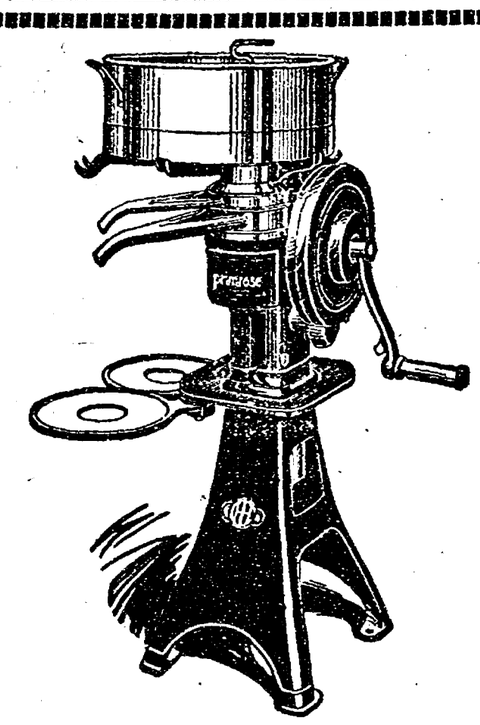
MESERVEY SECTION

For Sale—My property in the north part of town. See Mrs. P. Schove, Meservey, Iowa. 29tfc

Christ Groen of Belmond was in town a short time last Friday, greeting old friends.

Mrs. Simon Fischer and daughter Gladys accompanied the former's niece to her home in Mason City on Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hieko Kuhlers and daughter, Mrs. H. Wendel were Mason City callers last Friday.



Better be safe than be sorry. Buy the Primrose, the universal Separator, and wear a CONTENTED SMILE

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Meservey, Iowa

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Chevrolet!

You Can See the Difference

ASK THE FIRST 10

Owners of Chevrolets you see, what they think of the car they own---

Then Use Your Own Judgment

For Sale By

Meservey Garage

Phone 44 G. E. Raecker, Prop.

The "Place" To Live

The only "place" to live happily is inside your income.

Not until you have lived for a time outside your income do you fully realize this truth.

Make it a practice to save ten per cent of your income. You will then "live within your income"--and live happily.

Start today.

A BANK OF SERVICE AND SAFETY

FARMERS SAVINGS BANK

MESERVEY, IOWA

Brenner The Florist. Phone 134. Clarion, Iowa.

Those who attended the C. E. and S. S. Convention held at Mason City last Friday Saturday and Sunday were, Rev. Schlesselman and children Orvis and Doroth, Agnes Fischer and Eva Sprau.

Why Not Have A Boiled Dinner?

It will make a very pleasing change as well as prove economical.

We also have the best quality hams and bacon, and remember we carry a complete assortment of cheese and sausages. We always have good butter on hand.

City Meat Market

Waage & Ruiter, Props.

Phone 27 Meservey, Iowa

Meservey Barber Shop

H. F. REIF, Prop.

Laundry Dry Cleaning

MICKIE SAYS—

Fred Schluter and family were callers at the County Seat last Wednesday.

Undertaking & Funeral Director

F. D. FULTON

Licensed Embalmer

Calls Answered Day or Night

HARM J. GROEN, Mgr.

Phone--Residence 17: Office 20

Meservey, Iowa

Our Motto--"Quality First"

We are showing this week a few new patterns in "King Tut" Voile which will make very desirable frocks for the coming summer months.

Now---

is the time to be wearing nice cool Underwear. We have it in MUNSINGWEAR.

Overalls and Work Shirts

are going fast and if you want them at the old price, come soon.

Groceries always fresh and prices right.

Hulsebus-Muller Company

A. E. Muller, Proprietor

Meservey, Iowa

Quality Building Material

ALL KINDS

Drain Tile Hard and Soft Coal

Building Blocks and Floor Blocks

Lime and Cement Steel and Cedar Posts

Steel Braces Woven Wire

Galvanized and Painted Gates---priced right

Roof Windows for your hog house--let the sun shine in.

Screen Doors and Window Screens

Porch Screens made to order---keep the flies out.

Iowa Automatic Hog Door--the only door for your hog house

WE ARE AT YOUR SERVICE AT ALL TIMES

H. J. Klemme Lumber Company

HARM J. GROEN, Mgr.

Office Phone 20 Residence Phone 17

Mr. and Mrs. B. Boelman, Mr. and Mrs. R. Boelman and Mrs. Echoft motored to Aplington last Thursday spending the day here visiting with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Kolb visited at the Fred Enabit and Geo. J. Fischer homes in Mason City on last week Wednesday.

Grandpa Myers is again able to be out after his recent illness, and we are pleased to see him and hear his cheerful expressions every day.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Raecker were Mason City callers last Thursday.

E. A. and Ott Strasburg returned last Friday evening from their fishing trip to lake Mille Lac, Minn. They report a splendid trip, and good luck fishing altho' the time taken for the trip was hardly long enough, the distance being about 300 miles.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wendell were Mason City calers last Thursday.

Joe White and family, and Lucile Legge of Belmond and Claire White of Ft. Dodge were calling in town a short time last Friday evening.

Mrs. Geo. Watermiller of near Goodell spent a few days last week at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. Gerdes. Her mother is still quite ill since her recent stroke of paralysis.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Gruis are visiting relatives and friends in Pella, making the trip in their car. They were accompanied by their daughter Mrs. John Mennenga and her daughter Edna Mae.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness during the sickness and death of our beloved husband and father, and for the beautiful floral offerings and spiritual bouquets.

Mrs. Lee Lewis and children.

Mrs. Mienderts visited several days last week at the Bert Lauen home in Belmond. Her niece Marie Lauen accompanied her home for a few days visit.

Mrs. Burma and Mrs. L. Pals, visited about a week with relatives at Kamrar. Mrs. Burma returned to her home in Little Rock and Mrs. Pals returned here Saturday.

Mrs. Wm. Quandt returned home from a four or five weeks stay with her parents at Waukomis, Okla., on Saturday. She reports her mother in a very critical condition with no hopes for her recovery.

Billy Jones arrived last Saturday to spend a few days with his family.

Mrs. Wm. Brower and two youngest children of Sheffield were callers at the Muller home last Sunday p. m.

Those who attended the C. E. and S. S. convention at Mason City from here last Sunday were G. Lauster and family, L. Foss and wife, Irene Guth, Rev. Schlesselman and family, Fred Menzel, C. F. W. Paul and family, H. Fischer and family. They report a good meeting.

Miss Van Deest and nephew Hannes Van Deest, who recently immigrated to this country from Germany and a brother of the latter from Aplington, also Carl Niehaus of Sheffield, were callers at the S. Hulsebus home last Sunday.

Fred Schluter and wife were Mason city callers Monday.

A. J. Nissen and family, Bonita and Neva Muller were Sunday visitors at the Chas. Gealow home near Belmond.

G. E. Raecker, H. Fischer, Sr., and Franklin and Lyle were Mason City callers last Monday, getting car repairs.

Miss Mildred Gealow spent Sunday with her parents at Belmond, returning in the evening with A. J. Nissens.

Dr. Kruso and wife, who arrived here last Friday from Germany, are with the Harm J. Pals family, who are related to them. The doctor we understand, has accepted a place in the Park hospital at Mason City.

Oliver Yelland and family from Sheffield were visitors at the C. J. Wendell home Sunday p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Reif were Motor passengers to Mason City last Tuesday.

Children's Day will be observed at the Evang. church next Sunday, both morning and evening. All are cordially invited. An offering will be taken for missions.

Miss Margaret Mansholt of Soo Falls, S. D., is here visiting at the Mrs. H. Meinderts home.

H. Proost and Simon Fischer were business callers at Belmond on last Tuesday foenoon.

The Misses Grace and Anna Pals, Jennie Meinderts, Peter Ver Duin and Clarence Pals spent Saturday and Sunday wih relatives and some friends at Ackley, Aplington and Austinville. On their way home they stopped at the home of Miss Humke, one of the teachers here last year.

A. J. Nissen and family, and Neva Muller were callers on friends in Klemme last Monday evening.

Heiko Kuhler and family Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wendell and Mr. and Mrs. Verne Enabnit of Clear Lake spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Kuhler's sister, Mrs. Jahn Schroeder at Britt.

Mrs. Bert Lauen and daughter, Janet, of Belmond visited here at the home of her mother on Thursday of last week.

It is reported that one of our well known business men was caught out in the storm Saturday night; that he became so frightened that he looked for a storm cave. That he aroused a farmer from his slumbers and failed to notice the large glass door so walked right into the house without opening it. Results, a broken glass but no other damages, except shattered nerves. (This is a story so we will not vouch for the truth.)

For your 4th of July picnic supplies, Ice Cream. Three gallons and up. Leave your orders early. See H. B. Fry. 1tc

For Sale—A 6 ft. McCormick Binder, in first class shape. Guaranteed. $40.—Joe Smith, Meservey, Iowa. 32tfc

BOYS AND GIRLS TO HAVE BIG PART IN FAIR

Iowa is making preparations to stage the largest farm boys' and girls' Exposition ever held by any state in the Union.

It is to be put on at the coming Iowa State Fair, Aug. 22-31, according to preliminary announcement of plans given at Des Moines by county agents, state club workers and fair officials.

The prize list for the boys and girls competitions will reach the grand total of over $10,000. Entries already scheduled comprise exhibits to be made by more than 1000 junior farmers from every county in the state.

There will be over 500 head of baby beeves alone, representing the most select of more than 1,700 calves now on feed, owned and bred by the boys and girls of the state. Entries are being made in similar proportions in the swine, sheep and poultry departments of the State Fair where equally large prizes are offered.

In addition to exhibiting the livestock and grain which they have raised on their fathers' farms, these junior farmers will give daily demonstrations of all kinds throughout the period of the fair. They will show how to cull poultry, how to milk cows, how to make dresses, cook and can--and a multitude of other things that enter into better farming and better farm home making.

The contests are limited strictly to Iowa boys and girls. Entry blanks can be obtained by writing to the Secretary of the State fair.

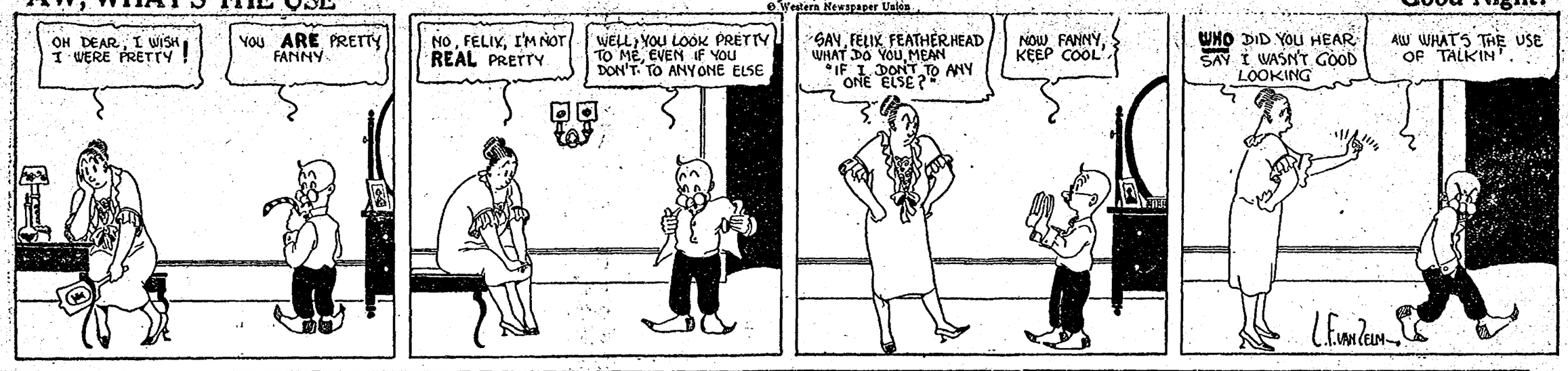
"Will you tell your sister the young millionaire she met at the beach is here?"

"She knows it. She says a patient waiter is no loser, and she saw you waiting on a table today."

Tess—There are microbes in kisses.

Tom—Can you blame 'em?

Independent Wants Ads are little but they bring Big Returns. Try one for what you have to sell or rent.



ROWAN NEWS

Brenner The Florist. Phone 134. Clarion, Iowa.

Charles Emerson and family drove to St. Paul Minn. Mrs. Emerson expects to remain for some time, visiting her parents and other relatives at St. Paul and other points in Minnesota.

R. H. Keith and Chas. were at Eagle Grove and Ft. Dodge on business last Tuesday.

Byron Riley was quite seriously injured last Wednesday while at work on the section, the spike which he was driving slipped and cut an ugly gash in his leg. It was found ntcessary to take an x-ray picture.

Mr. and Mrs. Morse Sullivan of Ft. Dodge called on Rowan relatives Sunday. They were enroute to Bruce Wis. to visit at he Chester Conn and Tim Weld homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bohnett attended the Farm Bureau meeting at Lincoln Friday evening. Mrs. Bohnett had a part on the programme.

Mrs. G. R. Sheldon, Misses Bernice Hanson, Anna and Nina Rietz, Arno Myers and Kenneth Keith attended the Stardard Bearers Convention at Emmetsburg last Tuesday.

Andrew Sorenson and family from Duncan spent the week end with relatives here.

The Chas. Bowers family were visiting at Iowa Falls over Sunday.

Miss Alice Davis of Clarion is a guest this week at the V. E. Munson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Villin of Marble Rock Iowa were guests at the H. P. Ketchum home last week.

G. S. Liming was called to Maroa, Ill. last Friday on account of the serious illness of his mother.

Miss Bonnie Thomas returned last Tuesday from an extended visit with relatives at Williams.

Violet Patton underwent an operation for the removal of tonsils and adenoids at the Steele Hospital in Belmond last Tuesday.

Mrs. Daniel Whitten Sr. and Laurel spent part of last week at the J. E. Baines home near Dows.

Ralph Whitten went to Mingo Ia. last Tuesday, while there he acceptd a position in the schools of that place.

Mrs. W. W. Bailey Sr. was qutte ill the first of the week. Dr. George was called Monday morning.

Misses Garnette Stumph and Lorine Lining were Clarion visitors Monday.

Harm Brinkman and family, Chris Klemensen and family of Latimer H. J. Whitten and family, D. W. Whitten and famly, G. W. Whitten and family and Mrs. Daniel Whitten Sr. and family and Vessie Ramsay all enjoyed a picnic dinner last Sunday at the Milt Ramsey home.

George Ballou has begun excavating a cellar on his property in town preparatory to the erection of a new house.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Ballou have returned from their trip to Spirit Lake Okoboji, and Clear Lake.

John Dix, who has been attending to repair work on his farm near town returned to his home in Hampton the latttr part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Baines and little son from Dows visited at the Mary Braden home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Harris drove to Belmond last Friday, called there by the illness of Mrs. Harris' son, Ted Townsan, who was operated on for appendicitis.

Miss Hazel Frakes who has been visiting at the Gordon Sharp home, returned to her home at Webster City, Sunday.

Friends here received word of the birth of a new baby girl at the Floyd Pollard home in Twin Fals Idaho. Mrs. Pollard was formerly Dorothy Pritchett of Rowan.

Mrs. H. J. Whitten, Mrs. G. W. Whitten and Gladys, and Mrs. Floyd Whitten were Hampton callers last Saturday.

Nels Kjar has been on the sick list the past week,

Blanche Cleveland, who has been spending several days with her friend Miss Gladys Whitten, returned to her hime at Goldfield, Thursday.

G. W. Whitten and family were Clarion callers, Thursday afternoon.

Harry Barker, called at the G. W. Whitten home Friday. He is a cousin of Mrs. Whitten's.

Mr. and Mrs. Gail Cundall of Galt attended the anniversary party at Rev. Halbert's, Friday evening.

Florence Sanders of Galt has been visiting at the O. E. Ballou home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rietz went to Webster City Monday, where Mrs. Rietz was to undergo a minor operation.

Several auto loads went from here to Clear Lake, Tuesday to spend the day.

The ladies of the M. E. church spent several days last week at the parsonage arranging the house ior the new minister and family.

The ladies of the Methodist Home Missionary Society are having their annual picnic, Thursday afternoon of this week. The children are having their mite box opening at this time; come and bring your basket.

OBITUARY

Horace A. Chipman passed away June 1st. at the home of his son Harry at St. Paul, Minn. Had he lived until June 10th he would reached the ripe age 81 years. He was one of the veterans of the civil war, and also belonged to the Masonic lodge. For several years he was a resident of Rowan. The remains were buried in the mausoleum at Spring Vallely, Minn, where his people are buried. He leaves to mourn his loss, his eldest daughter, Mrs. Fred Weber of Rowan. Herbert of Manson Iowa, Harry, St. Paul, Clifford of Rowan Claude of Ft. Dodge, and Mrs. Mabel Reed of Cedar Rapids.

OBITUARY

James Andrew Dayton was born in Spafford, Ovandago county New York, Feburary 14 ,1833, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. D. A. French on June 19, 1923, at the age of 90 years, 4 months and five days. When 11 years of age he moved with his parents to Wisconsin and at the age of 17 moved to Whiteside county Illinois. On August 7, 1853 he was married to Abigail Bruce of Unionville, Ill. This wife, the mother of his chilren passed away at their home in Dysart, Iowa on October 31, 1888.

In later years he married Mrs. Mattie Hamilton of Clintonville Wis. Because of the infirmities of their age they were no longer able to keep house and Mrs. Dayton lives with a stepdaughter, while Mr. Dayton has spent most of the past four years at the French home. Mr. Dayton has been a business man, the most of his life having run a grocery store in Cedar Rapids for many years, where he was very much respected. Besides his wife he leaves four sons and three daughters. Funeral services were held at the D. A. French home, Thursday, June 21, at 10 A. M. conducted by the Rev. C. T. Halbert. Miss La Vanne Ballou and D. W. Whiten sang "There'ill Be No Dark river." The body was taken to Dysart where a son from Estherville and a daughter from Cedar Rapids met them for the burial rite.

Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Halbert declare their people master artists when it comes to planning and carrying out a surprise on Friday evening, June 22nd. The O. E. Ballou family invited them to go for a ride. After a delightful drive of an hour and darkness was drawing on they returned to the parsonage to find the lawn and house filled with friends. Upon entering they were showered with roses, as they had been showered twenty-five years ago when leaving on their honeymoon. On passing into the dining room they beheld upon the table a mammoth wedding cake, banked with roses. This cake a typical Scotch (fruit) wedding cake was a product of Miss Elsie Keith a native of Scotland—very appropriate, as Mrs. Halbert' mother birthplace was near by that of Mis Keith's. The cake was built in three tiers, the total height being about 18 inches and the weight of the cake was twenty-five pounds. The elaborate icing made it a thing of beauty.

After the company, numbering 80 had assembled on the lawn, Mr. and Mrs. Halbert were asked to occupy seats of honor, and Mrs. Frank Kercheval in her inimitable way presented the words written by Miss Elsie Keith.—

'Twas in the year of ninety eight, the rosy month of June, Our pastor and his cherry mate, spent their sweet honeymoon. They've had their ups and downs, But they've no olive branch to show, to mark to count the milestones as they come and go But godd luck brought them to our town, and we could scarcely let their anniversary's sun go down, before we all had met to wish them many more years of wedded bliss our utmost thoughts we can't convey so now we hand them this—(a gift of silver). Let this small token keep us in your memories fresh and green and think of us as kindly as we are (not might have been) There are many here amongst us who will live to bless the day that brought you here to labor In this vineyard by the way."

Rev. Halberts response was full of gratitude to the friends whose love had made possible so pleasant an occasion. The company joined in singing Blest be the tie that binds.

Mrs. Clint Kercheval as master of ceremonies in the entertainment line made the social hour a pleasant one. After ice cream and cake had been served the wedding cake was brought out for the bride to cut into assisted by Miss Keith, who is an adept in the art of cutting Scotch wedding cakes.

The pastor and his wife were wished many returns of the day, as the company departed.

GOODELL NEWS

Brenner The Florist. Phone 134. Clarion, Iowa.

Miss Lizza Cashman fell, Tuesday and hurt her foot badly.

Dr. Missman was in town on Wednesday on professional business.

Mrs. James Schneider was quite ill last week.

Mrs. Okrueg who has been sick for some time was taken to Hampton to the hospital for treatment.

O. A. Nelson of Ames spent Sunday at the Sandberg home. He came up with Carl on Saturday and returned Sunday.

Mr. Pirkin and Prof. Hikcock of Coe college were in town on Friday in the interest of the college.

The passing of the 300 U. S. troops Saturday created some excitement for our village.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jenison took Carl Sandberg and Prof. Nelson to Ames Sunday afternoon. Carl and the prof. report that the work at Ames is no play.

Rev. and Mrs. H. T. Miller and Mrs. John Ellsworth and Mrs. John Ahrenkeil attended the M. E. camp meeting at Garner on Sunday.

Wilmer Burk and family were over to Clear Lake on Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Rust was buried from the U. B. church at 2 p. m. on Tuesday. Her body arrived on Monday evening from Minn.

A. C. Carpenter visited relatives at Lake Mills on last Friday.

Mr. Butts was in Goodell, Monday

IS NOT PROHIBITIVE

The United States Supreme court has decided the Iowa law prohibiting the teaching of foreign languages in the grades to be unconstitutional. Similar laws have been passed in Ohio and Nebraska and the three states joined in an effort to sustain the acts in each of them. The Iowa case was brought by August Bartels, a teacher in the St. John's school at Maxfield, Bremer county. The state courts had sustained the validty of the law. Contending that the instructions imparted in a foreign language was in its nature harmless to public morals, and did not imperil the public safety, those bringing the cases asserted that any attempt by the states under such circumsances would be an illegal resriction and abridgement of their constitutional liberties. It was not intended by the restrictions imposed to interfere in any way, the states pointed out, with a person studying foreign languages after reaching the high schools or in any of the higher institutions of learning. The decision was delivered by a divided court, Justice Holmes delivering a dissenting opinion in behalf of himself and Justce Sutherland. They held that the laws should be tried out as to their effect in making more general the use of English as the national language.

ALEXANDER NEWS

St. John's Evangelical Church.
Sunday school at 2 o'clock
Preaching Services at 3 o'clock.

Several children will be baptised at this time all services will be in the English language .

Our ladies aid will meet with Mrs. C. J. Barth, July 3. All are welcome to our services.

C. J. Barth Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Finkle and daughter Leona of Hampton were Sunday visitors with relatives at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Peters and daughters Dorothy and Irene were callers at Hampton last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Pals and son Raymond were callers at Klemme last Thursday

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Palmateer attended the funeral services of her uncle Mr. Dayton at Rowan last Thursday.

Karl Grieman of Latimer was a visitor at this place last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hensel and sons Carrol and Donald Paul visited with relatives at Webster City last Sunday.

Mrs. Kate Kausian and daughter Minnie of Green visited with relatives at this place the first part of the week.

Miss Ruth Polmateer left last week for Iowa Falls where she will attend the Edgewood Sewing school during the summer months.

Will Ammerman has purchased a fine new Ford Sedan, and Mrs. Suntkes a new Dodge Coupe.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell, Miss Jessie Bell and Suste and Ethel Schulte visited at the W. C. Tucker hime in Hampton last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Winwood and son Kenneth, Mrs. Wm. Winwood and daughter Mary, were callers at Belmond last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Polmateer and family were visitors at Belmond Saturday.

Will Foughty, Mrs. Anna Pekersk and daughter visited with friends at Hampton last Sunday.

John Bell and daughter, Nellie were callers at Belmond last Wednesday

Earnest and Julius Kusian from Green were visiting relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. W. P. Aldinger, Mrs. F. L. Greenfield, Mrs. Clarence Murphy, and Mrs. Anna Pekerak autoed to Aredale last Friday and spent the day visiting with Mrs. John Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Arends and family and Miss Evelyn Dirksen were callers at Belmond last Sunday.

Mrs. Will Waddington and Mrs. Loomis of Geneva are visiting at the Otto Kieslich home this week.

They are now distilling hootch from acorns. Great soaks from little acorns grow.

Taxes and death may be certain, but they are not similar. You can do all your dying at one time and get thru with it.

If ignorance is bliss, then why are so many of us unhappy?

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How could we have corn on the ear without it?

There is a way to make yourself mighty comfortable. Whether its for work or for dress---for everyday or Sunday---there is a wide range here---the kinds we enjoy selling and you'll enjoy buyiug.

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Just to remind you again of our weekly wants. Let us say now that we are more anxious than ever to handle your Cream, Eggs and Poultry.

And during the hot weather such as we have been having, keep the eggs gathered up often— let the little tots, they enjoy hunting eggs. We want eggs, so if you haven't been in the habit of selling us your eggs, get the habit. It pays. We pay cash. It is the only thing we have to give you for them, and what is better than the cash?

Bring in those hens this week. Also the old roosters. Better get your two and two and a half pound broilers on the market pretty soon, as they are on the decline now.

Don't wait—Do It Now!

Too hot to wash dishes, isn't it? Just remember it isn't necessary to rewash cream cans when they leave our place—we do it up right and relieve you of a little extra work. Try us—we will do for you what we would do for any one else.

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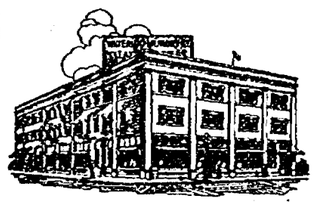

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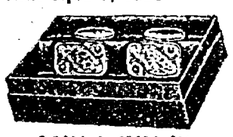

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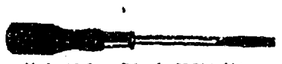

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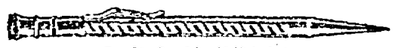

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POLICE CHIEF GIVES SOUND SAFETY RULES

Maj. Lynn G. Adams, superintendent of the Pennsylvania state police force, recently promulgated the following simple rules which, he said, if observed by all motorists, would reduce the number of accidents on the highways 95 per cent. The rules are as follows,

1. Read the automobile laws of your state carefully.
2. Never travel at a high rate of speed over a road with which you are unfamiliar.
3. Never drive, at any time, on the wrong side of the highway.
4. Heed warning signs.
5. Never pass, or attempt to pass, a car going in the same direction at the crest of a hill or on a curve.
6. Never stop your car just over the brow of a hill or just around a curve.
7. Never follow a car traveling at a high rate of speed at less distance than 50 yards.
8. If you wish to pass another car going in your direction choose a long, straight stretch of road.
9. When you are traveling at a chosen rate of speed don't "speed up" because someone attempts to pass you.
10. Make careful and frequent inspections and tests of your brakes.
11. Never use bulbs of higher candlepower than those prescribed by law for your lenses.
12. Inspect your taillight frequently. This light marks the position of your car for the following driver, who may be facing light of an oncoming automobile.
13. Remember that the taking of a human life by doing a lawful act in an unlawful manner is involuntary manslaughter, a crime punishable by a prison sentence.
14. Remeber that every time you "take a chance" you are gambling with the lives of other people as the "stakes."
15. "Safety First, Last and Always."

TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE.

There are two kinds of people on earth to-day,
Just two kinds of people, no more, I say,
Not the saint and the sinner, for it is well understood
The good are half bad the bad are half good;
Not the rich and the poor, for to count a man's wealth
You must first know the state of his conscience and health;
Not the humble and proud, for in life's little span
Who puts on vain airs is not counted a man;
Not the happy and sad, for the swift flying years
Bring each man his laughter and each man his tears.
No. The two kinds of people on earth I mean
Are the people who lift and the people who lean.
Wherever you go you will find the world's masses
Are always divided into just these two classes
And oddly enough, you will find too I wean,
There is only one lifter to twenty who lean.
In which class are you? Are you easing the load
Of the overtaxed lifters who toil down the road?
Or are you a leaner who lets others bear
Your portion of labor and worry and care?

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Why do we continue to celebrate the 4th of July with undiminished fervor as the years go by? Because July 4, 1776, represents the birth of our nation—the day on which the Continental Congress threw off the British yoke and brought into official being the United States of America. And because from that day to this these same United States have grown and multiplied and flourished until they absorb every inch of space from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from Canada to the gulf.

And because we have grown from the original handful who fought for and won their freedom to a nation of one hundred and ten millions of people—stronger, richer and more powerful than any other country, the soil of our possibilities, with the real crop still to mature.

Have we not reason to be both joyful and thankful on Independence Day? Unfurl the starry flag, and render it the honor that is its due.

Out of 1,000 reasons why couples fight the main is "because".

Who wants to laugh and grow fat with the summer ahead.

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Belmond Local News

Test your eyes on our Reel of Vision. Gold filled frames. First quality lenses. Guaranteed for 10 years. $4 per pair.—Schultz Drug Co.

If it is a good used car that you want, we have it.—Belmond Motor Sales Co.

Mrs. Rosecrans and Albert Martin were visitors at Garner on Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Wipperman and family are spending a couple of weeks' vacation visiting relatives in Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs John Heuerman went to Thornton last Saturday from which place, in company with Wm. Obrecht, they drove to Hubbard, Ia., on Sunday. John returned home on Monday, but Mrs. Heuerman is remaining at Hubbard for some time receiving medical treatments.

Ted Townsan was taken suddenly ill last Friday with acute appendicitis, and Saturday morning underwent an emergency operation at the local hospital. He was very ill for a time, but is coming along nicely now.

Among the recent sales of Dodge cars by the Motor Inn Co., were a touring car to Orpha Anderson, a Sedan to Ed. Bailey, and a Coupe to Otis Nelson. Barney Fry purchased a used Dodge from the same company last week.

Well, By Gum!

The manager of a Tennessee electric railway claims to have received the following letter:

If the simpering, snub-nosed, tight skirted, face-be-daubed tittering little ninny, who stuck her gum on the street car seat last Thursday evening, and permitted me to sit down on it, will call at my office, she can have the gum back. It is on the southern front of my spare trousers. If she can't get the gum off, she can have the pants too.

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And the brake bands grip evenly all around the drums. This protects the lining against irregular wear and enables the driver to stop quickly, quietly and safely.

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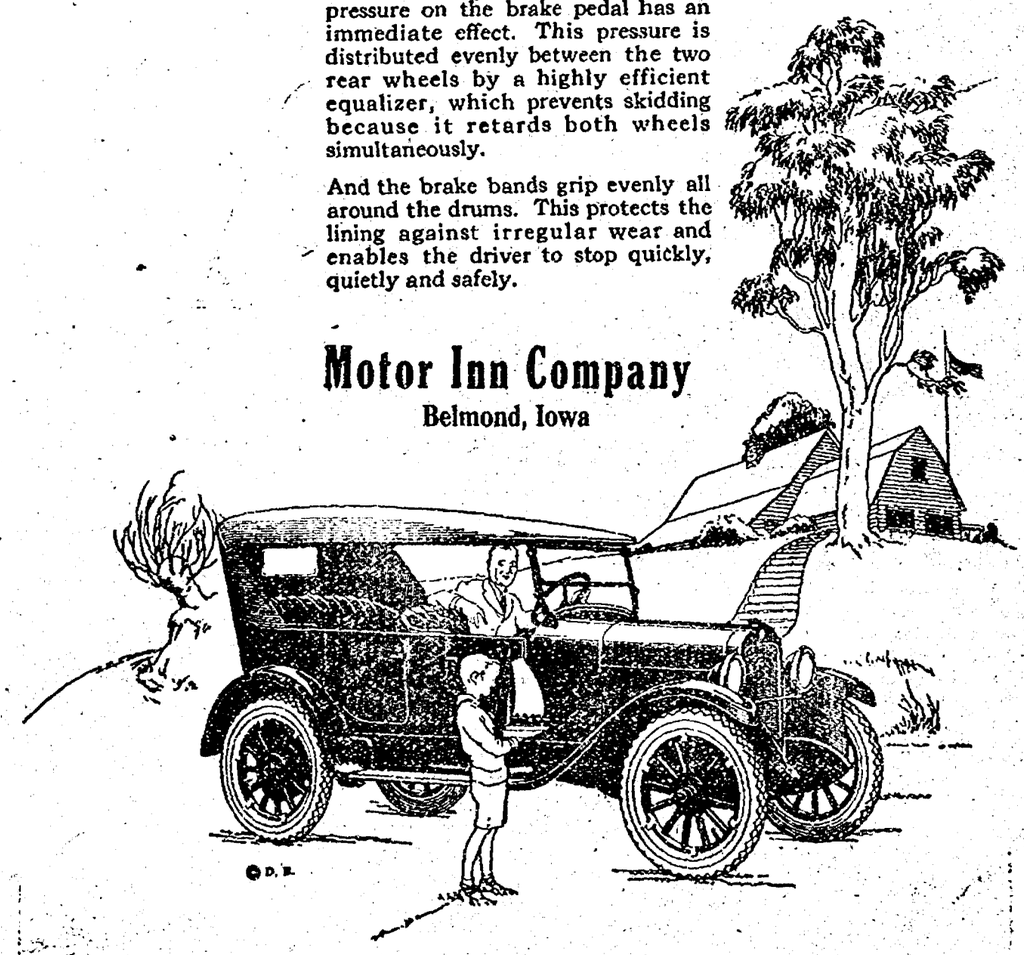

The Joy of Living

by Sidney Gowing

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Disliking the prospect of a month's visit to her austere aunt, Lady Erythea Lambe, at Jervaulx abbey, and her cousin, Alexander Lambe, Aimée, vivacious daughter of the Very Reverend Viscount Scroope, is in a rebellious mood.

CHAPTER II.—She wanders into the park, there encountering a strange youth in trouble with a motorcycle. He laughingly introduces himself as "Billy," American. The two cement the acquaintance by a ride on the motorcycle, the "Flying Sphinx," and part. With Georgina Bernera, her cousin, Aimee sets out for Jervaulx. On the way she decides that Georgina shall impersonate her at Jervaulx, while she goes on a holiday. Georgina's horrified protest is unavailing.

CHAPTER III.—Happy in her new freedom, Aimee again meets "Billy." He tells her his name is Spencer, and she gives hers as Amy Snooks, at present "out of a job." Billy offers to take her into partnership in selling the Sphinx. In a spirit of madcap adventure, she accepts. The two proceed to the town of Stanhoe, taking separate lodgings in Ivy cottage.

CHAPTER IV.—That night Aimee visits Georgina and learns that the deception has not been discovered. By her dominant personality she compels Georgina to continue the subterfuge.

CHAPTER V.—On a trial spin next day on the Sphinx, with Billy, Aimee almost collides with a carriage in which are her aunt, Georgina and Alexander. The pair escape unrecognized.

CHAPTER VI.—Georgina learns that Lord Scroope is coming to visit Lady Erythea and, realizing what will happen on his arrival, is in hopeless bewilderment.

CHAPTER VII.—While Aimee is secretly visiting Georgina at Jervaulx, the place is burglarized. Aimee escapes.

CHAPTER VIII.—Georgina learns, with much relief, that Aimee has got away.

CHAPTER IX.—Police Inspector Panke decides that the robbery is the work of "Jack the Climber" and "Calamity Kate," noted thieves, who travel on a motorcycle.

CHAPTER X.—Billy, aware of his "partner's" nocturnal jaunts, is troubled. He follows her, on the Sphinx, to Jervaulx. He hears the commotion, at once suspects burglary, and follows two figures on a motorcycle who are apparently in a desperate hurry. Cornering the pair, Billy knocks out a man who attempts to shoot him, picking up a package the fellow had dropped. He discovers the other fugitive to be a woman. Stopping to aid her, she strikes him with a stone, rendering him unconscious, and the pair escape.

CHAPTER XI.—Recovering, Billy discovers the package he had picked up is a jewel case, containing emeralds. Realizing they must be part of the loot from Jervaulx, he starts for the abbey. On the way he meets Aimee, with the police in pursuit. In a secure hiding place, a cave among the crag pits, Aimee tells him the whole story. He urges that she make a frank confession to her father, but on reflection both realize Aimee's good name has been compromised by her two nights' stay at Ivy cottage.

CHAPTER XII.—Assuring Aimee he has a plan to save her, Billy leaves her in the cave and, proceeding to Jervaulx, restores the emeralds to the astounded Lady Erythea.

CHAPTER XIII.—Rejecting any reward, after explaining how the emeralds came into his possession, Billy accepts the position of chauffeur to Lady Erythea, seeing in the situation a promise of a way out of the embroglio.

CHAPTER XIV.—Realizing what her father's visit to Jervaulx would mean, Aimee goes secretly to her home, disables the family auto, thus preventing his journey, and induces a parlormaid to let her take her place at Jervaulx.

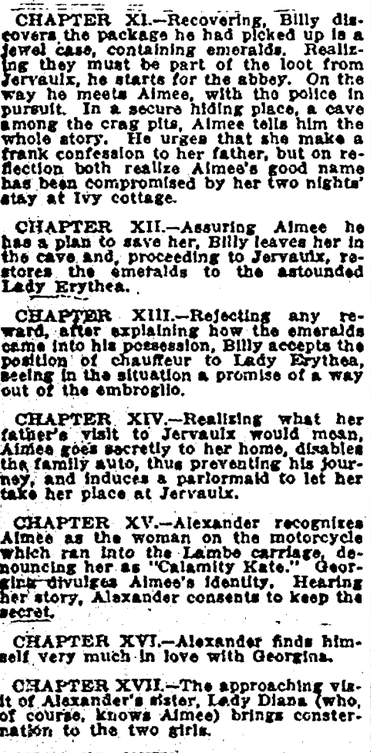
CHAPTER XV.—Alexander recognizes Aimee as the woman on the motorcycle which ran into the Lambe carriage, denouncing her as "Calamity Kate." Georgina divulges Aimee's identity. Hearing her story, Alexander consents to keep the secret.

CHAPTER XVI.—Alexander finds himself very much in love with Georgina.

CHAPTER XVII.—The approaching visit of Alexander's sister, Lady Diana (who, of course, knows Aimee) brings consternation to the two girls.

CHAPTER XVIII.—Another visitor to Jervaulx is the Vicomte de Jussac, Diana's suitor. Diana recognizes Aimee and threatens to denounce her.

"We shall find a way!" he cried. "Courage! Bah! but that is an imbecile remark. If you had not courage you would not be here. Who could betray you?"



"What Does This Mean?" He Said Sternly.

"Diana?" Aimee told him of the encounter in the bedroom.

"It cannot be! She has a heart. Under that icily exquisite exterior, a warm heart beats. It must be softened."

"A heart? Di? She's a—" Aimee stopped just in time. "I'm afraid it's quite hopeless. I only told you because I was in despair."

"A De Jussac never despairs! Especially when there is a charming little lady to be rescued from the Philistines. The difficulty must be overcome at any cost. Ah!" he exclaimed, coming near to her. "I believe I have it! Listen—"

"Oh!" said Aimee with a gasp. She had become conscious that they were not alone.

Alexander stood before them, in a black dressing gown, a candle in his hand. He only needed bell and book to be the very image of an abbot in the act of pronouncing excommunication. De Jussac started violently, and frowned. Alexander took no notice of him; his eyes were fixed on Aimee.

"What does this mean?" he said sternly.

"Diana's found me out, and she's going to tell Aunt, first thing in the morning," said Aimee, with the calm of despair. "And I've told Monsieur de Jussac. I simply had to tell somebody. And everybody will know tomorrow."

"Rather a delicate position, Monsieur le Cure—eh?" said Bertrand dryly, and not without satisfaction.

Alexander flushed to the ears and hung his head. He looked so ashamed and wretched that Aimee felt a pang of remorse.

"For myself," he said unsteadily, "I will face the exposure and the penalty—for I have deserved it. It is you, Aimee, that I should have wished to save! I would sacrifice myself to do it now, if there were any way, but I see none. You—and Georgina. That is all that matters."

"Tiens! The true ring!" cried de Jussac enthusiastically. He seized Alexander's hand and shook it with heartfelt warmth. "Never reproach yourself, mon ami. From first to last, you have acted en galant homme!"

"You've been a brick, Alexander. And you'd better go, and not hear any more—I'll keep you out of it if I can," said Aimee quickly.

Alexander looked at his cousin.

"I will go, then," he said, "on condition that you return to your room immediately, Aimee."

"All right, I will."

"Assuredly—she shall go at once! Till the morning then, Monsieur l'Abbe, and have no fear. The danger shall dissipate itself," said Bertrand, and almost forcibly he shepherded the bewildered Alexander out of the room. Bertrand darted back, and caught Aimee by the hands.

"He is bon enfant, the parson!" he cried, "all shall yet be well. But it is impossible to require deceit from him. Leave that to me! Mademoiselle, I am a magnificent liar!" He smote himself proudly on the breast. "You shall see how my talent—"

"But—!"

"Not a word! I shall consider it an honor—a privilege. It is the one situation in which prevarication becomes a virtue! Retire, then, mademoiselle, and sleep soundly. A way shall be found out of this impasse, I pledge myself to it—foi de chevalier! The morning shall bring, not disaster, but happiness!"

Aimee was whirled out of the room, hardly less bewildered than Alexander. When she had gone upstairs, Monsieur De Jussac returned to the dining room.

He paced the room with long strides, developing a series of plans that flashed through his brain. Some caused him to laugh aloud, others evoked a sigh.

"In this country of Puritans, schemes that elsewhere would glow like a golden mist, become impossible!" he mused regretfully.

Since the coldness of Lady Diana was the main difficulty, Bertraud's thoughts concentrated naturally upon her, and it is to be feared that Aimee's predicament faded into a secondary place. Allowances must be made for those swayed by the grand passion. Suddenly de Jussac halted among the suits of mail.

"Tiens! the armor," he said, brightening, "the same of which Diana should have told me the history, but declined. She shall come to it yet! She approves armor—she adores the days of chivalry long dead.

"Lived we in those days," cried Bertrand with rising fervor, "I would hack my way to her favor though a hundred spears barred the path." He struck the nearest breastplate with his fist. "You Sir Knight! If you did not pay swift homage to my lady," said Bertrand, grinding his teeth, "my lance should crush into your midriff! Scrognon-non-non-non-non!"

He turned to inspect the pectoral of another suit, beautifully engraved and chased with gold.

"Of French workmanship, surely—never of this country. The English are a great nation, but severe—severe." He passed his hands over the breastplate. It detached quite easily from the stand. With a sudden impulse Bertrand fitted it to his broad chest, passing his arm through the thongs that had held it to the stand. He laughed as he caught sight of his reflection in a mirror.

"It becomes me a merveille! Name of a name! Let me envisage myself the conqueror of my Diana!"

He strapped on the greaves and cuisses over his dress trousers, donned the gorget and, lifting down the big helmet, placed it over his head, abrading his nose in the process. The suit—it was the same which had fallen during the night of the burglary—had certainly been made for a knight of great stature—it fitted de Jussac very well.

"Magnifique!" said Bertrand. "And, who knows—it may be the very suit of my ancestor! The—"

He turned slowly, aware of someone approaching. A tall, spectral figure, white and ethereal, stood in the doorway.

It was Lady Diana, in a long girdled wrap trimmed with white fur. In her hand was a rolled up paper that might have been a piece of music; it trembled visibly. Her face, as she gazed at the armored figure, was as white as her garments.

She controlled her nerves with a mighty effort. If it was a spirit, it was indeed a splendid one. To her, of all people, this manifestation of the infinite was vouchsafed.

For some moments she gazed, in a thrilled silence. Then she actually advanced a few steps, faltering.

"Speak!" she said, in a voice that quavered slightly. "Are you he? Speak to me. I am of the elect. I am n-n-n-not afraid."

De Jussac grasped the situation. He searched his mind swifty for the mot juste—the speech of the Fourteenth century.

"Moult puissante dame—" he began, dropping reverently on one knee.

Diana, the moment the unmistakable voice smote upon her ear, gave a piercing shriek, and clasped her hands to her head. She swayed as if about to fall.

Bertrand rushed forward, and caught her just in time.

"B-B-B-Bertrand!" she gasped faintly.

The name, wrung from her by stress, was such music in the Vicomte's ears that he tore off his helmet and kissed her rapturously.

"Angel!" he cried. "Adored Diana! Say it again!" He made it somewhat difficult for her to say anything. "Say it—whisper it—'Bertrand!' Ah, happiest of men!"

Diana struggled.

"How dare you!" she said wildly. "How dare you—pretend to be a ghost!"

"But I did not! I thought you were pretending to be one! Let me bear the blame. I love you—I was in despair—and put on this mail that for one moment I might imagine myself approved. Dear lady of Romance, I am no ghost—I own it!"

He proved it with a kiss that was by no means ghostly.

"Oh!" said Diana faintly.

The mailed arms encircled her tightly.

"Sweetest of all earth's treasures!" exclaimed Bertrand. "You love me? You tremble—your heart beats. Say it! You love me!"

Suddenly she hid her face against his breastplate.

"I-I-I do," she whispered, hardly audible, "and—I should never have dared to let you tell me so."

"Thrice blessed accident! To my unhappy ancestor I owe my happiness! Ah, day of days! Diana, you will marry me, beloved?"

"I suppose so. I can't help it, now. Oh—Bertrand!"

"I said that armor was of no avail. But it has conquered!"

She glanced up at him shyly.

"I shall wear it for evermore!" said De Jussac rapturously. "It shall never be doffed, save at your orders. Diana—"

"But my aunt!" exclaimed Diana suddenly, her blushes changing to pallor. "If—"

"She will give us her blessing. In the morning—"

"But if she found out how it happened!" said Diana in a panic. "And the time—you do not know how terrible Aunt can be—"

"She will not know! I will put myself in order—I will propose to you again in the morning. We will announce it with all formalities." Bertrand was alarmed to find her almost collapsing; he led her to the table and raised a goblet to her lips. "A little wine, my angel! It will revive you!"

"No, no!"

"But yes! You are agitated. Just one sip!"

It was impossible to deny anything to the conquering Bertrand. Lady Diana permitted herself to imbibe a little of the wine; it restored the color to her cheeks.

"And now," said the Vicomte tenderly, "light of my soul—"

A piercing shriek from Diana jarred painfully on his nerves. Bertrand started and spun around.

In the doorway stood the unspeakable parlor maid, capless, her bronze hair flowing over her shoulders. Wicked laughter convulsed her, her eyes shone with triumph.

"Bless you, my children!" said Aimee. "You've made enough row about it!"

De Jussac started hastily towards her. Aimee sprang back and closed the door in his face; the key turned with a click.

Lady Diana had sunk inert into a chair.

"Stop her—make her be quiet!" panted Diana trembling. "Bertraud—if my aunt—"

"Open!" hissed Bertrand, rattling the handle.

"Leave the door alone!" said Aimee's voice, muffled through the panel. "You can't get out—either of you. Can you hear me?"

"Yes, yes! Mademoiselle—"

"Listen! Within three feet of me is a burglar alarm," said the voice, diabolically. "I'm going to start it. Before you can turn yourselves round, the whole household will be down on you—from Aunt Erythea to the pageboy. Especially Aunt. I'm going to count three. When—"

"Misericorde!" gasped Bertrand. "Mademoiselle, I implore you! This is to return evil for good How have we deserved—"

"I have no quarrel with you, Vicomte. You're all right. But I've got you both. You'll accept my terms—"

"Anything!" panted Bertrand distractedly. "Anything—"

"Stand away from the door, then. Get right back."

"Yes, yes!"

Aimee applied her eye to the keyhole to insure that her orders were obeyed. She opened the door cautiously, and regarded the distressed pair with intense satisfaction.

"Let me be the first to congratulate you!" she said. "Vicomte, I don't grudge my cousin to you. You are welcome. Di!" continued Aimee, fixing Diana with a glittering eye, "I don't want your explanation—you can explain the masquerade to Aunt. But I shall hold my tongue about you—and you'll hold yours about me! I require your word of honor. For you daren't break it!"

"Yes!" gasped Diana feebly. "Don't—don't speak so loud, Aimee—"

Aimee looked at her, and exploded with laughter.

"Every happiness, dear people!" she said, and vanished.

"Bertrand!" panted Diana, rising unsteadily. "Did you know anything of this? Do you understand—? She is not the parlor maid—she is my cousin. I cannot explain; you must say nothing about it. Neither will she! Oh—let me go!".

He caught her in his arms before she could escape.

"My angel! In the morning, our love scene all over again. I have your promise!"

"Yes!" she said, wildly. "Oh, let me go!"

Lady Diana fled from the room and scuttled upstairs like an agitated rabbit. The Vicomte, following, blew her an impassioned kiss as she passed out of sight. Returning to the hall, he tore off his armor in a delirium of joy, and replaced it on the stand.

CHAPTER XX

Two Pair.

Lady Erythea beamed. It seems an impossible term to apply to that austere countenance. But it was so. When Georgina entered the drawing room at noon—after nearly twenty-four hours exile in her bedroom—she found her alleged aunt as near to beaming as her features permitted.

"I am glad you have recovered from your temporary indisposition, my dear Aimee," she said amiably. "During your absence an event has occurred, both romantic and desirable. How seldom the two things go together!"

"Indeed! What is it?"

"Your cousin Diana and Monsieur de Jussac are about to contract an alliance. They became engaged this morning."

"How perfectly delightful!" breathed Georgina, after a pause of dramatic astonishment. "I am sure you are pleased—Aunt?"

"Indeed I am. I have not concealed from you my desire that this very thing should come about. It is the more satisfactory, because only last night I quite despaired of it, and came to regard it as hopeless. But Monsieur de Jussac's suit has prospered amazingly; it appears that Diana, as I suspected, has for some time since been far from indifferent to him. I am delighted that I gave them the opportunity. Only two hours after breakfast the Vicomte, with his customary impetuousness, brought Diana to me and begged for my consent. I need not say that I gave it gladly."

Georgina escaped into the garden.

It is possible that Aimee was right when she said that all women are natural actresses in time of need. Georgina's assumption of astonishment at hearing Lady Erythea's news was wholly assumed, and not assumed badly. The announcement was, in fact, no news at all to her.

Having an excellent sense of direction, Georgina soon discovered Mr. Alexander Lambe walking on the sheltered paths of the old yew garden beyond the chapel-at-ease. He looked quite as relieved as Georgina. And his eyes lit up wonderfully when he saw her. He hurried forward to meet her.

"Mr. Lambe—!" exclaimed Georgina.

Mr. Lambe halted, and looked deeply pained.

"Have I offended you?" he said almost wistfully. "I thought you gave me permission—"

"Alexander," murmured Georgina, flushing very attractively.

Continued next week.

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Kinseth's Store News

My, wasn't that cool breeze Tuesday welcome after the heat! Hope it stays with us for awhile. Days like that a person feels mire like working, and friend wife doesn't mind cooking, so much. And we are glad of this, because this week is the last week for canning cherries. After this week they will be hard to get—good ones, at any rate. So be sure to get what you need now. We have them.

—K—

Next week the raspberry and blackberry season opens, and we will have a full supply for you. A good idea would be to leave your order with us for what you want, because the demand may run us short.

—K—

We have some dandy gooseberries, plums and apricots for you, too. Juicy ones, just right for sauce or canning.

And of course the sugar too. Always see us first for sugar.

—K—

The glorious Fourth is almost here. Wherever you go, you want to take your lunch. "Hot dogs" are not very satisfying, to say nothing of being very clean. Come in and get the materials for a good lunch before you start the Fourth.

—K—

For goodness' sake be a wise one. Trade at the Store on the Corner and save your money for the Fourth of July.

—K—

P. S.—Those cherries can be had in either quarts or crates, and when you see the price the sauce will be sweeter.

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LOCALS

Joe S. White was a caller at Ft. Dodge, Sunday where he had disc wheels put on his new car.

Work has started on graveling the No. 10 road from Hampton to Rowan. Crews now being at work on both ends of the road. When completed this road will be one of the best highways in the country, and will give a direct short cut of graveled road to the Franklin county seat.

Miss Vivian Courtney spent the week end with her friend, Miss Grace Cole, of Clarion.

Morse Lake drew its usual quota of bathers Sunday. The swimming is fine, but something certainly ought to be done about the bath house out there.

Rev. Seth Huntington, who is here visiting his family and other relatives, occupied the pulpit at the Congregational church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wenzel, Sr., returned last Saturday from their trip to Illinois, where they have been visiting friends and relatives the past three weeks.

"50,000 MILES OF SMILES!

Did you hear anyone else say their engines would be sealed? We heard a man had said he wouldn't seal his. Why?—Nordschow Motor Co.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Packard drove to Boone, Sunday, to visit their daughter, Mrs. Carl Wolle, and family.

Mrs. W. C. Tyrrell underwent an operation for the removal of her tonsils at the hospital here, Saturday morning.

The Royal Neighbors met at the home of Mrs. E. M. Lathrop last Saturday afternoon, for their regular business meeting, and to take in some new members.

Mrs. R. W. Tomlinson has been quite ill the past few days, but is reported somewhat better.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Morse returned Sunday from their trip via auto to Chicago, where they have been visiting his brother, Rufus, and wife the past week.

Miss Rena Purdy is spending some time in Chicago, visiting relatives and friends.

To Accident and Health Policy holders of the Mutual Benefit Health and Accident Association—I will be at my office every evening after the 27th of June to accept your quarterly dues, due now. Do not get delinquent.—W. H. Wolle, Secretary Over Griesy's Store.

Mr. and Mrs. La Mon and two children of Alliance, Nebraska, are visiting at the D. L. Mallory home here. Mrs. La Mon was formerly Miss Ida Clark.

HEMSTITCHING

Hemstitching done at the Gift Shop. Black and white cotton thread furnished. Ten and 15 cents per yard. 30tfc

If it is a good used car that you want, we have it.—Belmond Motor Sales Co.

J. D. Paul, of Cornelia spent Sunday with his family at Cornelia.

For Gasoline, Kerosene and Lubricating oil, call phone 39½.—Belmond Deep Rock oil Co. 32tfc

Cato C. Griesy was a caller at Hampton Tuesday afternoon where he secured two more cars for the Motor Inn Co.

Mr. and Mrs. George Blohm of Ames, and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Alber of Story City were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Eimbrink, Sunday. Mrs. Blohm and Mr. Alber are cousins of Mrs. Eimbrink.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Thompson and daughter, of Grinnell, were visiting friends and relatives, and the Sprenzel and Ziska families, recently.

Order your buns for the Fourth of July by July 2.—Belmond Bakery.

Mrs. H. D. Moore was hostess to the Kensington club on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Geo. Elder entertained a number of friends Monday afternoon in honor of Mrs. La Mon and Mrs. Patterson, formerly Ida Clark and Miss Maud Thompson respectively.

Mrs. A. L. Luick entertained in honor of Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. La Mon, Tuesday afternoon.

The Methodist Aid society will hold an ice cream social and cake sale on the grounds just west of the Case hotel, Saturday evening. Everyone invited.

The heavy wind which came up about nine o'clock Saturday night scared most of the crowd home, but nothing came but the wind. It blew extremely hard for a few minutes and for a time looked dangerous.

The prophesy now is for a dry spell of weather. Perhaps, one guess is as good as another. At any rate, no damage has been done to crops as yet.

Buy your ice cold pop and ice cream at the Belmond Bakery.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Winters and son accompanied by Mrs. Sprenzel visited at the A. L. Winters home at Mason City, Tuesday.

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Order your buns for the Fourth of July by July 2.—Belmond Bakery.

Mrs. John Atherton has purchased a new Overland touring car from the Nordschow Motor Co.

A. W Hill has begun work on his new building, on the site where his garage was destroyed in the fire in the spring

A. J. Nissen and family from Meservey spent Sunday at the Chas. Gealow home.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Allen of Mason City visited at the Henry Groen home a few days last week.

If it is a good used car that you want, we have it.—Belmond Motor Sales Co.

Mrs. Chas. Sampson and Mrs. Tom Finn were callers at Mason City on Monday of this week.

DODGE BROS. RETAIL DELIVERIES BREAK RECORDS

Since Jan. 1, Dodge Brothers dealers have consistently broken all previous records for delivery of cars to customers. Since April 1st, deliveries to customers have averaged more than 5000 cars per week. This is without taking into account sales in foreign countries. Materially increased production in 1923 has made this performance possible

For the first quarter in 1923 retail deliveries to customers were in excess of any quarter in the history of the business—even including the peak periods of 1919-1920. Following this, deliveries for April exceeded any previous month of the first quarter and delivery figures for each week in April exceeded the totals of the preceding week—each week creating a new high record. May maintained the pace established in April. June should be better than May.

Dodge Brothers are able to compile this sales information because of the cooperation of each of their dealers throughout the entire United States and Canada in sending in a weekly report of all retail deliveries reports they have an accurate, detailed record of exact conditions existing in each sales territory. Their calculations are based upon the number of cars actually consumed by the public, as they believe this to be the only true indication of conditions.

The constantly climbing delivery records coupled with increasing production, lead Dodge Brothers to believe trat the last six months of 1923 added to the record breaking first six months will total by far the greatest year in the history of their business.

Is your subscription paid up? If not, why not drop into the Independent office and square accounts? Pay in advance and save 25 per cent.

WANT ADS

Two cents per word first insertion; one cent per word ensuing insertions.

FOR SALE

For Sale—Brand new 4— door Ford Sedan. No trade. Nordschow Motor Co. Belmond Iowa.

For Sale—Oliver typewriter, No. 9. See Bert Groen, Meservey. 30tfc

For Sale—My herd boar, Buckeye's Triple Alliance, sired by the $4,000 Buckeye Boy, a big litter breeder. A real Spotted Poland China boar. Will make a special price if taken at once. —J. M. Sampson. 32c

For Sale—Studebaker Six, 1918 model, in good shape. Will sell cheap. Phone 2902.—Gerald Treese. 293c

For Sale—Hot water heating plant, in A I condition. Bargain if taken at once. Inquire of L. O. Skovlin. 29tfc

BELMOND MARKETS

Hens, heavy	14c
Roosters	07c
Broilers, 1½ to 2 lbs.	32c
Leghorns	08c
Geese	08c
Ducks	12c
Turkeys	25c
Eggs	16c
Cream	35c
Dairy Butter	40c
Creamery Butter	45c
Corn	71c
Oats	34c

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THE STATE RECOGNIZES HUMBOLT PEONY FARM

The following dispatch, altered to make it more perfectly fit the facts, appeared in the Monday morning's Des Moines Register—

"As you turn the corner coming from the west on the Gilmore City road into Humbolt at the top of the hill a most gorgeous panorama of thousands of peonies dazzles your eyes. Red, white, pink, sixty varities, seedlings, year olds and 5-year-old plants. Some are worth $50, some are worth 50 cents. There are plants of every size and description.

"This peony farm belongs to W. G. Johnston who lives on the same farm where he was born, married his wife and is raising his daughter.

"Mr. Johnston has two peonies of his own propagation. The Felix Price it took six years to mature from seed. He allows but one bud to mature on a stem This has necessitated cutting at least 10,000 buds off he thinks, yet they are not missed.

"His latest production is a white, fringed with red, from which the petals do not drop.

"Mr. Johnston has a very dark peony, the Mons Martin Chadwick, but he is working for a still darker variety."—Republican.

"50,000 MILES OF SMILES!

Did you hear anyone else say their engines would be sealed? We heard a man had said he wouldn't seal his. Why?—Nordschow Motor Co.

Chris Sorenson spent several days at Owatonna, Minn. last week, visiting his son, Harry, and daughter, Mrs. Collinske, and their families.

Willard STORAGE BATTERY
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A number of local people went to Clear Lake, Sunday, to enjoy the facilities of that place for an outing.

For Gasoline; Kerosene and Lubricating oil, call phone 39½.—Belmond Deep Rock oil Co. 32tfc

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FLIES LOWER THE MILK YIELD
The South Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station is quoted in a government bulletin as follows: "When we consider the intimate relationship existing between the milk yield and the physical comfort of the cow, no question can be raised as to the benefit obtained by mitigating, so far as possible, the annoyance of these "fly" pests."
"FLY-KIL" WILL GET THEM!
1. "Fly-Kil" quickly kills every fly fairly hit with the liquid or enveloped for a moment in the gas.
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5. "Fly-Kil" is equally effective as a killer and repellent against fleas, lice, mites, mosquitos, bedbugs, cockroaches, and certain other insect pests.
"Fly-Kil" is being used by the Belmond Cow Testing Association.
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Phone 2707 Belmond, Iowa

Your Money Back Next Week!
In next week's paper we will announce the day, the cash business of which we will give back to you Free! Have you saved your receipts? Bring them in next Friday---or any day up to July 15---and get full value for every cent you spent with us on the day named.
ONLY THREE DAYS LEFT!
Any one of them may be the day. Get a receipt---and save it---for anything purchased here, and we will refund the full value of the receipts.
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Comedy Of Errors Is Staged Sunday

Belmond And Twin Lakes Give Ball Fans A Real Treat In How Game Isn't Played.

EXCITING FINISH IN 9TH

A ball game was played at Lake View park, near Kanawha, Sunday, that was a joy to behold, in more ways than one, even if we did get trimmed. Belmond's team consisted of John Chapman, pitcher, Glen Thomas, catcher, and seven other men with gloves on. One or two of them had played ball this year and knew the game; the rest were men just picked up, and do you know, they really put up a nice game. The Kanawha team was really a Twin Lake outfit, with some plugged men, and they had a hard time winning at that. The score at the beginning of the 7th was 8-3 for Belmond, but the rusty ones on our side pulled a bunch of boners and at the beginning of the 9th the score was 9-8 for the enemy. In our half of the last inning, we pushed a run over, making it a tie. With two down, a man on third, and two strikes on the batter, he hit a single into left, where the fielder was playing deep enough to shut off Babe Ruth, and the battle was over. Thomas was hit by a ball and laid out for a couple of frames, and here's where the really good stuff comes in. Captain Chapman substituted "old man" Gus Ziska, who hasn't been on a ball diamond for sixteen years. Gus was stationed in center, where he pulled a big league stunt by catching everything that came his way but one fly, which he missed on account of the sun. To make his record still better, his batting average was 666, and he stole second and he stole third and he scored. We suggest that "old man" Ziska be hired to coach future Belmond teams, because Gus is some player, now, you tell 'em. Thomas was back in the game a few innings after he was hit, when another Belmond **boy was laid cold** by a pitched ball, and Gus kept on playing.

SPECIAL DAYS DESIGNED FOR IOWA STATE FAIR

War veterans, farmers school children and other representative groups are to be honered in special days designated for this year's Iowa State Fair, Aug. 22-23, according to the program given out.

The special days for the fair were announced as follows: Wednesdays &Thursdays, Aug. 22-23--Preparation Days; Friday, August 24--Children's Day; Saturday, Aug. 25--World War Veterans' Day, Des Moines Day, Baby Beef Day. Sunday, Aug. 26--Music Day. Monday, Aug. 27--Farm Bureau Day, Auto & Implement Dealers' Day. Tuesday Aug. 28, Old Settlers' and Business Men's Day; Wednesday, Aug. 29, State Day and Boys' and Girls' Club Day; Thursday, August 30, Livestock parade day and Prosperty day; Friday Aug. 31, Auto race and Grand Finale day.

Admission to the fair will remain at 50 cents this year, it has been announced. Children will be admitted free on August 24, World War Veterans on August 25th, and Veterans of the Spanish War August 28. Veterans of the Civil and Mexican Wars, their wives and widows, will be admitted free every day.

COPS ARE AFTER SPEEDERS

The city officials and police force have started a drive on the fellows who are exceeding the speed limits, and the prospects of some fines to enrich the city coffers are good. It is a commendable move on the part of the city authorities, and perhaps will at least have a tendency to put a thoughtful expression on the face of some of the drivers who have been burning up the pavement lately.

HOME COMING DAY

The Community Club will stage a Home Coming Day Thursday, July 26. Every citizen of Belmond and vicinity is requested to extend a personal invitation to all their old friends and relatives who were former residents of Belmond to visit the old town that day and help make this a truly Home Coming Day.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Saturday evening the boys' choir will meet at the church at 8 o'clock to practice the music for the dramatization which will take place a week from Sunday night.

Did you hear the orchestra last Sunday morning at Sunday school? Come and hear them again next Sunday. We are proud of our peppy nine-piece Sunday school orchestra. Mrs. Goelz's and Mrs. Wallace's classes have charge of the opening exercises for next Sunday.

Morning worship at 11 o'clock. The evening out-of-doors service will be held at Mr. Spitler's. Many are attending these services and enjoying them. Come join us.

A week from Sunday night a sacred dramatization entiled "The Challenge of the Cross will be presented at the evening out-of-door service to be held on Mr. Hinman's lawn. What could be more impressive than a sacred story presented in God's great amphi-theatre just at twilight? The music for the dramatization will be sung by the boys' choir.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday school at 10 a. m. This organization runs "on high" in spite of the weather.

Preaching service at 11 a. m. Bring the family, the pastor will have a message any child can understand and appreciate.

No Epworth League until middle of August. Five delegates from the League to the institute on west Okoboji, as follows: Bernetas Wolle, Ethel Thompson, Dorothy Purcell, Raymond Stapley, and Alfred Wilkinson.

Evening services at 8 p. m. unless otherwise announced.

The Ladies Aid meets with Mrs. Nissen on Thursday at usual time.

Let us plan to all do our part to make things go this summer.

ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

St. John's Lutheran church will celebrate its annual mission festival next Sunday.

German services in the morning at 10:30.

English-German services in the afternoon at 2:30.

English services in the evening at 8.00. Rev. R. Schalinki of Britt and Rev. H. J. Brede of Good Thunder, Minn., will preach the English sermons.

Friends of the mission will have an opportunity to hear the cause presented.

Rev. J. F. Wippermann, Pastor.

TRINITY CHURCH

Thursday evening prayer meeting at the church at 8 o'clock.

Sunday morning at 9 o'clock promptly the class meets at the church.

ST. OLAF CHURCH NOTES

Thursday afternoon the class meets at the church at 1:30.

Thursday afternoon the South Ladies Aid meets at the home of Mrs. K. Severtson.

Service in the Norwegian language at 10:30. Announcement as to the evening service will be made at the morning service.

PALS-LECOCQ

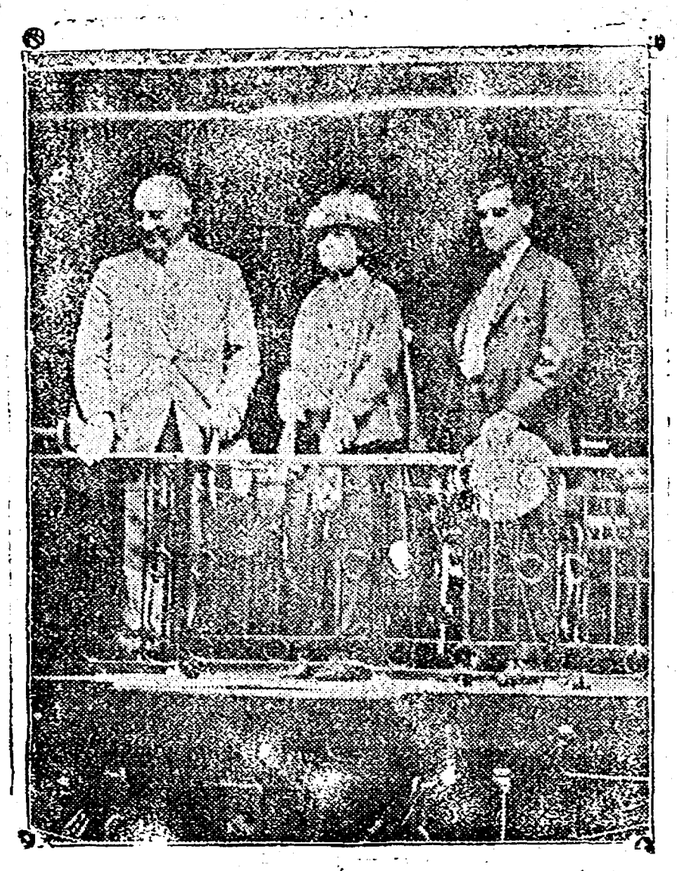
Hajo Pals, one of the teaching faculty of the Belmond high school, and Miss Francis LeCocq, of Pella, were united in marriage on Monday, July 9th, at the home of the bride's parents at Pella. Rev. Bosch, pastor of the 2nd Reformed church of Pella, was the officiating clergyman.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. LeCocq of Pella. Altho she is unknown to Belmond people, she is making friends of all she meets here, her charming personality and pleasant manner winning their regard.

Mr. Pals is well known to local people, having taught in the local school the past year, and has a host of friends who wish he and his bride every good thing in life. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harm J. Pals of Thornton.

Mr. and Mrs. Pals have started housekeeping in the George Avery house, where they are now at home to their friends.

The best wishes of their friends, with whom the Independent takes pleasure in joining, start them on their life together.



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HARDING LEAVES FOR ALASKA

Photo shows President Harding, Mrs. Harding and George Christian, his secretary, on the rear platform of the special train which will bear the presidential party westward. The first stop was at St. Louis. Harding will make many addresses from this platform, on top of which is fitted some specially constructed amplifiers so that huge crowds can hear him even tho he modulates his voice.

INDEPENDENT TO GO ON CASH-IN-ADVANCE BASIS

Beginning August 1st, the Independent will go on a cash-in-advance basis on subscriptions. The price is to be $2.00 per year, strictly in advance, and all subscriptions will be stopped promptly at expiration unless otherwise requested.

This is the only business like way of doing, and is being done by most of the papers of the country. The past year or two has required the extension of considerable credit on subscriptions, while times were difficult and money tight, but things are fast getting back to normal and the publisher will put into effect the plan he has always intended to use.

The Independent believes that the readers will see the wisdom of this policy, which will eliminate any disputes about payment or ordering of the paper, and it will insure the advertisers a choice list of bona fide readers.

Up to August 1st, new or renawls will be accepted at $1.50 per year, as at present. After that the price will be strictly $2.00, paper to stop promptly at expiration. The date of your subscription is stamped after your name on your paper. It shows the date to which you are paid. You have until August 1st to renew at $1.50.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION

The Uniform County Teachers' Examinations will be held in Clarion, July 25, 26, 27. Applicants must have had 12 weeks of normal training, or have taught six months on a regular certificate. A year of college work will be accepted in lieu of the 12 weeks or normal training. Candidates writing for the first time should bring their certificates of normal school attendance; if a college student, a certified statement of at least one year's work.

The Normal Training examination will be held at the same time. Only those who have failures to make up are eligible.

BLANCH BOCK, County Supt.

HERE IS PLEDGE FOR ALL LOVERS OF OPEN ROAD

I pledge myself as a motorist to do what I can to preserve the countryside so that all may share in the enjoyment of it. To this end I will leave a resting place or campsite clean. I will be careful of trees and shrubbery, of brooks and streams, and in the making of fires.

I will make every effort to leave the roadside in such condition that the pleasure derived from it shall not be lessened through any careless act of mine.—Ex.

S. D. Martin returned from his trip to Illinois last Saturday.

FARM BUREAU SOCIAL HELD AT HENN HOME

The regular monthly meeting of the Pleasant Township Farm Bureau was held at the J. F. Henn home last Wednesday evening, July 11. The yard of this beautiful farm home was packed with automobiles and the front lawn was completely filled with interested farmers of that community, who gathered for an evening filled with a well arranged program of music, recitations and a splendid address.

Rev. Waalkes of the German Reformed church, was the speaker of the evening and entertained the farmers of that community for an hour or more. According to Mr. Waalkes the farm home is the foundation for all constructive undertakings, whether they be of a social, moral, religious, political, commercial or industrial nature. Rev. Waalkes is a firm believer in community organization and co-operation and according to his statements the family home is the basis for it all.

Miss Grace Gartz, one of the local teachers of the township, worked out an interesting program and with the assistance of Mrs. J. F. Henn, vice director of the township farm bureau, considerable local talent was secured in arranging this program. The farmers of Pleasant township seem to have the pleasant faculty of entertaining themselves in their own community. That township is a splendid example of community co-operation.

SEVEN PETITION COURT FOR CITIZENSHIP PAPERS

Seven petitions for naturalization have been filed with the Clerk of the district court for the October term of court. Four of the petitions are from Norway, two from Denmark and one from Germany.

Those who have petitioned are: Lars Moe, Belmond, who hails from Norway; Dick Wessels, Belmond, a citizen of Germany; Frederick Volksdal, Eagle Grove, a citizen of Norway.

Martin Hodnekvam, Kanawha, a citizen of Norway; Mikkel Olai Olsen Mortvet, Eagle Grove, from Norway; Harold Christensen, Eagle Grove, from Denmark; Chris M. Chrisensen, Eagle Grove, a citizen of Denmark. —News.

LAD FALLS DOWN CELLAR; IS UNCONSCIOUS 24 HOURS

The three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. McAlpin fell down the cellar at the farm home last Saturday, and suffered concusion of the brain. The little fellow was unconscious for 24 hours, but is coming along nicely at the present time. No bones were broken.

CLARMOND TRIMS ELDORA

The Clarmond Country Club golfers won over the Eldora Country Club in a match Sunday afternoon at the Clarmond club grounds. The score was 17 to 7. A. L. Luick and W. C. Tyrrell of Belmond were on the winning team.

VIOLET LEE FILES SUIT FOR DIVORCE

Violet Lee of Belmond, has filed suit in Wright county district court for a divorce from Leonard Lee on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment, alleging that defendant's treatment has been such as to endanger her life.

The petition states that they were married at Clarion February 5, 1919, and lived together as man and wife until June 3, 1923, when the treatment by the defendant became such that the plaintiff was unable to stand it longer. Two children were born to them, a girl three years and a boy one year old, the custody of which the plaintiff asks.

The plaintiff asks $300 suit money and permanent alimony as the court may see fit. She states that the defendant has leased a farm near Thornton and asks that a writ of attachment be issued by the court against the personal property of the defendant.—News.

ALEXANDER'S MAYOR JOINS BENEDICTS

Attorney Arthur M. Butler, Alexander's bachelor mayor, has decided to join the benedicts and today at the "Little Brown Church in the Vale," near Nashua, will be joined in wedlock to Miss Eva Whetstone, who for two years has been principal of the high school at Alexander.

The young couple left for Nashua this morning by auto and accompanying them in another car was the groom's mother, Mrs. Sara Butler, of Alexander and his brother, E. E. Butler and wife, of this city, who will return to Hampton after witnessing the marriage ceremony.

From Nashua the bride and groom will start on an extended motoring trip, going as far west as the Yellowstone National Park. They expect to be at home to friends in Alexander about September 1st.

The bride is a graduate of the State University of Iowa and a young lady whose friends are numbered by her acquaintances. Following the groom's graduation from the high school at Milford, Illinois, he studied law and two years ago successfully passed the Iowa state bar examination and since then has been engaged in his chosen profession at Alexander. He is a young man of high character and is sure to meet with deserved success in a business way. —Recorder.

WRIGHT COUNTY NEWS SOLD WEDNESDAY

The Wright County News was sold Wednesday of this week to R. C. Goshorn, of Eagle Grove, publisher of The Eagle Grove Times. Mr. Goshorn is closing a deal with a competent newspaper man who will have a substantial interest in the business and will move his family to Clarion to take over the management of the paper.

Mr. King, former owner of the News, has moved his family to St. Marie, Idaho, where they will make their home for the present. They left in their car Wednesday, expecting to camp on the way.

The News was purchased three years ago by Mr. King from H. M. Harwood. Under Mr. King's ownership, the name was changed from The Clarion Clipper to the Wright County News, and about a year ago was made a semi-weekly, but later changed back to a weekly.

Under its new management The News will be enlarged to a seven-column paper. The plant will be rearranged and new machinery added as needed to make it one of the best newspapers in this section of the state and one that will reflect credit to Clarion and Wright county. —News.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Quinlin are rejoicing over the arrival at their home of a baby daughter, born Sunday, July 8.

Eagle Grove and Gilmore City staged an air-tight ball game Sunday at the former town, the Eagles winning one to nothing in the last half of the ninth inning.

Arrange Program For Home Coming Day

Community Club Has Program For Entertainment Ready For Annual Affair.

TO BE NEXT THURSDAY

The Community club has completed arrangements for the program for the Home Coming Day, to be held next Thursday, July 26th.

Evening Program

Community Singing, led by O. L. Varland.
Song ---------- Male Quartette
Welcome ------ Mrs. A. E. Martin
Response ------ Former Residents
Solo ---------- Mrs. C. O. Fitts
Reading ---- Miss Beatrice Leinbach
Song ---------- Male Quartette
Drill, Supervised by Mrs. Geo. Goelz.
Reading ------ Miss Gladys Barry
Solo ---------- Bert Nelson
Community Singing.

Afternoon Entertainment Committees

Children—
Mrs. C. P. Luick
Miss Maud Newgard
Miss Grace Gartz

Ladies—
Mrs. J. J. Sharon
Mrs. E. W. Luick
Mrs. A. W. Martin

Men—
J. J. Flynn
H. F. Luick

Picnic Supper at City Park at 6:00 O'clock.

Each family is requested to bring their own dishes and sandwiches and one other article of food.

IOWA LEADS IN TELEPHONES

Iowa leads the world in rural telephone communication, and five out of every six farms equipped with telephones, according to the latest report by the United States Department of Agriculture.

The 1920 census of agriculture shows that 38.9 per cent of all farms in the United States, or approximately two farms out of every five are equipped with telephones. The rural development of telephone facilities is far ahead of that in any other country in the world.

Of all the farms in the state of Iowa there are more than 8-- per cent that have telephones, while in Illinois, Kansas and Nebraska, her nearest competitors, between 70 and 80 per cent of the farms have telephones.

The percentage of farms with telephones in Iowa and nearby states is as follows: Iowa, 81.1; Nebraska, 76.4; Minnesota, 62; and South Dakota, 59.4.

There are also more telephones in proportion to the entire population in Iowa than any other state or country.

IOWA FALLS ELECTRIC CO. SUFFERS DAMAGE IN STORM

Eleven high line poles of the Iowa Falls Electric Co. were blown down and broken to pieces a half mile north of the old east side school house in Iowa Falls during the big storm last Tuesday. This high line feeds Popejoy, Dows, Rowan, Coulter, Belmond, Goodell, Klemme and Garner. The Garner plant took care of the towns of Belmond, Goodell, Klemme and Garner, but the other places were without current for almost a day.

The loss of the poles was total, but there was only slight loss to the cables. The construction gang of the Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. assisted the construction gang of the electric company in repairing the damage. In addition, the local company called in help from outside divisions and had their line working at 5 o'clock Wenesday evening.

The loss to the company will be about $500 in material, not counting the loss of service.

CLARION NEWS' NEW EDITOR

G. W. Newton, of Des Moines, arrived in Clarion, Tuesday, and will manage the News for Editor Goshorn of the Eagle Grove Times, who last week announced that he had purchased the property from Howard C. King. The King family left Clarion last Wednesday afternoon by automobile for their future home at St. Marie, Idaho.—Monitor.

Belmond Independent

R. A. RANKINS
Editor and Proprietor.

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Editorials

YOUR PAPER STOPS WHEN OUT

Is your subscription to the Independent paid up? Look at the date stamped after your name. If you aren't paid up, please come in or mail your check to settle. We have several hundred dollars due us on back subscriptions, and we need the money. The two dollars you may owe is not much in itself, but multiplied by the others it amounts to much more than we can afford to carry on our books.

During the past two years, when prices on farm commodities were down to below cost of production, and times and mney were tight, the Independent carried several hundred subscribers, gave them credit until times were better. We feel that the upward swing of prosperity is here again, and that all subscriptions delinquent should be settled.

A good many have failed to notice that their time has expired and have simply neglected to square up. Others have been receiving the paper through the courtesy of credit, or otherwise, have accepted and read it. In all fairness, folks, isn't it about time to get together?

The publisher cannot personally see each subscriber; he must depend upon them. To see each of you personally would take three months doing nothing else. It is up to you. Many of you ask why we do not stop at expiration. That is the really businesslike way of doing, and it is going to be our future policy. The past two years have required many unbusinesslike methods—circumstances alter cases. It has always been our policy to run a newspaper as good business sense would direct, on a business basis. We believe our readers want it conducted that way. We are trying to give you a good newspaper, one that will be a good representative of your community. To do this requires a considerable amount of money.

There are three sources of income to a newspaper—advertising, job printing, and subscriptions. If all three come up to standard, you get a good newspaper; if the income falls down on any one of the three, something must be cut down. With the Independent, the advertisers have paid up promply, the job printing has been taken care of, but the subscriptions have lagged behind. They must come up to the other two.

Therefore, beginning August 1st, all subscriptions to the Belmond Independent not paid in advance will be stopped at expiration, unless we are otherwise notified. The subscription price will be two dollars per year in advance. Until August 1st renewals and new subscriptions will be accepted at the present rate, $1.50 per year. After August 1st the rate will be $2.00 strictly in advance.

GIVING JUST THE "GOOD" NEWS

Every once in a while you hear it said that the newspapers print too much scandal and bad news, that they play up the horrible and dark side of the day's events, ignoring the good things that happen. And then again every now and then some one springs that old remark about printing all the news.

We wonder if people realize just what they are trying to get at? To print "all" the news is something no newspaper has ever done, or ever will do. Life consists of both the "good" and the "bad" news, and the newspapers as a whole endeavor to give their readers the news as it occurs, just as it occurs. Truthfulness is the first aim of a reputable newspaper. If the news is good news, the publisher is more pleased than if it is bad news, but whether good or bad, the mission of the paper is to give it.

There are those who want only the "good" news published. They want the dark side of life suppressed, regardless of the fact that every cloud has two sides. It takes both to portray accurately our lives. A newspaper does not make the news, it simply tells what happens as truthfully as it can get the facts. It cannot control events any more than its readers—not as much, in fact. If we had our way all news would be good news. But until the millineum comes news will be both good and bad, and as it comes so will it be published.

Any newspaper suppresses columns of "bad" news every week, some of it worse than "bad." Many a man who hollers about "printing all the news" should be mighty glad that "all" of it isn't printed. The readers of a newspaper, of this newspaper, can help along with the "good" news by lqtting the editor know when some occurs. What is "good" news? Any news that will interest someone else; a party, a visit, a trip, a birth, marriage, social, and the hundred other things that happen every day of the week. Those are the things any newspaper wants to print and is tickled to get. But if something turns up that isn't as pleasant, do not turn your back upon it and try to cover it up. Publicity has cured more social ills than any other medium, and always will. It is the one thing the evildoer fears more than anything else. The good and the bad; they are both here, always will be here. Let's take them openly as they come.

FORD FOR PRESIDENT

There is a growing demand for Ford for president. The country over, the past month has seen a great and growing talk of the Lizzie maker for the presidential chair. Why? What is there about Henry Ford that appeals to the American people? We believe it is because the people think he is honest, sincere in his beliefs and actions. There are many things about Ford which make him poor timber for a presidential candidate, and many good ones. He is beyond question the most successful business man in America. From poverty to hundreds of millions in 20 years thru his own efforts and vision.

People do not believe that Ford would be "controlled" by the Wall Street gang. They have faith in his ability. As a statesman, he is a complete fizzle. As a business man a howling success. And America is desperately in need of a business administration.

Four out of five men, representative business men, the Independent has talked with, were Ford voters. They say if he gets the nomination that he he will be elected. We believe that is about so. As a democratic candidate his chances will not be as good as on the republican ticket, but he will pull a mighty vote just the same, perhaps sufficient to win. The west, and middle west, we believe, would go for him. The South will go democratic of course. But in the East he will have hard sledding. Colliers' magazine, in a national poll, finds Ford leading the field, with about a third of the votes. But whether he wins or loses, it is almost certain he will be a candidate, and that it will be one of the greatest political battles of American history.

LET 'EM SQUIRM

When foreign governments enact laws they expect Americans to obey them within the territorial jurisdiction of those governments. When the United Staes enacts laws the same principle should apply to citizens of other countries whose those citizens reach American territory.

These are statements of common fairness and justice that no self respecting person can question. Congress has passed a law which prohibits any American ship from carrying liquor on board. The same law prohibits any foreign ship from entering an American port with liquor on board, except for medicinal purposes.

Foreign ship owners (and we suspect some of their governments, as well) are endeavoring to flagrantly disregard that law and the authority of the United States by carrying a full supply of liquor, that for voyage home being sealed by consular agents, to be opened after the ships leave American waters for their home ports. It is a shrewd trick, and if allowed to succeed will drive American passenger ships from the seas unless the law is amended.

Here is the meat of the cocoanut. If a British ship, for instance, is allowed to disregard the law it will have plenty of "wet" goods for its passengers as soon as it passes out of American waters. An American ship, making the same trip, would be required to obey the law and require no liquor on board, except for medicinal purposes. Which ship would get the business, and how long could an American ship continue in commission under such discriminatory conditions?

If foreign ships entering our ports can not obey the law they should be forbidden the right of entry. Either that, or American ships should be placed on an equal footing. The government should stand pat and compel a strict observance of our laws as long as they are in force. Only an imbecile would be guilty of slicing off his own nose.—Ex.

Several years ago at a church down in Missouri a marriage ceremony took place. The bridegroom's name was Wheat and the bride's was Corn. When the ceremony was over the choir surprised the audience by singing "Oh, What Shall the Harvest Be?" Some of the friends said nubbins, others said to wait until it was cradled. In due time it was cradled, and it was nubbins. (A pair of twin girls.)

LOCALS

Roads about the country have been in excellent condition owing to the lack of rain. The shower of Saturday did not do overly much damage to them except in spots.

Harry Reese is the owner of a new Dodge-Coupe, purchased last week from the Motor Inn Co.

Theo. Hansen, one of the leading merchants of Rowan, was in town last Wednesday on business affairs.

Louis Tokman of the Belmond Auto Co. was a business caller at Des Moines last Wednesday.

Rev. H. T. Miller, of the U. B. church at Goodell, was a business caller here last Wednesday.

Mrs. Stephenson of Fort Dodge was here visiting friends and relatives on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Barban drove to Eagle Grove, Sunday, to visit relatives and friends.

F. J. Tuffree drove to Marshalltown the first of the week to meet Mrs. Tuffree and the children, who had been visiting at Monticello.

W. H. Trafford of Belmond was a business visitor here Saturday.—Klemme Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Ely, of Belmond, were Sunday visitors at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Missman.—Times.

Tom Hake and family went to Belmond, Saturday evening, for an over Sunday visit.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schultz and two children, of Belmond, were visiting at the George Kessler home Tuesday afternoon.—Times.

The Ladies of the Trinity Lutheran Aid society will hold a Food Sale at the Cash Meat Market on Saturday, July 21st., beginning at 10:30 o'clock a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. John Butterfield came over from Hampton last week, and are staying at the C. A. Church residence. They expect to remain in Belmond for about a month.

Mrs. Riley and daughter, Dolly, of Rowan, spent Saturday at the Fuller Bailey home in Belmond.

Mrs. Rosecrans spent the week end with the Pritchard family at Clear Lake.

Hans Rickens is the owner of a new Overland touring car, purchased from the Nordschow Motor Co. last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brage and family, from Meservey, spent Sunday at the Dan Wenzell home.

Mrs. George Schanck is enjoying a visit from her sister-in-law, Mrs. Blakewell, and daughter from South Dakota.

Mrs. F. E. Snyder was a busines caller at Thornton on Monday of this week.

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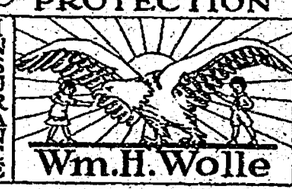
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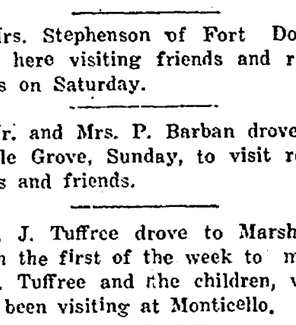

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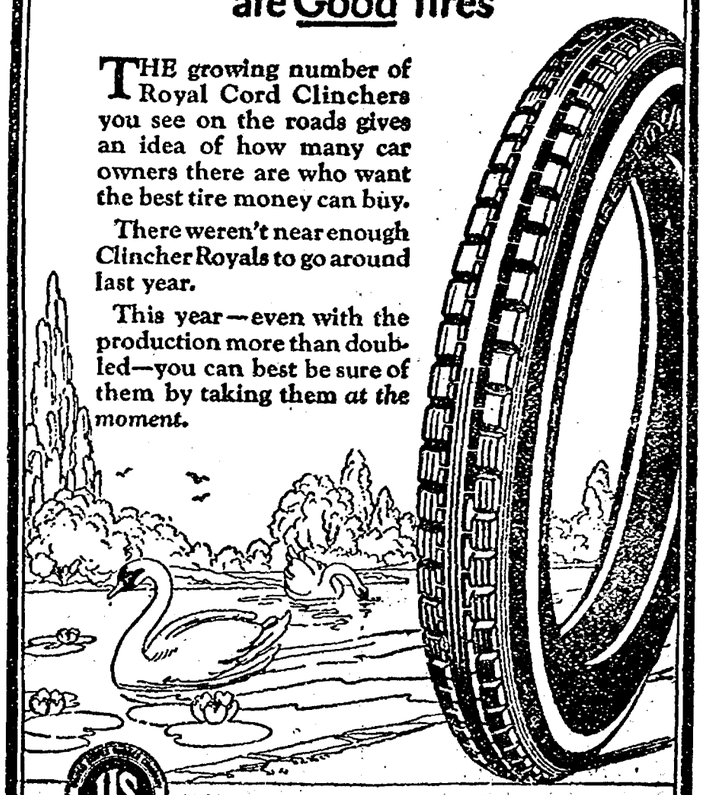
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FARM BUREAU NOTES

Herds Being Tested For T. B.

Dr. L. N. Jargo, federal veterinarian representing the U. S. Bureau of Animal Husbandry, spent several days in Wright county last week testing dairy herds for tuberculosis. Dr. Jargo's visit to the county was for the purpose of making the first test on several herds also applying the second test to other herds.

Farmers of Wright county, particularly the breeders of purebred livestock, are becoming intensely interested in the eradication of tuberculosis from herds of our county. To date, there are sixteen herds on the accredited list and the interest in the eradication of this dreadful disease seems to be growing through out the county. Some of the herds upon which tests were made last week are as follows: G. L. Trask, R W Fisher, G. E. Withers, J. W. Akers, J. W. Azettine, C. J. Toft, Andy Severe, S. U. Leinbach, Martin Halfwassen, and E. E. Akers.

Calf Club Tour Big Success

Rex Beresford, animal husbandry specialist from the extension service at Ames, accompanied the county agent and all members of the Wright County Baby Beef club, except two, on the tour of the county to inspect the baby beeves which are now on feed for the Baby Beef club exhibit at Eagle Grove, August 22nd. and finally the state fair exhibit at Des Moines.

The members of the Baby Beef club, and the fathers of several of the boys and other interested people, made the trip around the county to see the boys' calves which are being fed. Each club member's farm was visited and a short talk by Mr. Beresford given and all members given opportunity to ask questions in connection with the proper feeding and caring of the baby beeves. All boys of the club seemed to enjoy the trip and the instruction which was received from Mr. Beresford was very helpful to the boys in their feeding operations.

According to Mr. Beresford, the Wright county boys have a fine bunch of calves and he seems to think that the calves when shipped to Des Moines will make a splendid showing. He says the calves are all of a good quality and type and with a little more condition on each individual, they will be in splendid shape for the exhibit at Eagle Grove and Des Moines. Boys who made the tour of inspection are as follows: Laurel Hill, Ardis Peterson, Kenneth Tillman, John and Roy Axon, Gerald Kennedy, Gilbert Hansen, Robert Hansen. Craig Nelson, Everett McCutcheon and Ralph Harring.

Poultry Culling Demonstrations

The county agent has worked out a schedule whereby a poultry culling demonstration will be held in each township of the county. The general plan will be to select a farm which is as centrally located as possible and then invite all members of that particular township to witness the culling demonstration.

According to figures previously compiled, there are from twenty-five to thirty per cent of the farm hens which are non-producers, and a series of culling demonstrations is being planned so as to elimnate these loafer hens from the farm flocks. There is no doubt but what there are thousands of hens carried over each year which do not pay for their keep. Poultry diseases will also be taken up at these demonstrations and any one having disease in their flock should bring their questions to the demonstrations.

The places for holding the demonstrations have not been worked out as yet but those who are interested in attending the demonstrations are urged to get in touch with the lady vice director of the township where the culling demonstration is to be held. The schedule which will be followed in conducting the poultry culling demonstratioins will be as follows.

Time—10 A. M.
Lincoln, Wednesday, July 18.
Time—1:30 P. M.
Lake, Thursday, July 19.
Dayton, Friday, July 20.
Eagle Grove, Monday, July 23.
Troy, Tuesday, July 24.
Woolstock, Friday, July 27.
Wall Lake, Monday, July 30.
Vernon, Tuesday, July 31.
Pleasant, Wednesday, Aug. 1.
Iowa, Thursday, Aug. 3.
Blaine, Friday, Aug. 4.
Belmond, Monday, Aug. 6.
Norway, Tuesday, August 7.

Amateurs Judge Sams Polands

Members of the Wright county Junior Livestock Judging Club met at the J. H. Sams & Son farm at the old fair grounds last Friday evening, where they worked on Poland China hogs. The boys gave placings and reasons on one class of aged sows and placings, only, on a class of spring ilts. The balance of the evening was spent at the county agent's office, where the boys were given further instruction on points in the judging work.

Prof. H. H. Kildee, head of the Animal Husbandry department of Iowa State College, has invited the county agent and boys to the livestock judging contest at the college August 11, which contest has been arranged for all jnnior livestock judging teams of the state. The county agent and members of the judging club plan to spend the entire day at Ames, so that the boys will have opportunity to see the college.

The junior judges will also take part in the judging contest at the Mason City fair during the week of August 15. Here the boys will judge in competition with teams from Chickasaw, Floyd, Butler, Franklin, Hancock, Kossuth, Winnebago, Mitchell, Worth and Cerro Gordo counties. The selection of members of the judging team which will represent Wright county at th state fair will depend largely upon the showing made by the boys at the Ames contest August 11.

Picnic-Club Exhibit Plans

Plans are rounding into shape for the county wide picnic-club exhibit which is being planned for August 22nd at Eagle Grove. The committee in charge of arrangements for the livestock at this exhibit has already arranged for a big tent about one hundred twenty feet in length for housing the livestock. The poultry will be housed in a building already on the grounds and the girls garment exhibits will be shown in the round building at Greenwood park.

It has been planned by the executive committee to have all judging of the club exhibits completed by noon in order that everyone may have opportunity to see the prize winning livestock, poultry and fancy work after dinner. The afternoon program consists of an address by John W. Coverdale, secretary of the American Farm Bureau Federation, a baseball game between two of the township farm bureaus of the county as well as a number of athletic sports which usually go with a picnic of this kind.

Arrangements have been made for sending all of the baby beeves to the state fair at Des Moines in one carload shipment. It has been planned also to send the first and second prize winners in the various breed classes of purebred gilts and poultry, the transportation charges to be paid by the county farm bureau. Thirty dollars will be paid in prizes to members of the Baby Beef club, thirty dollars to the Purebred Gilt, forty-five dollars to the Poultry club and fifty dollars to the Girls' Garment club. The baby beeves now on feed, are looking fine and according to Rex Beresford, who inspected the calves last week, some of them are above average; the purebred gilts show fine quality and with another month's care and feed will be in excellent show condition. The birds in the poultry club are looking fine and if the livestock and poultry continue to improve as they have in the past month an exceptionally fine exhibit will be made by the boys and girls at Eagle Grove next August.

Very competent judges have been secured to make the placings on the livstock and poultry exhibits. E. L. Quaife, animal husbandry specialist, and L. E. Heifner, poultry specialist, both of the Extension Service at Ames, will judge the livestock and poultry exhibits. Arrangements are now being made to secure a home demonstration agent from some near by county to judge the exhibits in the girls' department. The carload of baby beeves also the first and second prize winning gilts and poultry in the different breeds will be shipped from Eagle Grove to the state fair at Des Moines. The boys and girls of the county who are members of the different clubs are looking forward with great pleasure to the exhibit at Eagle Grove and finally to the state fair at Des Moines.

Belmond Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Goodman and son Bobbie, of Ida Grove, visited with the Barry sisters on Saturday. Mrs. Goodman was formerly Miss Simon, a teacher in the Belmond high school.

Mrs. Chris Sorenson left yesterday for Clear Lake where she will spend a month's vacation. Mrs. Clemonson will keep house during her absence.

Miss Ruth Hill visited Saturday of last week at Cornelia with some friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kragh and family motored to Dows on Sunday to visit friends and relatives.

Mrs. Duran Nagle, of Clarion, was a visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kinney, a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ramsay of Des Moines, were guests at the home of his brother, Wallace, and family, over the week end.

Miss Rena Purdy drove to Mason City on Monday, Mrs. Wallace Ramsay and daughter, Ruth, accompanying her.

The Chain of Ten will be entertained at the home of Mrs. J. E. Pfaltzgraff on Monday next.

Mrs. Gus Nissen will be hostess to the ladies of the Methodist Aid society today.

Six young ladies, the Misses Shirley Thompson, Clara Johnson, Marjorie Purcell, Pearl Rierson, Gilda Nelson enjoyed an outing at Morse Lake last week at the Griesy-Skovlin cottage, thru the courtesy of the two gentlemen.

The officers of Golden Rod Rebekah lodge were installed last Wednesday night by Miss Nellie Acre's, of Dows. Miss Acres was accompanied by Mrs. Krummen of Dows.

Ed. Bailey drove to Marshalltown last Saturday on business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hanson and Mr. and Mrs. Heinisch and son enjolyed a camping out at Morse Lake over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jennings autoed to Eagle Grove, Sunday, to visit relatives and friends.

Wm. Trafford is enjoying a visit this week from his mother, who resides in Illinois.

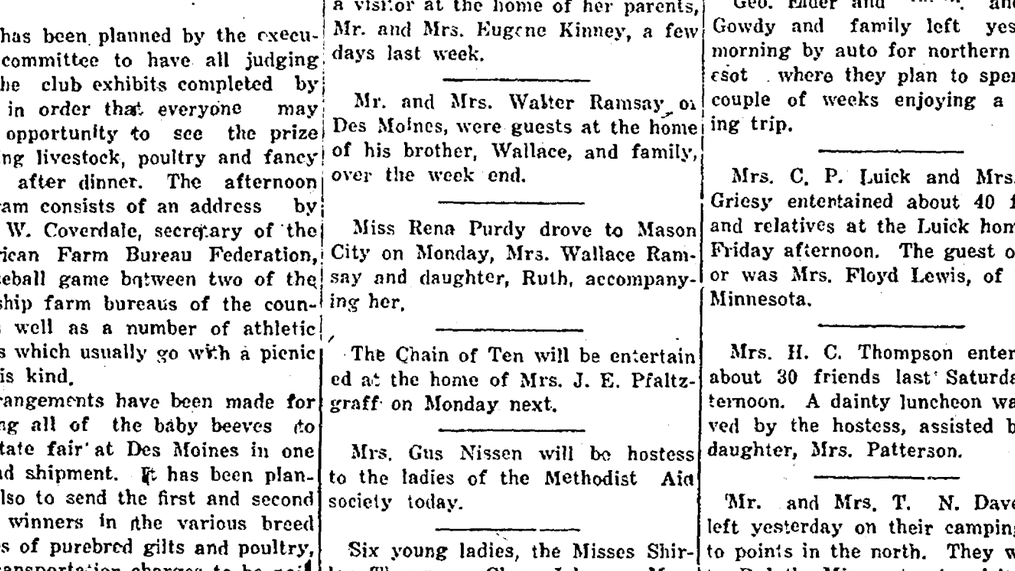
Geo. Elder and [illegible] and Dr. Gowdy and family left yesterday morning by auto for northern Minnesot where they plan to spend a couple of weeks enjoying a camping trip.

Mrs. C. P. Luick and Mrs. Val Griesy entertained about 40 friends and relatives at the Luick home last Friday afternoon. The guest of honor was Mrs. Floyd Lewis, of Tracy, Minnesota.

Mrs. H. C. Thompson entertained about 30 friends last Saturday afternoon. A dainty luncheon was served by the hostess, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Davenport left yesterday on their camping trip to points in the north. They will go to Duluth, Minnesota, to visit their son, Earnest, a day or so, and from there will go on to the Yellowstone Park and points in Montana. They will be gone about a month. Wm. Dempsey will take his place on the mail route.

Mrs. Floyd Lewis, of Tracy, Minnesota, has been a guest at the home of her mother, Mrs. Val Griesy, and with other relatives the past week.



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THE DEMPSEY-GIBBONS FIGHT
General view of the Dempsey-Gibbons fight at Shelby, Mont. This photo gives one an idea of the large number of people that did not attend.

Griesy's Store News

Vol. 2 BELMOND, IOWA, JULY 19, 1923. No. 17.

READ THIS—THEN ACT

Mr. George T. Johnson of Belmond township was running a cream separator that he supposed was working as well as any. We asked permission to install a Ball Bearing Primrose and let him skim part of his milk with the new machine and part with the old. Here is the result:

From one-half of the milk at one skimming with the Primrose he received a check for $1.15 for the cream.

From one-half of the milk at one skimming with the other machine he received a check for 98 cents for the cream.

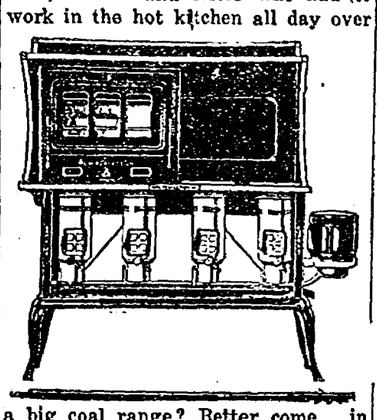
A gain with the Primrose of 34 cents a skimming, 68 cents a day and $248 a year!

Did it pay him to buy a new Primrose?

Mr. Will J. Boelman and Mr. Theodore Kessler are the owners of new Primrose Cream Separators since last week. Will their records show as well as Mr. Johnson's?

Are You Hot?

We will bet you are in the harvest fields this week and we were wondering if you ever thought about the wife, mother and sister who had to work in the hot kitchen all day over



a big coal range? Better come in and buy one of the New Perfection Oil Ranges for her right now. She will appreciate it more than you can guess.

Your Stock Needs Water These Days

And remember the International and Cushman engines never tire out in filling that big tank. Just a little gasolene and oil and they will pump all day. Never have to think

about the wind blowing to run the old mill.

Charles Leonard, Martin Nelson and W. A. Tedder are the owners of new Cushman engines. Their pumping troubles are over.

Now Harvest—Soon Threshing

Have you decided to put in that new elevator you have been thinking about so many years. Of course we have the old standard Sandwich elevators and you can just as well use one for threshing an pay for it this fall. Just three machines left at the old price. Better get one of them.

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No flies can live after a "Fly-Kil" mist.

"Fly-Kill" is equally effective as a killer and repellent against fleas, lice, mites, bedbugs and cockroaches.

Sold on a money back guarantee.

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SHOE SALE

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At 8:30 a. m. on this day we place 290 lots of the season's latest styles into one of the most spectacular selling events this big store has ever held. Every pair in these lots of high-grade shoes are to be sold in ten days---the exceedingly low prices will do it.

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MESERVEY SECTION

For Sale—My property in the north part of town. See Mrs. P. Schove, Meservey, Iowa. 29tfc

For Sale—Shetland pony, 3 years old. Black and white.—Peter H. Pals, Meservey, Ia. 33tfc

Fred, Henry and Lena Pals, Louie and Lena Gruis, are visiting at Blue Earth and Fairmont, Minn.

For sale or rent, a 4-room house. See W. F. Larson, Meservey, Iowa. 35tfc.

OUR MOTTO—"QUALITY FIRST"

JULY

Clearance Sale!

We will continue the Special in Silk Hosiery during the month of July.

Also a few Voiles left which will sell at a reduction.

Come in and get our prices and be convinced that we are selling goods right.

It is hardly necessary to call your attention to the fact that our grocery stock is always clean and fresh.

Honest dealing is our policy.

Hulsebus-Muller Company

A. E. Muller, Proprietor

Meservey, - Iowa

Tire Sale

Starting July 12th

For ten days we will discount 10 per cent from today's prices on all

GOODRICH, FISK and DIAMOND

TIRES

We have in stock. Don't let this chance slip by without buying the tires you will need this summer.

30x3 1-2 N. S. Fisk Casing for $9.59.

30x3 1-2 Cord for $12.47.

Meservey Garage

Phone 44 G. E. Raecker, Prop.

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When you open your account with this bank you may be sure of two things. One is absolute security and the other is courteous, painstaking service—the sort of personal service you would expect to reveive from your best friend.

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FARMERS SAVINGS BANK

MESERVEY, IOWA

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

Last Monday evening about 40 young people of Rev. Pannkuk's Bible class met at the parsonage, carrying out a surprise in honor of the pastor's birthday anniversary. A good time is reported. Games were played. Refreshments were served. A purse was made up and presented to Rev. Pannkuk as a token of esteem. All departed wishing him many happy returns of the day.

Peter Pals and Mr. and Mrs. Hulsebus were Kanawha visitors on last Tuesday p. m.

C. Bier was a caller at Clear Lake Tuesday forenoon.

We are open every evening, so come in and get your repairs.—C. J. Wendel. 34tfc

For Rent—40 acres of hay land. See Farmers Savings Bank, Meservey, Iowa. 331c

We are the headquarters for good things for your Lunch Basket which are as follows:

Mince Ham
New England Ham
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Pickles and Cheese
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You can afford to eat the best if you buy here.

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MICKIE SAYS—

WHEN SHE'S AWAY

"The wife's away," said the man who wore a sort of run-down look. "And I've been cooking my own breakfasts. The thing that gets me is how in the name of goodness a person can cook three things, excluding coffee, and have them all done at the same time? I'll tell the waiting world that to do it is a gift. If that woman doesn't come back soon I'll be blistered in every exposed part of my body from hot flying grease. Did you ever try first to cook bacon, then drop an egg into the spider and fry it in the hot bacon grease? Do it, and I'll bet if you never uttered a cuss in your life you'll begin right then."—Detroit News.

Opportunity generally makes sure before knocking that it is a lucky man's door.

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Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jones, accompanied by Mrs. Mary Butz, Mrs. Henry Frey and son, Wilbert, were Mason City callers last Thursday.

Word was received here by Mrs. Wm. Quandt, stating that her mother, Mrs. H. Immel, had passed away at her home on Thursday of last week. Mrs. Immel had been a patient sufferer for some time with Brights disease. She will be remembered by a host of friends who sympathize with the family in their time of sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Reif visited last Sunday p. m. at the Wm. Eimbrink and A. Boller homes at Goodell.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Fischer, Sr. and three younger children, accompanied by Mrs. H. Raecker and son, Rev. Raecker, Jr., departed last Monday a. m. by auto for Southwestern Iowa where they will visit relatives at different points until Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Enabnit and younger children of Des Moines came Sunday to visit until Tuesday with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Proost, John Langlitz, Mrs. Ankeny and daughter motored to Mason City last Saturday p. m. Mr. Proost and Mr. Langlitz were business callers. Mrs. Ankeny and daughter were returning after a week's visit here. Walter Witt went as far as Clear Lake with them, he having returned from Cedar Falls for the week end.

Rev. H. Raecker, Jr., and family arrived Sunday accompanied by the former's father, from Abbot. The latter had spent a week at Cedar Falls. Mrs. Raecker and children will spend the week here with relatives.

E. Ruitter and son John were visitors at Aplington last Sunday.

Mrs. Joe West and baby left last Monday p. m. for Webster City where she went in response to a message stating that her cousin, Edward Woods, a young man of 17, was slugged, robbed and killed at that place last Saturday night. He had drawn his savings and was in possession of same when he was stabbed. A gold watch, given to him by his mother last Christmas, which he was carrying was also taken. He was an employee of a R. R. company and was on his way to work when the crime was committed.

The board of education met in special session last Monday evening.

John Ruiter began a 60-day leave of absence last Tuesday. Mr. Anderson of Fairmont, Minn., will fill the place during that time.

E. A. Strasburg and Art Peters of Alexander were Mason City callers Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Larson are the proud parents of a new son, born to them last Monday.

Miss Margaret Mennenga of Belmond visited at the Rev. Pannkuk home last Tuesday.

For Sale—Two Tractors, with plows. Priced right.—Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond, Iowa. 35tfc

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hulsebus of Clear Lake were in town last Wednesday evening.

Cards were received here last announcing the marriage of Mr. Hajo Pals to Miss Francis LeCocq, of Pella. They will be at home in Belmond after August 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. John Utesch and daughter, and Mrs. Reimer and her grandson, of Chicago, Theo. Wendell and wife, Albert Wendell and wife, Howard Casebeer and wife, Nels Faborg and wife, Henry Wendell and wife, and Ott Strasburg and family Jennie Meinderts and Ralph Wendell made up a party who enjoyed a picnic supper at Clear Lake last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gruis motored to Stout last Thursday to spend a few days there visiting their relatives and friends.

The Helping Hand society will meet in the basement of the Evang. church today (Thursday) for their regular meeting, with Mrs. Albert Wendell as hostess.

Mrs. G. E. Raecker was on the sick list several days last week.

Supt. J. G. Herbster and brother, Kenneth, were in town on business matters last Thursday. We were informed that the former was married last Tuesday to Miss Hazel Hawthorne, and they will make this their home within a month, or as soon as arrangements can be made.

Mrs. Eilert Dirks and sister, Alma Gruis came Thursday last from their home in Long Island City, N. Y., and will remain visiting relatives and friends indefinitely.

Supt. R. E. Newcomb, of Mason City, was in town last Thursday attending to matters in his line.

Mr. and Mrs. James Faborg are rejoicing over the arrival of a new daughter, who came to their home on Thursday of last week.

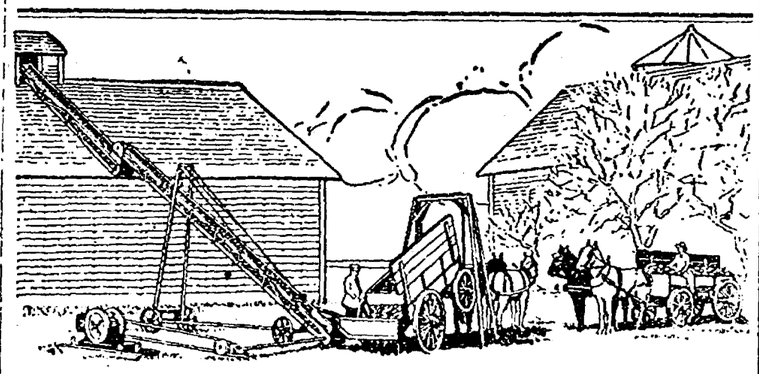
Mr. and Mrs. John Utesch and daughter, and Mrs. Reimer and her grandson returned to their home in Chicago last Friday morning after visiting the Wendell families here for 10 days. They made the trip by auto.

Merle Brogan was in town Friday and Saturday. He is attending Normal at I. S. T. C. at Cedar Falls.

For Sale—1921 Ford Touring; 1923 4-door Ford Sedan; 1923 2-door Sedan. Several other cars at reasonable prices. —Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond, Iowa.

Mrs Wm. Gealow entertained the Ladies Aid society of the St. John Lutheran church of Belmond at her home on Thursday last.

True Christian piety does not require the services of a megaphone.



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We have two types of John Deere Elevators—the John Deere Portable Elevator, illustrated above, and the John Deere Inside Cup, illustrated below.

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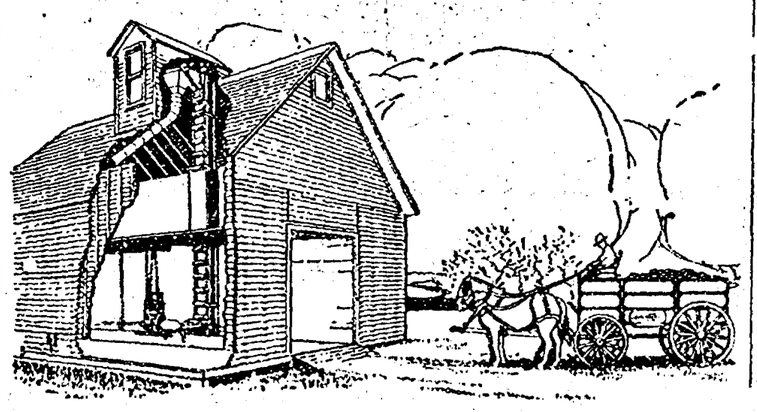
If one building furnishes storage for your entire crop, get a John Deere Inside Cup—this is a stationary outfit that is permanently installed and always ready for use.

If you are going to build a new crib, get our free plans that will save you dollars in material and construction costs—they won't cost you a cent.

No matter what kind of elevator you need we have it for you. Come in and let us figure with you.

C. J. WENDEL, Meservey, Iowa



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ROWAN NEWS

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Mrs. R. H. Keith and Kenneth were in Hampton on business Friday.

DeRusch Hughes, who has been living with his mother at the Friend Aldrich home, went back to Omaha last Tuesday for a visit with relatives.

Miss Ruth Dailey of Miles City, Mont., arrived Saturday to make an extended visit at the C. W. Fowler home.

Clesson Azeltine and Geo. Brooks have recently purchased saxophones.

Miss Wilda Whitten left Saturday to take up a six-weeks' course at Coe College.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Myers from Indianola and Mrs. Geo. Rodgers of Lacona spent the week end at the F. M. Myers home.

Mrs. Martha Robinson of Estherville is spending this week with her nephews, Wm. and Robert Duffy.

Mrs. E. Everett has returned from a visit with her son at Webster City.

F. H. Brooks and family and Mrs. J. D. Brooks spent part of last week with relatives at Waterloo and Waverly, returning Friday. They left Sunday to spend the week fishing in Minnesota.

Mrs. Will Mullins, who has been visiting relatives here, left Thursday to visit her sister, Mrs. Hubbard McCallum, at Mason City. From there she plans to make an extended visit with relatives at Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. David Bowers from Bally, Penn., arrived Saturday for an extended visit with their son, Charles Bowers and family.

Mrs. Ed. Ballou spent part of last week with relatives at Galt.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kercheval, Fred Frances and the Carl D. Smith family visited at Britt Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lindsay drove to Iowa Falls, Sunday, to attend a family reunion of Mrs. Lindsey's relatives.

Mrs. Etta Carr left Monday evening for Latimer where she expects to remain for some time at the Henry Miller home, caring for the children while Mrs. Miller is away visiting at Thief River, Minn.

Carl D. Smith and family, who have been visiting for some time at the Fred Kercheval home, departed Monday for their home in Boston, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fowler and Miss Esther autoed to Clarion. Friday

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Snow stopped at the G. W. Whitten home last Friday, enroute from Grundy Center to their home in Goldfield. They have been selling copies of a new song, "I'm From Iowa," which they recently composed, and report success in the sales.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Cowley and Maude, autoed to LaPorte City last Friday, returning the first of the week.

D. W. Whitten recently purchased some electric fans and placed them in his store. These will add much to the comfort of his customers.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Whitten took their son, Lyndon, to Camp Foster on the shore of Lake Okoboji, where he will spend 10 days camping with a company of boys.

Mrs. Harm Brinkman and children of Latimer were over last Tuesday.

Word received from John Brinkman, Mankato, Minn., states that he is recovering rapidly from his recent operation. Miss Alma Brinkman of Long Beach, Cal., has been there assisting to care for him.

Miss Mildred Azeltine arrived home last Thursday for an extended visit with her parents.

Master Gilbert Rowen was on the sick list the first of the week.

Miss Helen Sellers from near Dows spent part of last week with her cousin, Miss LaVonne McCallum.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Burger autoed to Cedar Falls to spend the week end with relatives.

Miss Grace Dayton of Cedar Rapids is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. A. French, this week.

The Geo. Unger family from Dows spent Sunday at the Mary Braden home.

The W. C. T. U. held their regular monthly meeting at Mrs. Harry Bohnett's, Wednesday of this week. Mrs. Parliman, who is visiting relatives here, and Mrs. W. R. McCallum, who with her husband are soon to leave for the west, were the honor guests. Refreshments were served by the committee.

Mrs. O. E. Ballou received word from Crookston, Minn., last Sunday that her sister, Mrs. Gildersleeve, was very low. A special delivery letter from her son stated that unless she rallied enough to take nourishment that she could last only a day or two.

Floyd Whitten and Gay Fletcher spent Sunday at home They have a two weeks gravel hauling yet at Greene.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Harris left on Wednesday for Albert Lea. From there they were going farther into Minnesota expecting to spend some time camping around the lakes.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mantle accompanied the Brooks family on their camping trip into Minnesota.

The Christian Endeavor society meets with Dolly Riley this week for their monthly business and social meeting.

The Womens Foreign Missionary society met with Mrs. Oscar Isenberger last Wednesday. Miss Mae Virden gave an excellent report of the Student Volunteer Council held at Yonkers, N. Y., last spring, of which May was a delegate from Cornell College.

Rowan Methodist Church Notes
Geo. A. Osborn, Pastor.

The happiness you get in church on Sunday is a tonic for the whole week.

Class meeting at 9:15 a. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Divine worship at 11 a. m. Morning theme: "Pressing Toward the Mark." Epworth League at 7 p. m. Evening service at 8. At the evening service the Whitten memorial pulpit furniture will be presented to the public with appropriate services. Evening sermon theme: "The Man of Refuge."

A cordial invitation is extended to all.

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PICKLING ON THE INSTALLMENT PLAN

Produce of Small Garden Can Be Utilized As It Matures

A method of canning pickles on the installment plan, so that the produce of the small home garden can be utilized, is recommended by Miss Ruth Bailey of the home economics division of Iowa State College.

A cup each of salt, sugar and mustard are mixed with a half gallon of vinegar and a half gallon of water. The pickles can be put into this mixture a few each day, until the crock is full. In a week to ten days the pickles will be ready to eat. Prepared in this way they will keep all winter.

If quart jars are used, a tablespoonful of each of the ingredients with a pint of vinegar and a pint of water will give the proper mixture.

BUSINESS

First Girl—So Lucy broke her engagement to that young doctor?

Second Girl—Yes! And can you imagine, he not only demanded all his gifts back, but even sent her a bill for twenty-seven visits.

Willard STORAGE BATTERY
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GOODELL NEWS

The "Wantano" club met at the home of Mrs. Fred Chase on last Thursday afternoon. About 25 were present. Mrs. Clarence Arnold gave a talk on the history of woolen fabrics, also gave a demonstration on the testing of woolen fabrics which was very interesting and instructive. At the close of this profitable session a fine lunch was served by Mrs. Chase and daughters.

Mrs. Gus Okrueg and daughter returned from Rochester, Wednesday.

Mrs. Kutzner is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thada drove to Clear Lake on Tuesday afternoon to attend the camp meeting. Mr. Thada returned Wednesday. She remained several days.

Finis Latch and wife arrived Friday morning from Minnesota to visit his parents.

A large number of small children gathered at the home of Master Morris Zelie last Thursday, to celebrate his birthday.

J. W. Griggs and Miss Maude drove to their cottage at Clear Lake on Thursday.

George Halls of Charles City was calling on friends last Thursday.

Howard Africa of Kanawha visited relatives here Friday.

Del Church of Clear Lake was in town Monday.

Mrs. Monroe Graeber is enjoying a visit from her father and mother, and little niece of Harvey Ill.

Wm. Beier's youngest brother and wife and sister of Liberty township visited him on Sunday.

Mr. Brisco and family of Blue Island, Ill., is visiting at the home of Wm. Schlichting this week.

Mr. Wolle of Belmond was in the town Saturday in the interest of Canadian land sales.

The ice cream social given by the 4th division of the Ladies Aid, Saturday, was well patronized. The ladies took in about $35.

The Rosary will sell ice cream the coming Saturday night.

Fathers' Day was well attended at the U. B. church last Sunday. The male choir rendered some excellent music.

Mr. Sandberg's new shop is nearing completion. He is now putting in his machinery.

PLOW WORKS WITHOUT DRIVER

That farmers may before many years pass be able to turn an automatic plow loose in a field in the evening, go to bed and awake in the morning to find the field plowed is a possibility born out by tests with such a plow which has been conducted at Iowa State College.

The automatic plow works without tractor or horses and after it is set does not need a man to run it. In tests at the college, the plow which is still in process of being perfected has worked with considerable success.

It has been developed on lines suggested by J. B. Davidson, head of the agricultural engineering department by D. B. Lucas, graduate student in agricultural engineering.

Two plow bottoms, one left hand and one right hand, are placed on opposite sides of the main axle, about which the entire out is balanced.

The power is furnished by a small gasoline engine mounted above the main axle. One of the drive wheels follows the furrow and thus guides the plow.

A long bar across the top of the machine and extending slightly beyond each plow bottom reverses the direction of the plow when it comes in contact with the fence at the end of the field. Another device makes it possible for the machine to move the width of the furrow toward the land side when the direction has been changed.

Both Mr. Davidson and Mr. Lucas are confident that it can be made to work efficiently and at a great saving of labor, since after it is set going it will not require the presence of a driver. While such a machine would meet with difficulty in stump, stony or extremely rough land. There are hundreds of thousands of acres in Iowa where it would be possible to use it.—*Times.*

"What has become of the motion picture bathing beauty?" asks an editorial. Maybe she went in the water by mistake and was drowned.

Sugar consumers can't expect much relief. They are not far enough away.

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DEMPSEY-GIBBONS FIGHT
This photo shows Gibbons forcing Dempsey in his corner and Jack fighting for a knockout.
This was one of Gibbon's best rounds and both fighters were going good when the photo was snapped.

ALEXANDER NEWS

For Sale—Two Tractors, with plows. Priced right.—Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond, Iowa. 35tfc

While at play last Friday afternoon, little Lleywlyn Dunn had the misfortune of falling in such a manner as to fracture both bones in his left arm. He is getting along as nicely as can be expected.

Miss Charity Hansen, of Hampton, was a week end visitor with relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Winwood and son, Kenneth, were callers at Iowa Falls last Saturday evening.

Leonard Arends was a business visitor at Hampton last Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bell of Waterloo visited with relatives at Alexander several days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dunn and children were callers at Belmond on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell and daughters Jessie and Nellie were visitors at Dows last Friday.

Mrs. E. E. Butler and two sons of Hampton visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Arends, a few days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Finkle and daughter, Leona, of Hampton, visited with relatives at this place Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Murphy and two sons were visitors at Hampton last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Isenberger and family of Latimer, were callers with friends in town Sunday.

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WHY WE SHAKE HANDS

Did you ever ask yourself why you shake hands with a parson whom you know? Here is the reason. In the old days, when every man who had any pretention to being a gentleman carried a sword, it was the custom for men when they met to show that they had no intention of treachery to offer one another their weapon hands, that is, the hand that would be used to draw the sword, and to withhold the hand was usually the signal for a fight.

So fixed did this habit become that long after men ceased to wear swords they still offered their weapon hand to a friend, and declined to offer it to an enemy. To this day when you refuse to shake hands with a person it signifies you are at war.

Among savages, who never carried swords the practice of shaking hands is unknown, and it affords them amusemet to see the white man do it.

One of the largest calamities to a poor man is to have some automobile salesman learn his telephone.

The richer the man is the more he hates to spend a half dollar for a new pair of garters.

How Are Your Hogs?

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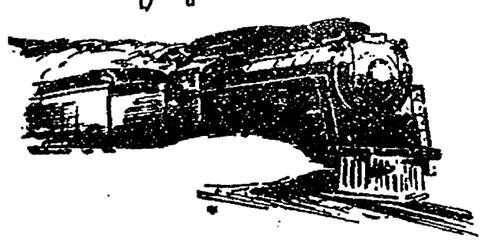

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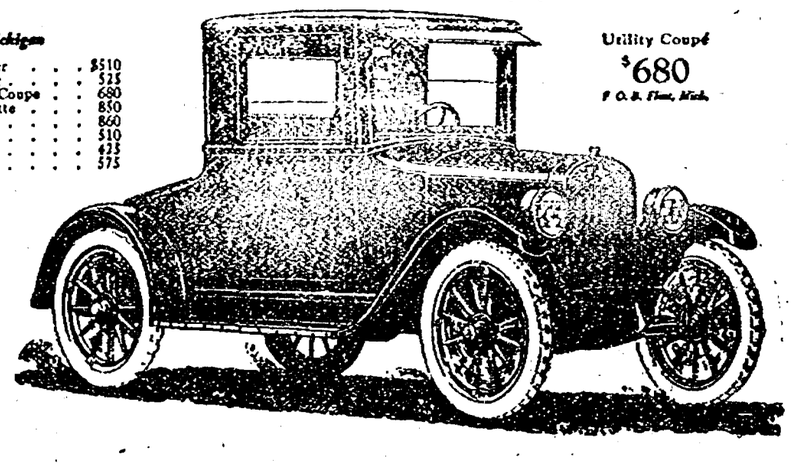

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Disliking the prospect of a month's visit to her austere aunt, Lady Erythea Lambe, at Jervaulx abbey, and her cousin, Alexander Lambe, Aimee, vivacious daughter of the Very Reverend Viscount Scroope, is in a rebellious mood.

CHAPTER II.—She wanders into the park, there encountering a strange youth in trouble with a motorcycle. He laughingly introduces himself as "Billy," American. The two cement the acquaintance by a ride on the motorcycle, the "Flying Sphinx," and part. With Georgina Berners, her cousin, Aimee sets out for Jervaulx. On the way she decides that Georgina shall impersonate her at Jervaulx, while she goes on a holiday. Georgina's horrified protest is unavailing.

CHAPTER III.—Happy in her new freedom, Aimee again meets "Billy." He tells her his name is Spencer, and she gives hers as Amy Snooks, at present "out of a job." Billy offers to take her into partnership in selling the Sphinx. In a spirit of madcap adventure, she accepts. The two proceed to the town of Stanhoe, taking separate lodgings in Ivy cottage.

CHAPTER IV.—That night Aimee visits Georgina, and learns that the deception has not been discovered. By her dominant personality she compels Georgina to continue the subterfuge.

CHAPTER V.—On a trial spin next day on the Sphinx, with Billy, Aimee almost collides with a carriage in which are her aunt, Georgina and Alexander. The pair escape unrecognized.

CHAPTER VI.—Georgina learns that Lord Scroope is coming to visit Lady Erythea and, realizing what will happen on his arrival, is in hopeless bewilderment.

CHAPTER VII.—While Aimee is secretly visiting Georgina at Jervaulx, the place is burglarized. Aimee escapes.

CHAPTER VIII.—Georgina learns, with much relief, that Aimee has got away.

CHAPTER IX.—Police Inspector Panke decides that the robbery is the work of "Jack the Climber" and "Calamity Kate," noted thieves, who travel on a motorcycle.

CHAPTER X.—Billy, aware of his "partner's" nocturnal jaunts, is troubled. He follows her, on the Sphinx, to Jervaulx. He hears the commotion, at once suspects burglary, and follows two figures on a motorcycle who are apparently in a desperate hurry. Cornering the pair, Billy knocks out a man who attempts to shoot him, picking up a package the fellow had dropped. He discovers the other fugitive to be a woman. Stopping to aid her, she strikes him with a stone, rendering him unconscious, and the pair escape.

CHAPTER XI.—Recovering, Billy discovers the package he had picked up is a jewel case, containing emeralds. Realizing they must be part of the loot from Jervaulx, he starts for the abbey. On the way he meets Aimee, with the police in pursuit. In a secure hiding place, a cave among the crag pits, Aimee tells him the whole story. He urges that she make a frank confession to her father, but on reflection both realize Aimee's good name has been compromised by her two nights' stay at Ivy cottage.

CHAPTER XII.—Assuring Aimee he has a plan to save her, Billy leaves her in the cave and, proceeding to Jervaulx, restores the emeralds to the astounded Lady Erythea.

CHAPTER XIII.—Rejecting any reward, after explaining how the emeralds came into his possession, Billy accepts the position of chauffeur to Lady Erythea, seeing in the situation a promise of a way out of the embroglio.

CHAPTER XIV.—Realizing what her father's visit to Jervaulx would mean, Aimee goes secretly to her home, disables the family auto, thus preventing his journey, and induces a parlormaid to let her take her place at Jervaulx.

CHAPTER XV.—Alexander recognizes Aimee as the woman on the motorcycle which ran into the Lambe carriage, denouncing her as "Calamity Kate." Georgina divulges Aimee's identity. Hearing her story, Alexander consents to keep the secret.

CHAPTER XVI.—Alexander finds himself very much in love with Georgina.

CHAPTER XVII.—The approaching visit of Alexander's sister, Lady Diana (who, of course, knows Aimee) brings consternation to the two girls.

CHAPTER XVIII.—Another visitor to Jervaulx is the Vicomte de Jussac, Diana's suitor. Diana recognizes Aimee and threatens to denounce her.

CHAPTER XIX.—Interested in the Lambe collection of armor, De Jussac, during the night, tries on a suit. Diana, investigating an alleged ghostly apparition, meets him. He declares his love, and is accepted. Aimee finds them together and binds Diana to secrecy concerning her affairs.

CHAPTER XX.—Alexander and Georgina become engaged. Lady Erythea, believing Georgina to be Lord Scroope's daughter, is delighted.

CHAPTER XXI.—Billy and Aimee reach an understanding as to their mutual love.

CHAPTER XXII.—A Scotland Yard official arrives and demands to see Billy. Aimee overhears him. Learning Billy's whereabouts, the officer goes after him.

Ten minutes later Aimee was in the bushy dip of ground leading into the crag pits. The police were well ahead of her, converging round the far end. Aimee had taken some trouble to avoid being seen by them. At the moment she could not see them at all, and took it for granted they could not see her either.

Bending low and running between the bushes, Aimee made for the entrance of the Sphinx's cave. It seemed to her that must be where Billy had gone. On arriving at the mouth, however, she discovered her mistake. Through a gap in the brushwood she caught sight of Billy a considerable distance farther along the pits. And with him was de Jussac.

The police arrived almost immediately afterward. Aimee, crouching behind the bushes, watched the meeting.

Her throat felt dry and hot, her hands opened and shut nervously. She hesitated, uncertain what to do. Would Billy "get away with it?" A gleam of hope and confidence returned. Billy had a wonderful knack of getting away with things.

She saw the party disappear into the cave nearest them; she witnessed the emergence of Billy, and was aware of a certain relief of tension when the police returned and spoke with him. Finally, wondering as she watched, Aimee observed the arrival of the gate—saw the prostrate body of Jake carried into the open. The distance was considerable. But the significance of that pathetic figure on the gate came home to her. Aimee was not slow of comprehension. She began to realize the meaning of it all. The police had what they wanted. The captive could be no other than Jack the Climber himself. Billy had "got away with it" with a vengeance.

Aimee was staring dumbly at the group, when she heard a faint animal-like noise close beside her. She turned sharply, to find that she was not alone.

A woman, in a stained and ragged dust-cloak, was crouching behind the screen of brambles a few yards away. She was young, and not ill-looking, save for the deathly pallor of her face and the disorder of her hair. Indeed, there was a wild gipsyish beauty about her, that survived even the hunted expression in her eyes.

She was staring through the bushes at the distant group.

"They got him!" she said in a strangled whisper. She huddled herself together trembling.

"An' they'll get me, too. Let 'em. No good my runnin' for it.

"I dunno who you are!" she muttered. "What you doin' here? Are you goin' to gimme away?"

"Are You Goin' to Gimme Away?"

Aimee did not move. Her heart beat fast. But there was no menace in the woman's eyes; only an expression so broken and piteous that somehow a lump came into Aimee's throat. She had not the faintest doubt who this hunted woman was.

"You know who I am," the woman said thickly; "I can see it in your face." She came a step nearer. "Are you goin' to call out?"

Aimee did not answer that question.

"Is he much hurt?" she said quietly, looking towards the distant group round the man on the gate.

"Hurt?" said Calamity Kate. "He smashed himself days ago, it was." She had subsided on the sand, and embraced her knees with her arms, staring before her with unseeing eyes. "I got him down here. Tried to help him along—couldn't walk. Then I had to carry him."

"You!" said Aimee, looking wonderingly at the girl's slight figure.

"Yes, me. It took me—hours. Carried him—on me back—somehow. When it came daylight, I found the cave. Got him in. I ripped up me skirt to bandage him. I stole food for him, nights. In two or three days more I guess he'd have been able to get away. Now they've got him, an' they'll have me."

She rocked herself gently to and fro.

"It'll be h—l for Jake!" she said thickly. "To know they've got me!" She looked at Aimee. "If I could go with him—if they'd put us both in the same jug—I wouldn't care. But they don't do that."

She gave a great sob.

"I'd give me life to get him out of it. But he's done, and he'll know they've got me. It'll be h—l for him My man!"

An unreasoning flood of jealousy welled into Aimee's eyes. She looked once more towards the group. The police were spreading out across the pits, moving in her direction.

"My man!" sobbed Kate.

"You love him?" said Aimee haltingly.

"He's my husband!" said the woman. She flung herself face downwards on the sand, and wept.

Suddenly Aimee stooped and caught her by the shoulder.

"Come with me!" she said swiftly, and, turning, crept in through the screen of brambles, into the cave.

Kate looked up comprehendingly. Then, with the instinct of the hunted animal she dived through the bushes and went to ground. The girls found themselves together in the cool gloom of the cave.

Kate stared at Aimee with wondering eyes.

"I'm sorry for you!" said Aimee unsteadily.

"I never thought," said Kate, "to find any woman sorry for me."

She glanced round the walls of the cave.

"They'll find me here—just the same."

"They may not." Aimee, very pale, looked at the fugitive. "Don't you think," she said, "that if you got clear this time, you might—drop it all? Try—something different?"

"I might," said Kate slowly. "But—they'll get me."

She caught sight of the Flying Sphinx, standing in the dim light at the cave's end.

"What's that?" she exclaimed, and moved swiftly to the machine. Aimee watched her.

"You couldn't ride it," said Aimee, "not even if the way was clear."

"I can ride anything with an engine to it!" said Kate desperately. There was a gleam of hope in the hunted eyes; already her hands were busy with the levers; searching, examining. But she stopped, baffled. The controls of the Sphinx were too much for her.

The next moment Aimee was beside her.

"That's the throttle!" said Aimee swiftly. "Here's the starter—this changes the gear—you have to be careful with the intake. On the second speed she goes over the roughest ground like a bird—on the level road she'll do eighty. If you could get her out clear of the bushes—but you'd never get away with it—"

The woman turned to her, gasping.

"Will you let me try—?" she exclaimed.

It was then that a shock of revulsion came over Aimee. This was the female rattlesnake who had nearly killed Billy, and caused all the trouble. Why should Aimee feel pity? The broken man in the hands of the police—

A rustle among the bushes at the cave's mouth made the two women turn quickly. De Jussac, stepping inside, halted and stared blankly at them both.

"Ten thousand devils!" exclaimed Bertrand, momentarily startled out of politeness.

"You needn't be frightened for me," said Aimee quickly. "She'll do me no harm."

Bertrand's active brain took in the situation briefly.

"No harm!" he said. "Name of a name! If the police found you here with that!"

Aimee turned very white. That aspect of the case had not even occurred to her. In the stress of new emotions, the realization of danger to herself had been crowded out. If she had to explain to the police . . .

"Yes," said Aimee quietly. "If they come here—I'm done for."

The strident voice of Inspector Arkwright was heard, very close at hand.

Monsieur de Jussac pushed his way out through the brambles and regained the open air. The three policemen together were converging towards the spot.

"Another cave there!" cried Inspector Arkwright. "I thought so. This way, Panke!"

De Jussac halted before the entrance, and, selecting a cigarette from his case, lit it deliberately.

"You may save yourself the trouble, Inspector," he said amiably. "There is nothing here."

Arkwright hesitated.

"Are you certain?" he said, coming forward again.

"I have proved it," said Bertrand, "at much expense to my skin. Curse these briars!"

"All right," said Arkwright, turning away; "push on and search the other end, Panke. No use wasting time here. I think we're on a fool's errand after all."

The three police passed out of sight round the bend of the pits. There was a long pause. Aimee's face peered cautiously through the brambles.

"What a fearful liar you are, Vicomte!" she said with mingled remorse and admiration.

Bertrand, without turning, bowed gravely.

"I do my best," he murmured, "in defense of a lady with such a genius for getting into difficulties. But let me beg of you to remain where you are."

"Are the police out of sight?" said Aimee eagerly.

"For the present, yes. They are away round the corner—all three. But they may come back."

A moment's silence followed the warning. Then the brambles parted, and the Flying Sphinx came thrusting through. Kate was beside it, her hands gripping the bars, her face white and strained, her teeth tight set. She gave a swift glance to either side, and began to run the machine down the slope.

De Jussac, with an amazed exclamation, turned to intercept her. He found a hand detaining him; Aimee had gripped him by the arm.

"Let her go!" said Aimee breathlessly. "Let her go!"

"Name of a name!" said Bertrand blankly. But he obeyed. There was little choice. Already Calamity Kate was well down the slope, running beside the free-wheeling Sphinx that gathered more and more impetus by its own weight. The deftness with which the woman steered it between the clumps of bushes was astounding.

"She hasn't a dog's chance," said Aimee with a gulp, "but what chance there is—let her take it."

"A nation of sportsmen—quoi!" murmured Bertrand with a paralyzed air. He glanced to the left, where the police had disappeared round the shoulder of the bluff. There was still no sign of them. Kate, reaching the trodden path at the bottom, turned sharp to the right and swung herself into the saddle.

"It is one's duty to stop her," said Bertrand, twisting his mustache in perplexity. "But—one does not hunt a woman."

"She'll never get started on that ground," said Aimee.

The engine fired, stopped, fired again—the wheels threw up spirts of sand, then getting onto harder ground the machine ran swiftly ahead with the faint pulsing whirr that was the Sphinx's song of triumphant progress. She shot forward much too fast, and was only just controlled in time.

No other cycle than the Sphinx could have made good over such ground; no other could have sailed so efficiently and noiselessly up the steep path through the gap towards the higher ground at the far end. It was a wonderful exhibition of riding. As the fugitive sped by, Billy, standing on guard beside the captive Jake, turned and stared in petrified amazement.

Jake raised himself to a sitting position on the gate, and stared, too.

He Uttered a Hoarse Cry.

He uttered a hoarse cry—almost a cheer.

The Sphinx and its rider breasted the crest of the rise, staggered, and sailed away out of view.

CHAPTER XXV

Two of a Kind.

Aimee gave a little gurgle of excitement as the Sphinx vanished.

"She's away! And I don't believe they've seen her! If she can stick to it over the field to the gate, there's open road before her and she's clear!"

Aimee turned to de Jussac with shining eyes. He shrugged his shoulders faintly.

"A supremely foolish act, mademoiselle," said Bertrand.

"She was in trouble—just as I've been. Everybody's shielded me at their own risk," said Aimee defiantly. "How could I do less for her?"

"Alas, the morals of the age!" said Bertrand, and he laughed gently. "A sermon would not become me—I also am a coadjutor. I will observe the movements of the enemy."

He climbed quickly onto the shoulder of high ground that divided them from the end of the pit, and returned in a few moments.

"Obviously our industrious police did not see her," he said; "they are now searching the last of the caves."

"Then it's time I got back into mine," said Aimee turning to dive back into her retreat.

"Not so!" exclaimed Bertrand quickly, catching her by the hand. "That is no place for you."

"Why?"

"The gentleman from Scotland Yard will search it before he leaves—he took my word for the moment, but he will make sure. It was merely that he was in a hurry. You must get out of this while you can; like your friend the lady burglar. Come along!" said Bertrand, setting off at a run and pulling her with him.

"You're right!" ejaculated Aimee. With long strides they sped round the clump of bushes, Aimee in tow of Bertrand, and, turning sharp to the right, scurried up one of the steep paths that led out of the pits.

Billy suffered yet one more shock as the pair of them came into his field of vision. He gaped at them, hardly able to believe his eyes. In a few moments they had passed; Aimee reached the top of the pit, and Bertrand glanced apprehensively back in the direction of the police.

"All clear!" he gasped, utterly out of breath. "Get to the road—get out of sight. Back to the abbey, dear lady, and for pity's sake stay there, for you are very wearing. Go!"

"Thanks, awfully!" panted Aimee, and departed as fast as her legs would carry her. De Jussac retreated into the pit, mopping his brow. Taking no notice of the frantic signals of Billy he returned to the cave, dived into it, took a hurried look round and kicked plenty of loose sand over a pool of oil that was the sole legacy of the Sphinx. He left the place with a sigh of relief and, encountering the search party of police, permitted himself to smile.

"Nothing doing!" said Inspector Arkwright. "Panke, will you go back? Bring the car down over the meadow; we'll get the man on it, clear the pits, and set a watch in the cave where we found him." He moved towards the late stable of the Sphinx. "But I'm going to look through this place and make sure."

"By all means, Inspector," said Bertrand yawning. "I am a mere amateur. All caves look alike to me. Mind the briars; they prick most accursedly."

Arkwright's inspection of the cave was brief.

"It is empty, but the place has been used, and recently," he reported. "Strange they should not have chosen it; it is the best hiding place in the pit."

"Perhaps they only recently discovered this desirable residence, and were about to shift their quarters," suggested de Jussac. "No doubt, if a few watchful policemen ambush themselves efficiently during the dark hours, they will catch the amiable consort of that cutthroat yonder. One hopes so. It is painful to the law-abiding to know that malefactors are at large. Particularly when they are females."

Inspector Arkwright looked at him dubiously, and made no reply. Billy, also, when the two rejoined him, eyed de Jussac with extreme thoughtfulness, and had some difficulty in suppressing his emotion. He was still mounting guard over Jake, who lay upon his improvised stretcher and gazed up at the sky with a singularly beatific smile. De Jussac offered him a cigarette, which he accepted silently.

"I think," said Inspector Arkwright, "I'll call on you two gentlemen to assist me and we'll get him out of this. I want the place cleared."

It was not an easy matter to carry the gate and its burden out of the pits. By the time they had achieved it, the car arrived from Jervaulx and wound its way over the flat turf. Jake was lifted into it.

"I must trouble you to accompany me, Mr. Spencer," said Arkwright.

"Anything to oblige the police," said Billy, squeezing himself into the front of the car. It was a tight fit.

The journey to Stanhoe was made almost in silence. When the car arrived at the police station Jake was duly disposed of, while Billy cooled his heels in a dingy waiting room that had been whitewashed some time during the period when Sir Robert Peel was reorganizing the force. Presently Inspector Arkwright joined him. The inspector closed the door, and regarded Billy with a sphinx-like but faintly humorous eye.

"I think, Mr. Spencer," he said quietly, "that you have no very high opinion of my intelligence?"

"Wrong there," said Billy, politely. "I don't know that I'd class the Stanhoe staff with the world's great thinkers. But I've heard a lot about Scotland Yard, and, if I may say so, you come fully up to sample."

"There is no harm now in my telling you that I know precisely what your movements have been, Mr. Spencer. I know that it was you, and not the prisoner, who stayed at Ivy cottage as the tenant of Mrs. Sunning. I know that your companion, at the same time, stayed next door. I have also a fairly accurate comprehension of the reasons which led you to accept temporary employment in the Jervaulx abbey household. I did not, till now, know who you were. But the papers you gave me establish your identity. And that makes all the difference."

Billy was silent.

"I am, you see, in possession of the facts."

"There's one recent fact," thought Billy, "that you're not wise to."

"Your affairs, Mr. Spencer, though somewhat complicated, do not call for the intervention of the police," said Arkwright, with the ghost of a smile, "and no official cognizance will be taken of that matter; unless something unforeseen occurs. I am a thief hunter and not a castigator of rash young men. What I know, I shall, doubtless, keep to myself."

Billy felt an enormous sense of relief, combined with a sharp twinge of conscience.

"The irresponsible couple who ensconced themselves at Ivy cottage," said Arkwright, with a dry smile, "made a good deal of trouble for themselves."

"Inspector," said Billy, "did you ever do a fool thing?"

Inspector Arkwright twinkled.

"A good many, when I was your age. And, sometimes, even now. However, I wish you good fortune. I am not ungrateful to you for your share in the running to earth of Mr. Jake. It is the duty of the civilian to assist the police. The woman will still be brought to book. And I shall call on your formidable employer before I leave. Good-by, Mr. Spencer."

Billy walked out of Stanhoe police station and made his way back to the abbey on foot.

"Gee!" he said pensively. "But that last stunt was awful dangerous! Of course, I see well enough what happened. But it was just a lucky accident neither Aimee nor that blamed nuisance of a woman was seen getting away. The luckiest sort of accident, Inspector Arkwright isn't the fool I took him for, by a long way. I wonder how much he knows? But he can't know that."

He shook his shoulders.

"It came near being a real crash—just when everything had come right. It put the wind up me worse than anything yet. But there's nothing to be scared at now."

Despite the excellent turn affairs had taken, Billy's mind was troubling him. He had the air of a small boy whose raid on the jam cupboard is about to be discovered. When he arrived at the abbey there was no sign of his partner. After lingering for some time near the most likely haunts, Billy sighed and retreated to the garage.

He had not been there long when Aimee's face appeared furtively round the angle of the door.

"Hello!" she said, stepping inside.

She halted; and they looked at each other dubiously. Aimee was decidedly pale, her eyes pathetic and rather frightened.

"I couldn't help it, Billy!" she said suddenly.

"Couldn't help what?"

"You saw us getting away, didn't you? And the girl—and the Sphinx? Has Monsieur de Jussac explained to you?"

"I haven't seen him," said Billy, quietly, "but I guess it isn't hard to see how things were. You might as well tell me, though."

Aimee, very gloomily, described her encounter with Calamity Kate.

"I know," she concluded, shakily, "you're thinking me an idiot. I'd no right to take such a risk—with the police there and everything. I—I suppose she's a thief. But she's done such a lot for that man, and she was so miserable. He's her husband. And I couldn't help thinking about you and me, Billy, and how I should feel if you—you—"

She broke down and began to cry quietly.

"That's how it was. Are you very angry with me?"

Billy gasped and, stepping quickly to her, pulled Aimee's hands away from her face.

Billy Pulled Aimee's Hands Away.

"Angry—with you?" he exclaimed, holding them tight. "I was afraid you'd be mad with me! You ought to. Why, I did the same thing, and I'd no excuse! I ought to have made sure that woman was run in."

"You—did the same thing?" said Aimee, staring.

"Yes! Of course, I never dreamed you were in the pits, or I wouldn't have done it. That crippled crook in the cave got over me. They've got him for five or ten years; and he's earned it. But he was all broken up about his wife. Neither of them deserve a scrap of sympathy. But—the poor devil was in such a state, that somehow I fell for it. He never whined on his own account; he was thinking of his wife. It got me on a raw spot. He knew I must have tracked him through her—he begged me to say nothing about her.

"And I didn't. I gave him that much rope. Never told the police I'd seen her close by. Running down women is their job. If it's got to be done, let them do it. They haven't any choice—but I had. All the same," said Billy, "if I'd dreamed for a moment you were in the pits, I'd have chased fifty female thieves sooner than you should take a chance! I ought to be horsewhipped for riskin' it."

"I think it was fine of you, Billy!" cried Aimee with sparkling eyes.

"No!" he said. "It's you that were fine."

"This," said Aimee, "is what comes of growing sentimental. Neither of us would have dreamed of making such—such fools of ourselves a week ago. What will become of her? Will she get away?"

"I don't know or care. If she made the road, there's juice enough in the Sphinx to take her a hundred miles from here. I only hope they don't find her with the machine. But I'll bet they don't. She'll get clear and cover her tracks—she's the sort that does."

"But the Sphinx," said Aimee, with intense remorse, "our Sphinx, Billy! I've lost her for you!"

Billy laughed.

"We'll mighty soon have another—there's two hundred landed at the docks last week—same model; and a factory being equipped to build the new model over here. Mass production."

"What! You never told me it had got as far as that! But—I wanted the old one, Billy—our Sphinx."

Continued next week.

Phone the News to 115.

LOCALS

Red Raspberries, Per quart 40c. Phone 162.—E. A. Pierce. 1*

Bargain of Bargains! Lot 66x140; good 7-room house, and out buildings. $2,050; one-half cash. Belmond. —Wolle Land Co. 35tfc

Mrs. E. E. Boughton returned on Thursday last from Laurel, where she has been visiting her sister. She stopped at Dinsdale on the way home where her daughter, Mrs. Bickett, who lives in St. Louis, joined her and accompanied her home for an extended visit.

The Hazel M. Cass Players are holding forth this week in the big tent north of the city park. Reports are that the shows are pretty good.

Kanawha people have made a very nice little resort at West Lake, this side of that city. A number of camps have been established at the lake by business men, who with their families live out there, the men motoring back and forth to town. The bathing facilities have been improved by a fine dock and bath house, and a boat house with boats to rent is a feature. A refreshment stand is on the job every Sunday. What has been done there could be easily accomplished at Morse Lake.

Mrs. John Heuerman, who is at Hubbard taking medical treatments, is coming nicely and it is expected she will be able to return home in a short time.

The Iowa Falls Electric Co. has been inviting the business men of the various towns served by the company, to come to Iowa Falls as their guests and inspect the plant. Rowan, Meservey and Klemme business men are among the guests in this vicinity. Belmond's turn will doubtless came before long.

1920 Hupmobile for sale.—Belmond Motor Sales Co.

Mrs. George Goelz entertained a number of relatives at a six oclock dinner on Tuesday evening.

Aug. Hunst is the owner of a new Overland, purchased of the Nordschow Motor Co.

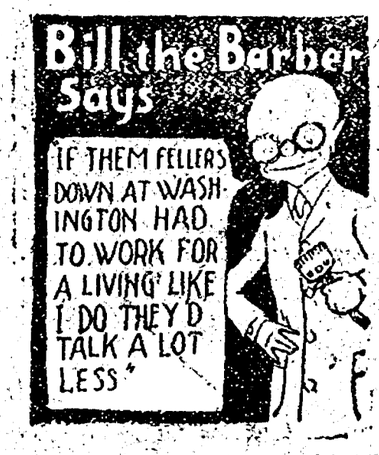
C. O. Fitts was a caller at Mason City this week Tuesday.

The Royal Neighbors held their regular meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. T. D. Rankins. Refrshments were served. Eighteen ladies were present.

For some reason or other, the Garner band did not show up Saturday evening for the usual concert, and the large crowd, after sticking in town until 10 o'clock, left for home. We have not learned why the band failed to come.

A fine rain last Saturday and another Sunday night pushed all the growing things up another couple of notches. The crops are in the very best of shape, particularly the sugar beets, which are from two weeks to a month ahead. Prospects are very bright for real harvests in this vicinity. Harvesting has been going on for the past week, and many are thru in the oat fields, and with their haying.

For Gasoline, Kerosene and Lubricating oil, call phone 39½.—Belmond Deep Rock oil Co. 32tfc



HEMSTITCHING

Hemstitching done at the Girl Shop. Black and white cotton thread furnished. Ten and 15 cents per yard. 30tfc

NOTICE!

All weeds and weed hedges in streets, parkings and vacant lots must be cut.

B. J. Finn.
333c Street Commissioner

1920 Hupmobile for sale.—Belmond Motor Sales Co.

AUTO DRIVERS NOTICE!

All automobiles hereafter must have head and tail lights according to law, and cut out closed inside the city limits.

B. J. FINN, Marshal.

Mrs. Brand, mother of Mrs. E. W. Luick, is visiting her brothers in Henry, South Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherrick and family from Farmington, Iowa, who have been visiting at the F. P. Dibble home, left Monday for California where they will make their future home. Mrs. Dibble and Mrs. Sherrick are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Dibble drove to Garner yesterday on business affairs.

Miss Jennie Gealow, who is attending school in Des Moines, came home Saturday for a week's vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gealow.

Miss Mary Hinch, from Winterset, Iowa, is visiting at the Bert Jenison home and with other friends here. She was a resident of Belmond some 13 years ago.

In the matter of the Estate of Charles B. Smith, Deceased:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The undersigned executor of the above entitled estate was on the 19th day of June, 1923, authorized by the District Court of Wright County, Iowa, to sell the real estate belonging to the above estate at public sale to the highest bidder, consisting of 300 acres, and said executor by virtue of said order of court and terms of the will of said decedent will on the 20th day of August, 1923, at two o'clock p. m. upon the premises sell to the highest bidder the East Half of Northwest Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 93, Range 23, consisting of 140 acres, and the South east Quarter of Section 4, Township 93, Range 23, containing 160 acres; said real estate being situated in Pleasant Township, Wright County, Iowa. Said real estate will be sold in two tracts, there being two sets of improvements. Said real estate to be sold for cash terms. $3,000.00 to be paid upon each tract by purchaser upon day of sale, balance to be paid when deed is given and approved by Court. For further particulars see or write the undersigned executor.

CORWIN L. SMITH
Executor of Said Estate. 354

SPEND 'EM AT HOME

If you ever expect to meet that hard-earned dollar of yours again you want to spend it at home. Here are a few of the ways you will meet it:

You'll meet it when you come to town and enjoy the fine concerts that are being put on weekly by the home band.

When you enjoy the fine road system of the county you will meet another fraction of it—when you send your children to our fine schools you will meet another small hunk of it and so on down the line until you wonder if that hard-earned dollar is not returned to you in a measure with the benefits you receive either directly or indirectly.

How about that dollar that goes to the mail order concern in the city? Did you ever hear of them making a donation for the support of the town band—our road system—school or any other of the many propositions of the community that cost money?

When you need a little assistance in a time of trouble is it your local folks or the fellow you patronize in the city who comes across?

When sadness comes to your home who is it who takes your hand in a firm clasp and offers sincere sympathy—certainly not the man in Chicago or Minneapolis? No, it is the man you meet every day.

Just think this matter over as it is worthy of your consideration.—Bancroft Register.

Find the bright side, it may take a little metal polish but the exercise will do you good.

CASS-PARKER-ROCHFORD SHOWS DRAW BIG HOUSES

The Cass-Parker-Rochford Shows, which are playing this week in Belmond, in their own big tent north of the city park, are drawing full attendance every evening, and to judge from the comments by those who have attended, are giving excellent satisfaction. The shows being given are good, clean plays, and the acting is pronounced above the average.

The plays for the last three nights of the week are:

Tonight, Thursday, "The Girl Of the Flying X", a big western drama; Friday night, "Friendly Enemies", a big propoganda play based on the war; Saturday night, a good one, "Bringing Up Father", taken from the cartoons published in most all of the daily papers.

A diamond ring is being given away, the holder of the lucky number winning to receive the ring Saturday night. Each purchaser of a ticket to the shows during the week is given a number, and the holder of the lucky number gets the ring. The lucky holder must be present Saturday night when it is drawn, otherwise another number will be drawn.

Lovers of good clean drama and comedy are assured of a good treat at the shows, which are giving universal satisfaction.

BELMOND MARKETS

(Subject to change.)

Hens, heavy	16c
Roosters	07c
Broilers 1½ to 2 lbs	26c
Leghorns	08c
Geese	10c
Ducks	12c
Turkeys	25c
Eggs	18c
Cream	34c
Creamery Butter	43c
Oats	29c
Corn	72c

BELMOND TRAIN SCHEDULES

(Corrected to date.)

ROCK ISLAND

Going North

Passenger, daily	8:15 a. m.
Freight, daily	11:46 a. m.
Combination, daily	2:15 p. m.

Going South

Passenger, daily	6:28 p. m.
Freight, daily	1:10 p. m.
Combination, daily	11:46 a. m.

M.& ST. L.

Going West.

Combination, daily	8:30 a. m

Going East

Combination, daily	3:35 p. m.

GREAT WESTERN

Going North

Motor, daily	10:03 a. m.
No. 16, pass., D & S	1:30 p. m.
No. 12, pass., D & S	1:26 a. m.
Local Freight	7:55 a. m.

Going South

No. 11, pass., D & S	1:24 a. m.
No. 15, pass., D & S	3:15 p. m.
Motor	5:19 p. m.
Local Freight	3:20 p. m.

Willard STORAGE BATTERY
TRADE MARK REGISTERED
SERVICE
Belmond Storage Battery Co.

WANT ADS

Two cents per word first insertion; one cent per word ensuing insertions.

FOR SALE

For Sale—Two Tractors, with plows. Priced right.—Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond, Iowa. 35tfc

For Sale—One and three-quarters h. p. gasolene engine, in fine shape. Inquire at Independent.

For Sale—Bed and springs, $8; a large rug $6; new guitar and case $7; scythe $1.50; quart Mason jars 85c a dozen. Phone 158.

For Sale—Hot water heating plant, in A I condition. Bargain if taken at once. Inquire of L. O. Skovlin. 29tfc

For Sale—1921 Ford Touring; 1923 4-door Ford Sedan; 1923 2-door Sedan. Several other cars at reasonable prices. —Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond, Iowa.

For Sale—21 Barred Rock Pullets. Hatched April 2, 1923. Also several week old Barred Rock chicks.—Mrs. W. J. Pech. 342c.

For Sale—One three-burner kerosene stove, new. Inquire at Independent.

For Sale—Seven pups, part Collie. —Jack McIlrath. 1*

For Sale—One very good 16-year-old boy's suit.—New Belmond Tailor Shop.

1920 Hupmobile for sale.—Belmond Motor Sales Co.

North Iowa
FAIR
August 11-17-23
Mason City
$15,000
In Premiums and Purses
NO CHARGE TO ENTER TO ANY NORTH IOWA RESIDENT
WRITE TODAY
For Premium Book and Entry Blanks. Entry on Exhibits Should Be Made This Month
A. N. GRIMM, President
CHAS. H. BARER, Secretary

LOST AND FOUND

Lost—One new front spring for Chevrolet car, one pair heavy tire chains, and one rim wrench. Finder please return to Earl Martin for reward. 342c

Found—A man's shoe. Owner may have same by calling at Independent and paying advertising.

It takes a married woman to recognize the good qualities of another woman's husband.

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Optometrist
Eyes Examined and Glasses Fitted
Schultz Jewelry Store
Belmond, Iowa
MONDAY, JULY 30

Cold Meats
Real Cold Butter
Watermelons On Ice
Whole or Half Pieces
Refrigerated Fruits
Cash Market
The Place of Everything To Eat
J. P. Larsen & Sons Belmond, Iowa
Phone 60 and We'll Deliver

Kinseth's Store News

Sh-h-h-h! Hist! Want a drink? The real stuff, boy you tell 'em! If you do, just drop into the Store on the Corner next Saturday and we'll give you a good one. No, not of hootch, but of Nector, the best thirst-cooler there is agoing. A free drink Saturday to all who come in. Don't miss the treat.

—K—

Gold Dust two bits and 4 cents, 29 in all, a package.

Or if you prefer Dutch Cleanser, we'll let you have three of them for a cent less, or 28 cents all told. You can't keep clean for less.

And there's Swift's Pride Washing Powder at half a dozen for a quarter.

Corn at a dime a can.

Peas at two nickels a can.

Peaches at 19 cents.

Gallon cans of any old fruit you like at 98 cents a gallon. Why say, you know you can't can it that reasonable. Now can you?

—K—

In the dry goods and clothing line this week we just want to mention men's shoes at $2.28 to $4.50; men's and boys' canvas shoes; underwear and union suits for 95c. Ladies for 55c, boys 60c.

—K—

We pay cash for eggs, we're open every night, and early in the morning, we're the Store on the Corner, and so for goodness' sake, folks, do be a wise one.

NOBODY disputes the merit of clothes made-to-order. But many men hesitate because they think it costs more. WE SAY NO. There's a lot of satisfaction, too, in being able to say "This suit was made for me."
New Belmond Tailor Shop
F. J. TUFFREE
South of Case Hotel Phone 28

TO INVESTORS

If you have some surplus money to invest for a short time at an attractive rate of interest,

IOWA FALLS ELECTRIC COMPANY
CONVERTIBLE NOTES

will meet your requirements.

We will issue a number of these notes for periods of 1---2---3---4 and 5 years, and they will bear a Special Privilege of conversion which should prove of value.

For these particulars see Mr. H. F. Kellogg, our Manager, at Iowa Falls, or write the Securities Department, 215 S. 2nd St., 2nd Floor, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

IOWA FALLS ELECTRIC COMPANY
IOWA FALLS, IOWA

Buy by Comparison

When you purchase a suit or several yards of cloth you naturally make comparisons. Why not do the same when buying an automobile?

Compare the Overland engine, disc clutch and transmission in one unit with all working parts protected from mud and dirt, the floating axle with removable shafts--the same as highest priced cars.

No other light car uses such heavy axles, spindles, steering knuckles and rods, one and one-half inch axle shafts or a heavier frame. The ring gear used in the Overland weighs as much as two in another popular car and nine Timken and New Departure bearings are used in the front and rear axles.

"Drive an Overland and realize the difference."

Nordschow Motor Company
Belmond, Iowa

Belmond Independent

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One Dead, Two Hurt Toll Of Auto Tragedy

Lyman Steenblock, Cashier Of Douglas, Nebraska, Bank Dies Of Injuries.

WIFE IS BADLY INJURED

Lyman Steenblock is dead, his wife is seriously injured, and Louis Steenblock is badly cut and bruised as the result of an automobile tragedy which occured here Saturday afternoon.

The accident occured three miles south of town. Louis Steenblock, of Galt, accompanied by his brother, Lyman, and wife, of Douglas, Nebraska, were enroute to Belmond in a big Reo car. At the three-mile corner, where the side road leads to Cornelia, Irving Madsen and Henry Luick, in a Dodge Coupe, were coming home from Cornelia. The side road runs to the north and south main road, with a corn field at the junction of the two roads. Steenblock, coming from the south, was going at a high rate of speed, said by several witnesses to have been from 50 to 60 miles an hour. Madsen was just turning from the side road and switching over to the right hand side. Steenblock saw him when about 100 to 125 feet away. He was coming too fast to stop, however, and swerved his car into the ditch at the side of the road. The car ran over to the side of the fence, struck a stump, and turned over twice.

W. T. Gfeller and wife were coming from the north, enroute to Story county, and were about 150 feet away when the accident occured. Mr. Gfeller states that it seemed to him as tho the car turned a flip flop in the air, then rolled over and fell on its back. The car was afire before it struck the ground, and was completely burned.

The three occupants were thrown out. Lyman Steenblock was thrown about 30 feet, his wife about 15, and Louis Steenblock lit near the car. Gfeller had stopped, and with the assistance of Madsen and Luick, Will Barry, and two or three other men who ran up, loaded the injured in his car and rushed them to the hospital here. Lyman Steenblock suffered a fracture of the skull, and died at 4:30 Monday morning. He never regained consciousness.

Mrs. Steenblock suffered a fracture of the right thigh, and while painfully injured, bruised and scratched, will recover. Louis Steenblock suffered bruises, cuts and scratches. He is not seriously injured. Louis Steenblock was driving, his brother and wife being at his home on a vacation.

Lyman Steenblock was cashier of a bank at Douglas, Nebraska. He and his wife left their six weeks' old baby at home.

The car, destroyed by fire, shows in the steel frame the terrific blow when the stumph was struck. The frame at the front right, where the car struck, is bent back like a doubled up fist. The fenders and frame are smashed and bent. The car seemed to go straight up from the stumph, turning a loop in the air, and alighted but a few feet from where it struck. The stumph was still burning Sunday.

The corner where the accident occured is a bad place for a driver to see another coming on the other road as both roads go down hill, and the corn field hides the view. All accounts agree that had it not been for the terrific speed at which Steenblock was driving the accident probably would not have occured. As it was, he could not stop. Madsen had just started turning, and the big Reo missed hitting him broadside by a scant inch of space. Madsen states that it was a roar and a bang as the car passed him and struck. Another witness thought an airship was coming by the sound of the motor. Still another, states that he heard the car coming as he was stooping over to pick up a tool from the ground, and before he could straighten up, the car was past.

All day Sunday a continuous array of cars visited the scene to view the wrecked auto. The lesson told should remain long in the minds of every one who saw it. The family of the dead man have the sympathy of every Belmond citizen in their tragic loss.

PAPA CAN SPANK GIRLS UNTIL THEY REACH 21 YEARS

Girls, here is good news for you. Papa now has the right to spank you until you reach 21 years. But he must also feed, clothe and take care of you until you reach that age.

A law went into effect July 4 raising the legal age of girls from 18 to that of men, 21 years. It was passed by the 40th assembly.

If, however, the girl becomes 18 before July 4th then she is her own mistress and neither papa nor any one else has the right to spank her or tell her whether she can bob her hair. But her friend who crossed the 18 mark on July 5 or after will not grow up for three years more.

The new provisions are contained in Chapter 198, Section, 1, of the Acts of the 40th general assembly. It states, however, that the raising of the legal age does not effect contracts for marriage which can be made by girls more than 18 years.—Globe Gazette.

HAMPTON LEGION WILL PUT ON HISTORICAL PAGEANT

The Hampton American Legion Post expects to stage one of the biggest and best historical pageants ever given in Iowa on August 8 and 9. It will be a Franklin County Historical Pageant, and will depict the history of that county from the time of the Indians to the world war.

The pageant, divided into five episodes, will show an Indian village with early customs and ceremonies; the advent of white men into the county; life in the early settlements with the establishing of the first school and church; the first celebration held in that county, with Lincoln's call to arms; and a graphic portrayal of the war days of 1917 and 1918, including one of the battles of the war in which fireworks and electrical effects will play a prominent part.

A queen contest will be held in connection with the pageant, a beautiful watch being given to the girl who wins as queen thru popular vote. The merchants will have on display a variety of old relics and historical curiousities during the two days. The proceeds of the event will go to the memorial building fund of the post started the first of the year.

TO ASSIST IN BUYING FEEDERS FOR FARMERS

A short time ago a letter was sent by the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation and the Corn Belt Meat Producers to representative farmers and farm bureaus in Iowa in regard to a plan to assist farmers in purchasing feeding cattle. The thought in mind was that an experienced cattle feeder could render much better service than a man of little experience could furnish for himself and that many feeders can be secured direct from the Western ranges, thus eliminating some commissions and profits that usually occur between the range and the feeder and which, of course, are paid by the latter.

Interest in this proposition over the state has been good. Consequently Mr. T. C. Cessna of Grinnell has been secured to head the buying department. Mr. Cessna is a judge of feeding steers, constantly in touch with the market and well posted on values.

In order to defray the expenses a charge of $25 per car will be made. This likely is less than the average farmer in the state must spend to buy a carload of feeders for himself. The above mentioned organizations want no profit from the plan and any money remaining in this purchasing charge will be refunded to the purchasers.

GARNER BALL TOURNAMENT AUGUST 7-8-9; BIG PURSES

The annual, or nearly annual, base ball tournament at Garner this year comes on three days, August 7, 8, and 9. $175 in purses is up for the two games the first day; $200 for two games the second day; and the wind up will see $250 in cash for the final game. The aggregate purses total in all $1,000. Contracts have been tendered Albert Lea, Austin, Bayside Cubs, and Eagle Grove. Probably as usual a good many Belmond fans will drive up to take in one or more of the days.

The C. B. Johnson family motored to Huxley last Sunday to visit their son and family.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Did you hear the splendid program Mrs. Goelz's and Mrs. Wallace's classes gave us in the opening exercises last Sunday. If you missed that treat, don't miss one ready for you next Sunday. We appreciate the help being given us by our Sunday school orchestra.

Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Parents, urge your children to remain after Sunday school for this service.

Sunday evening on Mr. Hinman's lawn, there will be presented a sacred dramatization, "The Challenge of th Cross." The cast of characters is as follows:

Evangel ---------- Agnes Hinman
First Disciple ---- Helen Hildebrand
Second Disciple ---- Valda Robinson
Third Disciple ------ Leola Jenison
Fourth Disciple -- Kathryn Thiltgen
Fifth Disciple ------ Marie Stevens
Sixth Disciple ------- Mabel Baker

The dramatization is largely dependent upon the singing of old hymns thruout the drama. These will be sung by the boys' choir. Appropriate lighting and scenery will be used. If you wish to park your car in a good place, come early. Mr. Stephen Hardwick will take charge of the placing of cars.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Be on hand with your "pep.".

Preaching service at 11 a. m. If the heat continues we will have electric fans to keep you cool.

No Epworth League until August.

Evening service at 8 p. m. Come.

The representatives of our Epworth League at the Okoboji institute came home with honors. Berneras Wolle received her diploma for three years attendance at classes. Raymond Stapley and Alfred Wilkinson each won a medal for work done in 4th. department.

KLU KLUX AT KLEMME?

The Times at Klemme last week carried a lead article on a visit (?) paid that town by the Klu Klux Klan last week, and said in part:

"Did the Klu Klux Klan visit this city Saturday night, is the question which ran in the minds of a large crowd as they witnessed the burning of a cross on the hill just at the west end of Main street Saturday night between ten and eleven o'clock, which was plainly visible for a great distance.

Some are inclined to think it was the work of some jokers as there was no literature found near the cross as is usually the case where the Klan makes its appearance.

Others think seriously of the matter and believe that there are Klansmen in this vicinity.

It is rumored about that white-robed figures were seen to leave in a car shortly after the cross was first seen, but we have not been able to trace this rumor down to the person who actually saw the Klansmen."

TRACTOR CATCHES FIRE

Arthur Schlieffarth was driving their Emerson tractor in the harvest field Tuesday about six o'clock in the evening, when a break in the gas feed line caused the machine to catch fire. The arlarm was turned in at Belmond and the fire company made a record run with the chemical truck. The fire had been extinguished before they arrived, however. The only damage was to the tractor, and the extent of this is not known at this writing. Mr. Schlieffarth wishes to thank the fire company for their coming, and appreciates their kindness.

The officials in Iowa township have graded the road past the Gealow and Sheffield farms up to the Veeder corner, and will gravel it in the near future. The Belmond township officials have graded the road from Martin's corner west to the lake, and this will be graveled. When these two roads are graveled, a good highway will lead in all directions from town. It is good work, well done.

Mrs. Duran Nagle, of Clarion, out of couretsy to her mother, Mrs. Eugene Kinney, who is a charter member of the Priscilla club, has invited the members of the club to meet with her at her cottage at Lake Cornelia next Wednesday for their regular meeting.

ITEMS OF DISTRICT COURT

Monitor: Patek Bros. have begun suit against Iva Fritts, Mrs. A. Boone and Ed Budt of Clarion to collect $134.70, balance claimed to be due on a promissory note.

Northing Jobbing Co. of Chicago claim the sum of $421.81 due for merchandise sold to W. A. Parsons of Belmond. The A. B. Dick Co. of Chicago also ask $100 from this same defendant.

Ross & Maurer vs. Alicina Frank is a suit asking that the transfer of certain property in May, 1923, be declared fradulent and tocompel an accounting under orders of court. About this time plaintiffs were awarded a judgment for $1941.50 on their promissory note.

Chas. Feasel of Dows claims the sum of $111.32 due from A. Bawnell for thirty-six bushels of timothy seed.

State Bank of Woolstock asks the court to correct the records in a foreclosure case against R. T. and Harriet McDaniels, against whom foreclosure proceedings were granted at the February term.

Marriage licenses were issued by the clerk this week to George Lea Mallow of Kanawha and Jessie Fern Beach of Goldfield; Charles Arthur McIntosh of Urbana, Ill., and Iva Viola Allen of Woolstock; Eko Bepper of Belmond and Mrs. Hanna Sprenzel of Belmond; George Smith and Lydia Cunningham (colored).

Judge Clock of Hampton held a special session of court Friday to hear the widow's pension case of Mrs. H. R. Gillespie, who sought aid for her four minor children. The board of supervisors opposed the claim on the ground that the applicant had relatives abundantly able to care for the children. The petition was withdrawn and the application will probably be made through the township trustees. In the event of aid being granted by the board the county may later be reimbursed.

$20,000 FARM FIRE AT GARNER

The farm buildings on the Gust Boehnke farm near Garner were almost wiped out in a fire last Tuesday night. The fire started about 11 in the evening, starting in a large barn filled with hay. The origin is unknown. Wind carried burning brads to the house and other buildings, destroying three machine sheds, with practically all the machinery on the place, double corn crib, granary, hen house, tool shed, silo, and other buildings. A tractor was burned. Nothing was saved but a portion of the household goods and furniture. Only $3,000 insurance was carried. The place will be rebuilt as soon as arrangements can be made.

FOREST CITY RUNS BEHIND ON JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

The two-day celebration held at Forest City, July 4th and 5th, did not pay expenses. The celebration was in the nature of a Fourth observance and a county fair boost, the hope being that sufficient funds would be received to pay off in part at least, the indebtedness of the fair.

EAGLE GROVE HAS FIRE

The Kubitschek & Kastler furniture store at Eagle Grove was practically destroyed by fire a week ago. The fire started about eight o'clock in the morning, in a one-story back room used as a repair shop. The stock was insured for $16,500, and $4,000 was carried on the building.

AN OLD PAPER

Pink Trees showed the Independent a real curiousity in the shape of a New York Herald for April 15, 1865. The Herald carries the first reports of the assasination of President Lincoln, with the resulting excitement and hunt for the slayer. It describes the entire tragedy, as well as the attack on Secretary Seward at the same time, and carries some items of battles and the surrender of Lee's army. The paper is in an excellent state of preservation, and to the modern reader is a real curiosity. It consists of one sheet, two pages, printed both sides, all hand set, and with a "make up" which seems very odd nowadays.

Mrs. John McAlpine, of Mason City, is visiting relatives and friends here this week.

SOCIAL AT JENISON HOME ON AUGUST FIRST

The Pleasant township Farm Bureau will hold the next meeting and social time on August 1st, at the O. D. Jenison home. A program is to be given, refreshments served, and an address by Rev. S. U. Leinbach will be the feature of the evening. Everyone is invited.

CULLING DEMONSTRATION AUG. 1ST. AT FROHLING'S

The Farm Bureau of the county is engaged in a series of chicken culling demonstrations, to be held in each township, and the Pleasant township date is August 1st. The demonstration will be given at the Meno Frohling home. Everyone interested in better chicken raising and better egg production should be present, as the work will be given by an expert from Ames. The demonstration commences at 1:30 p. m.

PEG AWAY CLUB MEETING

Members of the Peg Away Garment club met at the home of Mrs. A. C. Hinman, northwest of Belmond, last Tuesday afternoon, July 10th. About 12 of the members and six friends gathered at the Hinman home for their regular business and social meeting. The business session was opened by Miss Ellen Hinman, president of the club. Instructions for the making of garments for the exhibition were read. After the business meeting, a fine lunch was served by Mrs. Hinman, and the social hour was enjoyed by all. The next meeting was held July 17, at the home of Miss Madge Schlieffarth.

CLARMOND CLUB CUTS MEMBERSHIP NUMBER DOWN

At a meeting of the members of the Clarmond Country Club, on July 18th, it was decided to reduce the membership limit from 100 to 75. This was decided upon because there are now 70 active members, and it was feared that 100 would make the club too crowded, and also because of the fact that the financial condition of the club is such that the dues of the present membership will amply support it.

After the 75 is reached, a waiting list will be established, and applicants will only be taken in when one of the present members wants to dispose of their stock.

SAVE IOWA'S BEST CROP IS NEW IOWA SLOGAN

"Reduce Iowa's infant mortality.

"Reduce the death rate among mothers at child birth."

This is the slogan of a great movement to be launched at the coming Iowa State Fair in connection with the widely-known annual Iowa baby health contest.

Instead of making it a contest merely for the selection of the healthiest baby in the state. Fair officials have announced that this year the event will be equally important for babies who are not healthy, and for mothers interested in learning more about maternity care.

Over 18,000 mothers died in the United States last year at the time of child birth. Doctors say that most of them could have been saved.

Thousands of babies died in their first two or three years because of improper care.

The State Fair baby health department—a feature of the women's program—is going to take this subject in hand and devote seven days to it, with sessions every morning and afternoon of the Fair. Every woman in the state is invited to attend the meetings, lectures and discussions.

Over 500 babies are expected to be entered in the regular baby health contest at the Fair, Aug. 22-31, in which $600 in prizes is offered.

TRINITY CHURCH

Thursday evening prayer meeting at the church at 8 o'clock.

Sunday morning Sunday school at 10 o'clock. English service at 11 o'clock An offering for the church Extension Fund will be received. Sunday evening service will be in the Norwegian language at 8 o'clock.

ST. OLAF CHURCH NOTES

Suday morning at 10.30 the Sunday school will meet. All teachers, pupils and parents should be there.

Home Coming Day Is Today's Feature

Entertainment Afternoon And Evening For Former Residents Of The City.

PICNIC SUPPER AT SIX P. M.

Today is the Home Coming Day and picnic, and many former residents are expected to come back to the old home town for the day, to meet old friends and neighbors, talk over old times, and see how the children have grown.

The home coming, under the auspices of the Community Welfare Club is more in the nature of a family gathering than a "big day". A good program of entertainment in the afternoon and evening, with a picnic supper at six o'clock, has been arranged.

The committees and program are as follows:

Afternoon Entertainment Committees

Children—
Miss Maud Newgard
Mrs. C. P. Luick
Miss Grace Gartz

Ladies—
Mrs. J. J. Sharon
Mrs. E. W. Luick
Mrs. A. W. Martin

Men—
J. J. Flynn
H. F. Luick

Picnic supper at city park at 6:00 o'clock.

Each family is requested to bring their own dishes and sandwiches, and one other article of food.

Evening Program

Community Singing, led by O. L. Varland.
Song ---------- Male Quartette
Welcome -------- Mrs. A. E. Martin
Response -------- Former Residents
Solo ---------- Mrs. C. O. Fitts
Reading --- Miss Beatrice Leinbach
Song ---------- Male Quartette
Drill, Supervised by Mrs. Geo. Goelz
Reading ------ Miss Gladys Barry
Solo ---------- Bert Nelson
Community Singing.

AUGUST 1ST IS THE LAST DAY

Beginning August 1st, all subscriptions to the Independent will be in advance. Until that date, $1.50 will pay for a year, either back or ahead. After that, the price will be $2.00.

This is not raising the price. The only change is that the subscription must be paid in advance. It is a policy being followed by practically all the papers in the country. It is the only business like way of doing it. The Independent believes that its readers will appreciate the change, and that they will like it better than any other way after they have tried it. This method elliminates all disputes or misunderstandings of any nature, and leaves both the paper and the subscriber knowing exactly where they stand. All subscriptions will stop at expiration. Renew or pay back dues before August 1st at the $1.50 rate.

INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

What might easily have been another serious auto accident occured Tuesday morning, when Irving Madsen, driving a Dodge Coupe, tipped over. Irving was enroute to Clear Lake, and while going down hill between Klemme and Clear Lake, his car struck some loose sand, throwing the auto sideways and tipping it over. A Mr Brooks, residing nearby, brought him to Belmond, where at the hospital an xray picture showed no bones broken but a badly bruised and wrenched back. Irving was later taken to his home, and will soon be around again, his injuries not being serious. He has had two very narrow escapes within four days, the accident Saturday just missing him by the fraction of an inch.

"JOIN THE ONE BIG UNION"

The Independent maintains a news box at the Great Western depot, and among the items found there this week was the following:

To the Belmond Independent:

If you want news, why don't you print the fact that the I. W. W. gets stronger every day by the addition of 500 new members daily.

Join the One Big Union.

Industrial Workers of the World.

Signed: Member of 110,810,510.

Belmond Independent

R. A. RANKINS
Editor and Proprietor.

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Editorials

THE CAUSALITIES OF PEACE

Forty people will meet death on the highways of Iowa during the month of July. Forty a month will die for the next three months. This is the average death toll, according to the Iowa Highway Commission Service Bulletin. And the most of these deaths will be caused by reckless and careless drivers of automobiles.

Deaths in 1922 on Iowa highways totalled 330. Two hundred sixty-four of these occured in accidents on portions of the highways other than on railroad crossings. In other words, by careless or reckless driving.

Put the unsafe driver off the highways of Iowa, and the percentage of accidents will drop to almost nothing. A new law, enacted by the 40th general assembly, makes it a criminal offense for an intoxicated driver to run a car. It is a mighty fine law. But another law, making it a still more serious offense for driving at an excessive rate of speed, should also be enacted. The speed fiend is a menace to everyone, to those whom he meets, as well as those who are his unfortunate passengers. He is more dangerous than the drunk.

During the next three months it behooves every sane autoist to do double duty while he is on the highways; to protect himself and his pass engers, and protect the fool drivers. Speeding joy-riders and tourists who are driving for time, will be all over the roads, coming at excessive speed and paying no attention to dangerous curves or corners, narrow roads or approaching cars. Some person will die every day of the month because of them.

Peace has its causalities no less than war. And the sad part of it is, they cannot defend themselves. They will have to take what comes.

A GOOD CROP—BUT NO PRICE

Iowa will be right where she always is when harvest comes—at the front with a bumper crop. Our farmers will haul to market millions of bushels of foodstuffs, the results of months of toil, of care, of watching and hoping and anxiety.

And when they have plowed and planted and cultivated and tended and harvested and hauled to market what will the price be?

In Iowa, in every state, everywhere, agriculture is the foundation. If you build a house, you do not begin with the chimney; you first fix a foundation for it. How does anyone expect, then, to build prosperity, better times, without first building a strong foundation? And when agriculture is the foundation of our prosperity, of our whole existance, is it not good sense to first see that a fair return is possible to the man who farms?

Bill Jones is a farmer. He works early and late. He waits months before he gets an income from his investment. If, when his ship comes in, its cargo is not worth much more than the cost of carrying it, Bill is not going to do much buying. He won't have the cash.

Bill Brown, and John Smith, and George White, are selling things Bill Jones wants and needs. They must have the money for their goods. Bill Jones has no money. Just how are they going to do business? If Bill Jones made a fair return on his labor, he has money with which to buy. If his work has gone for nothing, or for cost, he cannot buy.

Give the farmer an adequate return for his time and labor, and the rest of us will prosper. Keep him down, and we will all scratch harder than any hen.

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Here and There

Miss Helen Harberts came from Belmond, Saturday, for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Buss. She returned home Saturday.—Klemme Times.

H. J. Klemme, of Belmond, was a business caller in our city, Friday.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Eggers autoed to Belmond, Thursday afternoon, for a visit at the parental home of Mrs. Eggers.—Reporter.

Mr. Louis Baldridge and Miss Dorothy Payton, from Waterloo, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Baldridge and son, Frank, and wife, of Belmond, were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Baldridge.—Kanawha Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Baker and son, David, went to Belmond, Friday, called there by the illness of Mrs. Baker's mother, Mrs. Lieuwen. They drove down Sunday afternoon and were accompanied on the trip by Mrs Geo. McNeish and little daughters, Dorothy and Gretta Jane. They report Mrs. Lieuwen as improving.—Reporter.

The youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cooper had a painful accident befall him Saturday, while playing in the yard at home. The little fellow fell down and in so doing struck one of the blades of a lawn mower in such a manner as to break one of the bones of the third finger on his right hand, also cutting it quite badly. The accident proved very painful to the little sufferer.—Reporter.

Miss Mildred Schultz, of Belmond, is visiting at the Leo Nelson home.—Clarion News.

Mrs. Lilly Anderson, of Belmond spent Sunday with her friend, Mrs Boone.—News.

In the matter of the Estate of Charles B. Smith, Deceased:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The undersigned executor of the above entitled estate was on the 19th day of June, 1923, authorized by the District Court of Wright County, Iowa, to sell the real estate belonging to the above estate at public sale to the highest bidder, consisting of 300 acres, and said executor by virtue of said order of court and terms of the will of said decedent will on the 20th day of August, 1923, at two o'clock p. m. upon the premises sell to the highest bidder the East Half of Northwest Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 93, Range 23, consisting of 140 acres, and the South east Quarter of Section 4, Township 93, Range 23, containing 160 acres; said real estate being situated in Pleasant Township, Wright County, Iowa. Said real estate will be sold in two tracts, there being two sets of improvements. Said real estate to be sold for cash terms. $3,000.00 to be paid upon each tract by purchaser upon day of sale, balance to be paid when deed is given and approved by Court. For further particulars see or write the undersigned executor.

CORWIN L. SMITH
Executor of Said Estate. 354

LOCALS

The Cass-Parker-Rochford Shows, which played in Belmond all last week, have moved on to Clarion, and are showing there this week. This troupe were among the nicest people in the show line who have ever visited our city, and will be welcomed back next year when they come, as they expect to. They put on good clean shows, and local people seemed to be universally pleased.

A. E. Martin and family, Mrs. Finch and Mrs. Rosecrans drove to Alden, Sunday, to attend a family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie and baby, of Waverly, came Saturday for a few days' visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McGuire.

Miss Caroline Uhl, from Grinnell, is a visitor this week at the C. A. Church home.

Mrs. Russell and niece, Helen Finch, of Minneapolis, are visiting at the T. S. Wallace home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nielson, Mrs. P. J. Peterson and Mrs. Geo. Peterson drove to Hampton, Sunday, to visit at the Chas. Peterson home.

Mrs. Chas. Leonard is visiting this week with friends and relatives in Tama county.

Del Church, of Clear Lake, was visiting at the home of John Brooks last week.

W. C. Tyrrell, Jr., Preston and Carol spent the week end at Okoboji with Cap. Tyrrell.

Dr. and Mrs. Garth and son, from Beaumont, Texas, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tyrrell last week, spending a part of the time at the Tyrrell cottage at Lake Okoboji.

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Kinseth's Store News

This is our Home Coming Day, when all the former residents are invited to come home, meet all the old friends and neighbors, talk over old times, and see how the kids have grown. Be sure to drop in to the Store on the Corner and say howdy. And take a look at the bargains we have for you.

—K—

We have flour brands as follows:

Occident	$2.35
Seal of Minnesota	2.35
White Swan	2.35
Certified	1.95
Cane Sugar	10.50

—K—

And we want to tell you about our shoe department. We have a shoe department that, really, folks, is a good one. The shoes are honest values, and we mean that. They will wear and they have the style you want. We have men's slippers at $5.00, men's heavy canvass work shoes at $2.75 boys' heavy canvass work shoes at $2.50, and scores of others at equally reasonable prices. Before you buy your next pair of shoes come in and look at our line; it will pay you.

—K—

We have extra size men's work shirts too, full sizes and large sizes.

—K—

And we still have that 38c coffee that tastes so good in the morning.

—K—

And we are open every evening. So don't forget that, if you need anything in our line from six in the morning to nine at night, call 19 and you'll get it. So for goodness' sake consider your own welfare and take a course in being a wise one by trading at the Store on the Corner.

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31 x 4	CORD	18.95	2.45
32 x 4	CORD	19.90	2.55
33 x 4	CORD	20.90	2.65
34 x 4	CORD	21.80	2.75
33 x 4 1-2	CORD	27.80	3.50
34 x 4 1-2	CORD	28.90	3.65
36 x 4 1-2	CORD	29.65	3.85
33 x 5	CORD	33.90	3.95
35 x 5	CORD	34.90	4.15
37 x 5	CORD	36.70	4.35
36 x 6	CORD	59.80	8.70
38 x 7	CORD	83.90	10.60
40 x 8	CORD	108.90	13.75

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A big burly man called at the rectory, and when the door was opened asked to see the rector's wife, a woman well known for her charitable impulses.

"Madam," he addressed her in a broken voice, "I wish to draw your attention to the terrible plight of a poor family in this district. The father is dead, the mother is too ill to work, and the nine children are starving. They are about to be turned out into the cold, cold streets unless someone pays their arrears in rent, which amounts to fifty dollars.

"How terrible!" exclaimed the lady. "May I ask who you are?"

The sympahetic visitor applied his handkerchief to his eyes.

"I'm the landlord," he sobbed.

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FARM BUREAU NOTES

Garment Clubs Hear Specialist

A meeting of the members of the Wright County Girls' Garment clubs, their officers, their mothers, and other interested ladies met in the basement of the Presbyterian church in Clarion last Monday afternoon for the purpose of attending the training school which was conducted by Miss Hazel Spencer, girls' club specialist from the Extension Service, who was in charge of the meeting.

Nine of the girls' garment clubs of the county were represented at this meeting by their leaders, officers and members. Several of the mothers of the girl members were present and took active part in the training school. Miss Spencer spent most of the time in lecturing and demonstrating on the subject of "Tailoring" and in her discussion took up the matter of tailored tacts, pleated skirts and materials and closed the afternoon meeting by giving a detailed explanation of the state fair exhibits.

Since Miss Spencer's last visit to the county two Girls Garment clubs have been organized, making a total of 12 clubs in the county. The interest in Girls' Sewing clubs seems to be on the increase and with the kind interest and co-operation on the part of the leaders who are giving their time so unselfishly to the work the clubs of the county are progressing nicely.

Fifty dollars has been allowed for the Girls' Garment club exhibits at the Eagle Grove picnic on August 22nd so the girls in the club have something worth while to work for.

Wall Lake Holds Lively Social

The Eugene Wassom home, twelve miles southeast of Clarion, was the scene of a live community social gathering on last Tuesday evening, when the regular monthly meeting of the Wall Lake Township Farm Bureau was held on the lawn of this beautiful farm home.

The evening's entertainment was opened by a solo from Mrs. F. L. Bubeck and this was followed by a short talk from the county agent, after which an interesting program consisting of recitations, dialogues and a "special" by Will Meyer were given.

Rev. Bump from Galt gave the address of the evening and talked for an hour to the good people of Wall Lake on community and social life and in his remarks urged closer cooperation among the people not only in social and religious affairs, but also in the business activities of the farm bureau organization. Rev. Bump is intensely interested in the social and religious welfare of the people of that community as is evidenced by the fact that he always attends their social gatherings.

Poultry Culling Gives Results

The poultry culling demonstrations which are being given by the county agent throughout the county are bringing out facts which are of vital interest to the poultry industry of this section of the state.

The resuls of the culling work up to date show that an average of 27 percent of the hens in the farm flocks have been found to be non-producers, which means that this per cent of hens in the average farm flock are being fed with no return being made by them to the owners. Another interesting fact in connection with the poultry culling work is that poultry disease has been found on many of the farms where the culling work has been done. The culling demonstrations are being held not only for the purpose of culling out non-producing hens but also to eliminate poultry disease which is so common in many of the farm flocks.

Those who are interested in attending one of the culling demonstrations will be governed by the following schedule, each meeting being held at 1:30 p. m.:

Troy, July 24, J. C. Middleton.
Woolstock, July 27, Roy Hockman.
Wall Lake, July 30, Will Meyer.
Vernon, July 31, Jess Akers.
Pleasant, Aug. 1, Menno Frohling.
Iowa, Aug. 2, Geo. Aldrich.
Blaine, Aug. 3, Frank Toyne.
Belmond, Aug. 6, J. J. Sloan.
Norway, Aug. 7, Leonard Evans.
Boone, Aug. 8, Oscar Engstrom.
Liberty, Aug. 9, W. D. McCutcheon.

County Agent At Conference.

Our local county agent is spending Wednesday and Thursday of this week attending the Northeast Iowa County Agents' conference which is being held at Mason City, July 25 26.

This conference was announced by and is being held under County Agent Leader Murl McDonald of Ames. All agents in the northeastern part of Iowa as well as the officers and directors of the various county farm bureaus in the same territory are invited to be present at and take part in this conference, which is being held for the purpose of bringing together the problems of all county agents and farm bureaus of this section of the state.

Chas. Hearst of Cedar Falls, president, C. W. Hunt, Des Moines, secretary, of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, R. K. Bliss, Murl McDonald, Dr. K. W. Stouder, representing the Extension Service at Ames, and Dr. Brindlay representing the agricultural economics section of the college at Ames, will take part in the program which has been arranged for this conference. The good which may come from a gathering of this kind is hard to estimate but it is quite certain that by getting together in this way the county agents will be able to talk over problems common to all and as a result render better service to the farmers.

Junior Livestock Judges Meet.

Members of the Junior Livestock Judging team of Wright county met last Tuesday evening at the A. W. R. Schultz dairy farm where the boys had a good work out on the Holstein dairy cattle at this place. A class of four aged dairy cows was arranged for the judging work and the boys gave placings and reasons on this class.

The junior judges spent last Friday evening at the O. J. Pardun home where several classes of draft horses were arranged for the judging work. Through the kindness of Mr. Pardun and L. L. Sams, who lives neighbor, the boys had opportunity to judge draft horses and received valuable information on the important points in draft type.

The boys are making regular trips to different farms of the county and between now and state fair time, the boys will spend considerable time with the county agent in working over the livestock. The members of the team are rounding into shape for the state-wide contest which will be held at Ames Aug. 1.

Boys who are taking active part in the livestock judging work at present are as follows: Milan Buck, Leo Woodley, Everett Woodley, Arno Myers, Max Miller, Lynn Thompson, Ross Mechem, Fred Moellering, Laurel Hill, Will Paul, Donald Strever, Geo. Peterson, and Walter Lyons.

Most people consider it a great misfortune to lose their wealth, although such ill luck as that has its advantages. They can easily tell who are their friends.

Griesy's Store News

Vol. 2 BELMOND, IOWA, JULY 26, 1923. No. 18.

This week we are not going to talk to you about any certain thing we have to sell, but are just going to say a few words about you and us and friendship and service.

Service is badly overworked in most ways. It is something you hear a lot about, but don't always see. We want to give you service, of course, and we want to give good service. By that, we mean in any way we can. Not just in the lines we carry, but in all lines. If you want an errand done on the street, call 10 and we'll be glad to do it. It will be a favor, and we'll appreciate it. We want our service to be as good as our goods, and both are the best to be had.

Use them! Many are, why not you as well? We are not in business just for the dollar, but for the service we can give and the fun we can get out of it as well. We consider you all our friends. We want to do for you the things a friend should do. Your friendship is our best asset, and we are mighty proud of it.

We want you to make our store your headquarters while in town. It will make us happy to have you here and you have a standing invitation. Consider us your friend; let us do friendly acts to prove we are your friend, to serve you as you would serve your friends. It has been said there is no friendship in business, but in our business we want friendship to have a big part. We will not sell you an inferior article and thus take advantage of friendship; we do not look at friendship that way. To us, friendship means that anything we sell you has got to be genuine and worth the money, or it won't be sold, that's all. To sell you something that was no good would not leave a very friendly feeling on your part, would it? Surely not!

So we ask you all to come in any time, and to feel that Griesy's is a friendly place. You do not have to be a customer, or even to know us personally, to receive our service. It is yours freely and with all good will. Our Service Is At Your Service. May we serve you.

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MESERVEY SECTION

New Felt Hats are now in, the latest in style, shape and colors.—Hat Shoppe, Belmond. 1c

H. Heitland, wife and daughter, Arlene, motored to Latimer, Saturday with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Leo Halfpap of Mason City visited relatives and friends here last week.

For sale or rent, a 4-room house. See W. F. Larson, Meservey, Iowa. 35tfc.

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JULY

Clearance Sale!

We will continue the Special in Silk Hosiery during the month of July.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Foss, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Raecker and Jeanette, Mr. and Mrs. L. Foss, Mr. and Mrs. James Hemming of Thornton, and Mr. and Mrs. Al Bohning and children from Miller, S. D., made up a picnic party to Clear Lake last Friday evening.

Miss Billy Loats was clerking in her old place for Hulsebus-Muller Co. last Wednesday and Saturday nights.

H. Fischer and family and relatives who accompanied them to Magnolia and Logan, returned last week Thursday evening.

Rev. C. H. Schlesselman, wife and baby, of Des Moines, motored to this place last Friday for a short visit at the Rev. Schlesselman home.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Bohning and children of Miller, S. D., arrived by auto last Wednesday and are visiting at the Foss home and with other relatives.

1921 Ford Coupe for sale.—Belmond Motor Sales Co.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hulsebus, Herman and Louise Witt of Clear Lake drove down Saturday night, remaining until Sunday evening.

Miss Jennie Gealow of Belmond visited her sister, Miss Mildred, here one day last week.

For Sale—Two Tractors, with plows. Priced right.—Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond, Iowa. 35tfc

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Sprau visited with relatives at Clarion last Sunday

We are the headquarters for good things for your Lunch Basket which are as follows:

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MICKIE SAYS—

Miss Marie Fischer was a week end visitor with a cousin at Cedar Falls, who is attending the Normal there.

Quite a number from here attended Chautauqua at Alexander several evenings last week. We were especially well represented on Tuesday evening for the last number. The Temple Festival Singers gave a splendid entertainment. A large crowd attended, and Alexander can well congratulate themselves for being able to support a chautauqua so successfully. Wouldn't it be worth while to put forth efforts here to put on a Chautauqua for next summer? Who will boost?

Mrs. Joe Meci and children returned to their home at Fort Dodge last Saturday after spending two weeks here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raecker.

Miss Emma Reverts of Pella visited at the Rev. Pannkuk home several days last week, remaining over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Lieuwen and three daughters motored to Dumont last Sunday to spend the day visiting at relatives.

Mrs. H. Mennenga and daughter, Miss Margaret, accompanied Miss Emma Reverts of Pella to this place last Saturday, she having visited at their home for a day.

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Billy Jones and family and Mrs. Mary Butz accompanied Miss Arnold to Mason City last Friday she having been a guest at the former's home for a few days.

A. J. Nissen and family returned from their outing trip thru Minnesota last Thursday at midnight. They report a delightful trip, and brought back the fish, too, as quite a number can vouch for, having had fish for dinners last Friday. While touring they stopped at the Gus Wickersheim home and enjoyed their hospitality at several times. They are well, and wished to be remembered to their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Bier departed via the auto route last Thursday morning for Naperville, Ill., where they will visit at the Fred Pieper home for a week or 10 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Enabnit from Mason City came Wednesday of last week to visit at the Dave Enabnit home indefinitely.

For Sale—1921 Ford Touring; 1923 4-door Ford Sedan; 1923 2-door Sedan. Several other cars at reasonable prices. —Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Yarcho of Cedar Rapids arrived here Sunday p. m. on a short visit at the Raecker and H. Fischer homes. They were returning to their home from a visit in Minnesota. They were members of Rev. Raecker's parish during his pastorate at Cedar Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Foss, L. Foss and wife, G. E. Raecker and family, and Al Bohning and family were guests at the James Hemming home in Thornton, Sunday.

NOTICE!

My office will be closed for two weeks, beginning Monday, July 30.—Dr. L. R. Parsons, Belmond.

Mrs. Schlesselman made a quick trip to Mason City Monday between trains, having dental work done.

R. Karsjens and family of Bradford motored to this place last Saturday evening to visit until Sunday evening with Mrs. R. Eckoff and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Kolb, Irv. Nissen and family and Chas. Waddingham and family were Clear Lake callers Sunday, visiting relatives who are staying in their cottage at the lake.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Gruis returned from a week's visit with relatives and friends at Stout

Fred Menzel, Herman Ostendorf, and Bert Groen spent last Saturday p. m. at Clear Lake.

Mrs. H. K. Pals and three sons and nephew motored to Soo county last Saturday, where they will spend a week or ten days visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Wendell and Mr. and Mrs. C. Mayers visited at the Crist Enabnit home in Des Moines last Sunday.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The E. L. Christian Endeavor will hold an ice cream social on H. Fischer's lawn, Saturday evening, July 28. The proceeds will go toward building a mission church in Waterloo, Ia. Come and help a good cause.

B. Gruis and wife were Belmond callers last Saturday p. m.

A. J. Nissen attended a convention of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. at Milwaukee the first three days of this week.

THE YOUNG SKEPTIC

A skeptical young collegian confronted an old Quaker with the statement that he did not believe in the Bible.

The Quaker said to him, "Does thee believe in France?"

"Yes, for though I have never seen it, I have seen others who have; besides there is plenty of proof that such a country does exist."

"Then thee will not believe anything thee or others have not seen?"

"No, to be sure I won't."

"Did thee ever see thy own brains?"

"No."

Ever see anybody that did?"

"No."

Does thee believe thee has any?"

Donald Muller is at Camp Roosevelt, at Ventura, for a 10-day Boy Scout outing. His father accompanied him to that place Monday morning when Donald enrolled.

Rev. Eilert Dirks arrived from his home in Long Island City, N. Y. last Tuesday morning to spend his vacation with home folks. Mrs. Dirks arrived several weeks ago.

GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION STARTS AFTER MEMBERS

All Iowa citizens interested in better roads are invited to become members of the Iowa Good Roads association and a general membership campaign will be made in all counties at once.

The association, formed at a meeting in Des Moines on June 28, hopes to obtain the adoption of a road improvement program in Iowa which will be satisfactory to both the farmers and the city dwellers.

The association platform provides in brief for the adoption of a policy of road improvement in Iowa which will embrace both the primary and secondary roads.

It urges the completion of the grading and drainage of the entire primary road system, and the ultimate surfacing with either gravel or concrete of the whole system.

It asks for the hard surfacing of only "such portions of the primary road system as are subject to traffic which makes any other type of surfacing uneconomical because of expensive maintenance or lack of material within reasonable distance of the section concerned."

It advocates a continuation of the policy of graveling secondary roads with primary funds where the grading and surfacing of a counties primary road system has been completed.

It favors clarifying the duties of the highway commission and the county boards of supervisors by giving to the commission more complete authority over primary roads, and to the supervisors more liberal powers as to secondary roads.

It advocates the doing away of special assessments for hard surfacing, and calls for the payment of all primary road expense from the primary road fund.

The association will work for the better marking of all roads, and advocates the strengthening and enforcement of the road patrol law, to insure maintenance of all highways.

"Every road a better road" is the slogan of the association county chairman have been named in most of the counties of Iowa, and organization work is rapidly being completed.

"This association will work for a better understanding between all who are interested in good roads in Iowa," declares Harry B. Allfree of Newton, president. "We are interested in all of our roads, we have no extravagant or visionary ideas, and we believe that when the purposes and aims of the association are thoroly understood we will have the support of most of the citizens of the state."

TRACTORS MOVING BY TRAIN LOADS

The farmers of the Middle West are preparing to meet any future shortage in farm labor. They are buying tractors these days by the train loads. The fourth Farm Power Prosperity Special of forty-three carloads of tractors is being moved over the Rock Island railroad this week.

The train is scheduled to leave Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at noon on July 12th, at Allis-Chalmers plant, and will be rushed at high speed by way of Cedar Rapids, Des Moines and Kansas City, to Wichita, Kansas. These tractors are to be distributed in the wheat fields of Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas an New Mexico. This movemen of tractors is almost a record breaker for one season. In April the same concern shipped twin trains of 88 carloads to the same points over the Rock Island.

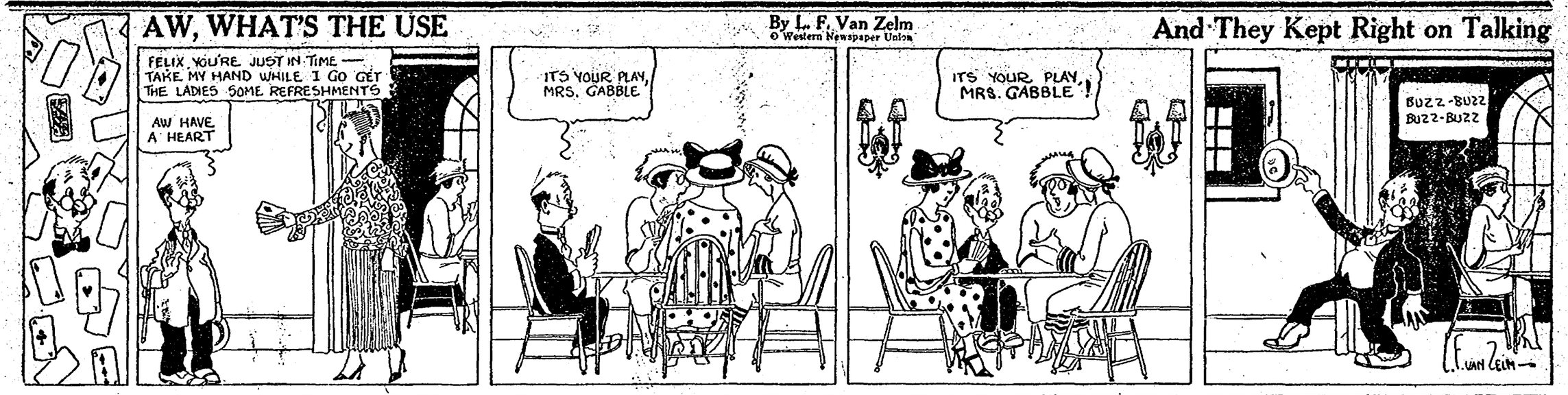
Tractor manufaqturers look upon this unusual shipment of farm machinery as evidence of the changed attitude of the farmers toward the purchase of improved and modern farm power. They say the buyers' strike is over and that prosperity is abroad in the field.

JUST A START

"Here's an article on 'What's Wrong With Congress'?"

"Well, what's the matter with the article?"

"There's only six columns of it."



ROWAN NEWS

Obituary

'Ann Brintha Lynk was born at Wampsville, N. Y., Sept. 11, 1844, grew to womanhood in that state, and was married to Philip L. Gildersleeve at Macedon, N. Y., June 26, 1871. They lived there two years moving to Homer, Ill., where they lived for two years, and from there to a farm six miles south of Belmond, Iowa. In 1882 they moved to Galt and this place was the home of Mrs. Gildersleeve until eight years ago, when she went to live with her son at Crookston, Minn. She passed away on July 17, 1923, aged 78 years 10 months and six days. She was the mother of two children, Earl, who died in infancy, and Charles Edwin, of Crookston. Minn. Besides the son, there survives one sister, Mrs. O. E. Ballou, of Rowan, Iowa; two brothers, Nelson Lynk of Manhattan, Ill., and E. J. Lynk, of Chicago, Ill., a beloved daughter-in-law and two small grandchildren, Jean and Jack Gildersleeve. The body was brought to her old home in Galt, now owned and occupied by her niece, Mrs. John DeNio. Funeral services were held at this home on Friday, at 2:30 p. m., conducted by the Rev. C. T. Halbert of Rowan, formerly pastor at Galt, assisted by Rev. Walter Bump and Rev. H. C. Boissier of Cedar Falls. Burial was in Graceland cemetery.

Mrs. Gildersleeve was a charter member of the Galt. Cong. church and an active worker in all of its endeavors for a period of 25 years. She was also an important factor in the life of the town and in its progress was instrumental. She was a member of the Star lodge and this organization assisted in the burial service at the grave. Among her favorite sentiments was found the following which seems to have been a motto for her life:

"I expect to pass thru this life but once.
If therefore there be any kindness or any good thing I can do to fellow beings let me do it now.
Let me not defer nor neglect it for I shall not pass this way again."

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Myers Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fowler and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sinclair of Clarion enjoyed a day's outing at Clear Lake on last Thursday.

Joe Patton, Jr., was a Spencer visitor on business Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Steffens accompanied the Glen Jennings family from Clarion on a two-weeks' trip by auto to Minnesota to visit at the Clarence Jennings home. The Alt. Hackley family are staying at the Steffens home during their absence.

Mrs. L. R. McCallum visited at the H. L. Hadley home in Belmond last Wednesday.

Mrs. J. B. McKinstry of Cedar Falls came up Thursday to visit relatives for a few days.

Harry Cain returned from Milledgeville, Ill., Thursday. Jake Steffens returned with him for an extended visit with his brother, Wm. Steffens.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tresidder returned last Tuesday from their Wisconsin trip.

Mr. and Mrs Clifford Snow came over from Goldfield to attend the Gildersleeve funeral at Galt.

Mrs. Fred Webber, Florence and Lorraine returned home Thursday from their Minnesota visit.

Two men of the branch of the Salvation Army, of which Mrs. Maud Ballington Booth is leader, gave a service of song on our streets Saturday morning.

The Lynk family gathered at the Frank Drury grove Sunday after the morning hour of worship for a picnic dinner, together. Those present were Edwin Lynk, Chicago; Nelson Lynk, Manhattan, Ill; Ed. Gildrsleeve and wife, Crookston, Minn; Mrs. Winifred Harrigan, Joliet, Ill; the John DeNio family, Galt; Mrs. Anna Aldrich, Cedar Ranids; Oval Ballou family, the Frank, Clint and Fred Kercheval families, Rowan.

Geo. DeMaris and family have recently moved into Mrs. Peddie's residence. Mr. DeMaris is the new section foreman on the C. G. W.

The Cong. C. E. society will hold an ice cream social on the church lawn, Sat. July 28.

The Iowa township Farm Bureau ladies meet Friday p. m. at the H. J. Whitten home for their regular monthly meeting. An interesting program will be given as follows:

Song, America, all.
Roll Call, Answered by patriotic quotations.
Repeating of the American Creed in Concert.
Reading, What Can I Do For My Country, Mrs. J. H. Munnis.
Solo, I'm From Iowa, Miss LaVonne Ballou.
Reading, A Heap of Living, Mrs. A. C. Lieuwen.
Hints on Home Nursing, Mabel Azeltine.

A business meeting and social hour will follow the program. The public are cordially invited to this meeting.

Dean Fitz of Churdan, Ia., spent the week end with his parents here.

The James Clowes family of Renwick spent the Sabbath at the R. H. Keith home. Malcom and Donald the two young sons, remained here for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. French and Miss Grace Dayton autoed to Fort Dodge last Wednesday.

R. H. Keith R. Virden and H. J. Whitten drove to Greene last Wednesday where several of the Rowan boys are hauling gravel

About 50 of the relatives of Mrs. Jennie Rowan, assisted her in celebrating her 75th birthday last Sunday. Dinner was served on the lawn. Mrs. Rowen was the recipient of many nice gifts. Besides the relatives here, those from a distance were her two brothers, Fred and Sam Farmer from Goirfield, Fred Farmer, Jr., of Cedar Rapids, Mrs. Nora Farmer, a niece from Steubenville, O., Mrs. Martha Robinson.

Mrs. Frank Hake from Belmond, Mrs. Cady Templeton, Mrs. Katy Bradfield of Spirit Lake. These last three are her daughters and a sister, Mrs. Lily Pierce, Goldfield

Mrs. Bert Harris and son Leland of Thornton spent last Wednesday at the parental Stevenson home.

Mrs. Ashley Andrews, Mrs. H. O. Hansen and Miss May Pohl from Coulter called at the Theo. Hansen home one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs N. B. Streveler of Blairsburg came up to spend the week end with their brother, T. S. Streveler.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Keith and Enid and Miss Elsie Keith of Goldfield visited at the R. H. Keith home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Cowley, Miss Maud, and Irvin, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Ingraham and LaVonne, Mrs. J. E. Baines and son Darrell, and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Igraham of Swaledale were entertained at dinner at the home of Mrs. Mary Braden last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Temple of Burt and Mr. and Mrs. Grayson of Washington, Ia., spent Sunday at the D. A. French home.

Bob Halsey and family, who now reside on a farm, near Dumont, visited in Rowan last week.

Mrs. Etta Carr departed Tuesday to make an extended visit with her brother's family at Marengo, Ill.

Izetta Fletcher went with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Woodley and Marvel Weld for an auto trip to Bruce, Wis. to visit the former's sisters, Mesdames C. B. Conn and Tim Weld.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pritchett went to Anita to spend a few days with Mrs. Emma Cate, formerly Emma Ballou.

Wm. Duffy and family left early Monday morning by auto for Oswego Kan., to spend two weeks at the Jno. Walker home. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tressidler are doing the work at the Duffy farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robinson came down from Mason City, Sunday, bringing Mr. and Mrs. Walter McCallum with them. Mr. and Mrs. McCallum have been visiting at Mason City and Minneapolis for some time. Both families spent Sunday at the Ormal Gates home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barker and Mrs. Beckman of Grundy Center stopped at the G. W. Whitten home last Tuesday. They were enroute to Okoboji to camp for ten days.

The W G. Bingham and Les Peyton families, Miss Gladys Whitten and Lyndon Whitten enjoyed a picnic supper at Lake Cornelia Monday evening in honor of Jannice Rowen, who leaves for her home at New Richmond, N. D., soon.

G. W. Whitten, wife and daughter Gladys, drove to Goldfield, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harm Brinkman and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Klemensen of Latimer attended the church service Sunday at the M. E. church here.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Braden, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McCallum, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. McCallum, Guy Toyne and Gladys Rydor camped out at Lake Cornelia for the week end.

Mr and Mrs. Arthur Emerson and Carl, Mrs. Roy Hyde and May autoed to Cedar Falls to visit the girls who are attending summer school.

The out of town folks who attended the Gildersleeve funeral were Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gildersleeve of Crookston, Minn; Nelson Lynk, Manhattan, Ill; Edwin Lynk, Chicago; Mrs. Winifred Harrigan, Joliet; Rev. H. C. Boissier and wife, Cedar Falls; Mrs. Louise Letts, Webster City; and Mrs Anna Aldrich, Cedar Rapids.

Mrs. David Pepper, Sr., of Dows, spent part of last week visiting relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Chas. Boyington was quite ill last week, but is on the mend.

Ione Francomb went to Clarion last Tuesday to visit a few days with her sister, Mrs. Claude Allie.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Davenport of Belmond were Rowan callers on last Wednesday.

H. B. Bradshaw of Ft. Dodge visited friends between trains while enroute to and from Dows, where he supplied the pulpit at the Methodist church.

Miss Anna Rietz is working in the bank during the absence of Guy Sheldon.

The Epworth League folks who left for the Clear Lake institute were Bonnie Thomas, Lorene Liming, Garnet Stumph, Delila Thomas, Nora Schaffer, Mrs. Liming and the Osborns. Others expect to drive up this week for a day or two.

Mr. Liming is digging a ditch along No. 10 preparatory to placing the over-head telephone wires under the ground.

The Whitten memorial furniture was dedicated at the Methodist church last Sunday evening. The service used was a part of the regular service used for dedication of churches. The Laymen were represented by Bert Pelley, who spoke in memory of Uncle Dan Whitten. The chairs are of pleasing massive oak construction and the pulpit desk is a thing of beauty.

The churches of Rowan will have four weeks of union service at the evening hour. The first one is to be held at the Cong. church next Sunday at 8. Rev. Osborn is to preach.

The graveling on primary road No. 10 is progressing nicely and we will soon have a graveled road to Hampton.

The small grain is cut and is reported to be at least an average crop.

Rowan Methodist Church Notes

Class meeting at 9:30 a. m. Sunday school at 10. Let us not neglect this important service. Morning worship at 11. Dr. James J. Bushnell, district supt., will deliver the message. He is worth hearing. Epworth League at 7. Miss Esther Fowler is leader. Please note there will be no evening service.

The pastor is to speak at the union services at the Cong. church at 8.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

A cordial invitation to attended all our services is extended.

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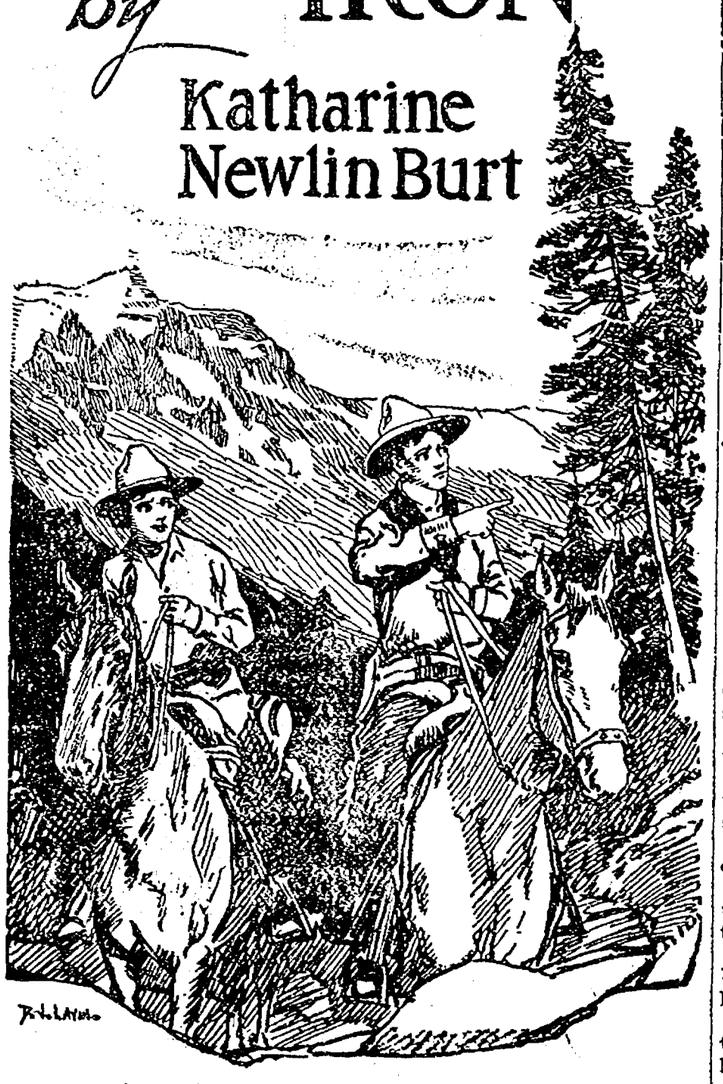
THE BRANDING IRON

by Katharine Newlin Burt



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GOODELL NEWS

Finis Letch and wife returned to Mora, Minn., last Tuesday after a few days' visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. Kutzner moved their household goods to Mason City on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Graeber, Mr. and Mrs. Moore spent Thursday at the Geo. Ruka home.

Mrs. Snearley and Mrs. Wm. Heginger were at Garner, Tuesday, in the interest of the American Legion.

Mrs. John Rust and Miss Dorthea Okrueg were at Garner, Tuesday, in the interest of the girls club work.

Mrs. Dewiske of Milwaukee, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. T. Hamilton, returned home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Beier of Milwaukee have returned home after a visit at her sister's, Mrs. T. Hamilton.

Mr. Sandberg and daughters, Edith and Selma, drove to Ames. Friday, and brought home Carl who had completed his six weeks' of summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. Whittaker of Garwin visited her parents Sunday.

E. P. Meyer and son, Donald, went to Chicago, Saturday night, with stock.

Anderson brothers shipped three carloads of fat cattle Saturday.

C. W. Ennis and family of Grinnell were over Sunday visitors at the Rev. Miller home.

The Killburn children of Des Moines visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Chelavig.

Mr. Moore Mrs. Monroe Graeber's father, returned to Harvey, Ill., on Monday.

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KNOCK ANY HEAD

Even the advocates of government ownership of railroads do not assert that either economy or efficiency would be promoted by such a policy. They just naturally believe in knocking any head that appears above the mass, so when some man spends forty or fifty years training himself to make a success of railroading, and sees his property on a good paying basis, they want to "knock" his block off." To them success in business is a near crime.

LET'S HOPE NOT

Nell—They say that the morals of the young girls of today are worse than they were in the hisory of civilization.

Will—Aw, I don't believe the girls are as bad as they are painted.

ALEXANDER NEWS

NOTICE!

My office will be closed for two weeks, beginning Monday, July 30.—Dr. L. R. Parsons, Belmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Winwood and baby were Hampton callers on last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Modderman and sons were visitors at Belmond Sunday.

Mrs. Younglin, of Latimer, visited with Miss Anna Beenen a few days the fore part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Larsen and daughters Esther and Velma, visited with relatives at Hampton on Sunday.

R. L. Carlock left Monday for Fargo, N. D., where he expects to remain for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell, Misses Jessie and Nellie Bell, and Susie Schulte were callers at Hampton on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bohlen, Mr. and Mrs. Claas Symens and Susie and Ethel Schulte were Clear Lake callers last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith and two daughters were Sunday visitors with relatives at Hampton.

Little Gracie Frohling of Belmond spent the past week here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schulte.

Mr. Rankin, insurance agent of Dows, was transacting business at Alexander last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greenfield and son, Frederick. Mrs. John Bell and Jessie Bell were visitors at Belmond last Sunday.

C. I. McCallum of Rowan was a visitor at Alexander a few days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Beenen, Miss Nellie Bell and Arthur Winwood were callers at Belmond last Saturday evening.

Miss Anna Beenen visited with friends in Hampton last week.

John Conrad came Sunday for a visit with friends in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bell and children visited at the Joe Veeder home in Hampton last Sunday.

Mrs. George Dunn and children left last week for a visit with relatives at Geneva, Minn.

Karl Griemann of Latimer was a visitor at this place Sunday.

Forrest Gillett was a business visitor at Hampton last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Larsen and sons Elmer and Wilbur visited with relatives at Hampton on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Beenen are visiting at Des Moines with friends this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Beenen and Miss Anna Beenen autoed to Renwick, Thursday, on a business trip.

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AND WIFE

This story concerns a certain public official prominent in Marion county political life who recetly became a bridgroom and went on a honeymoon journey to the South.

The man and his young bride stopped at a hotel in a Florida city and as he proceeded to the hotel register, it seemed to him that some one had announced to the bellboy, the porter, the clerk and every one about that he was just married, for they waited and watched eagerly. He wrote something and started toward his wife.

"Haven't you forgotten something, sir?" the clerk asked.

The husband turned quickly, sized up the situation in his mind hurriedly and with a snap of his finger, characteristic of him, he said.

"By dad, I most certainly have."

With that he returned to the register and to his own name, which he already had written he added "and wife."—Indianapolis News.

Your Paper Will Stop Next Week!

Beginning August 1st, the Independent will go on a Cash-In-Advance subscription basis. The price will be the same as now, $2.00 a year. All subscriptions not paid up by August 1st will be dropped from the list.

Until August 1st subscriptions may be renewed at $1.50 a year. After August 1st $2.00 will be the one and only price. The paper will stop promptly at expiration unless renewed, the same as your city daily does.

This policy is the same as that used by the Des Moines Register, and all city papers, as well as scores of weeklies. It is the only business like way. If you want your home paper you should be willing to give it the same treatment you do your daily. By stopping at expiration there can be no question or dispute about ordering or not ordering it.

The publisher wishes to take this opportunity of expressing his appreciation to the thousand subscribers of the Independent for their interest and co-operation, and he hopes and believes you will like the new method better than the old. It is our desire to give you the best paper possible. We want and need your co-operation in all ways at all times.

REMEMBER---Until August you can renew at $1.50. After August 1st the price is $2.00 strictly in advance. Take advantage of this bargain offer!

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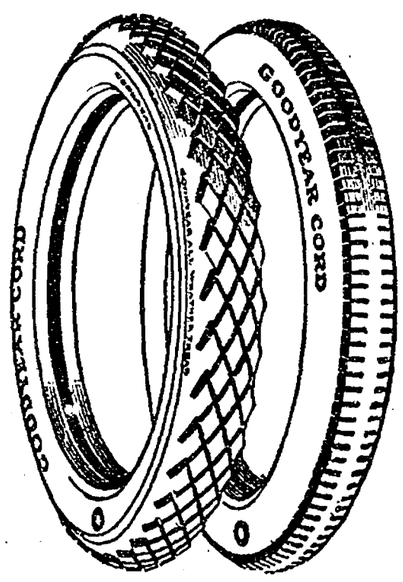

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Mrs. Henry Schultz was a Mason City caller on Monday of this week.

Miss Freda Cramer and Miss Cecilia Finn went to Mason City on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Barry and niece, Kathrine Blake, drove to Iowa City last Thursday to visit relatives and friends.

Mrs. Eugene Kinney entertained the Priscilla club ladies at her home on Wednesday afternoon of last week.

Miss Bertha Thorman returned on last Wednesday from Wisconsin, where she had been attending school taking teachers normal course.

Mrs. Laura Nelson and sons, Stanley and Vernon, from Ruthton, are visiting at the R. H. Rierson home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Webb went to Woden, Sunday, and spent the day with their son, Rev. Harry Webb, who has charge of the M .E. church at that place.

Mrs. E. W. Luick and Mrs. A. W. Martin entertained about 45 friends at afternoon tea, at the beautiful home of E. W. Luick, on east Main street, last Friday afternoon. The house was very prettily decorated with garden flowers of different kinds. A dainty luncheon was served by the hostesses.

The paving at Clarion is coming in nice shape, and some streets have already been opened up. When the job is finished, Clarion will have some fine streets, but until it is, they are a fright. The best thing Clarion ever started was their paving, for it was certainly needed.

Sunday evening saw the usual quota of bathers at the lakes, seeking relief from the intense heat. The water is very warm, and ideal for a good swim.

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Disliking the prospect of a month's visit to her austere aunt, Lady Erythea Lambe, at Jervaulx abbey, and her cousin, Alexander Lambe, Aimee, vivacious daughter of the Very Reverend Viscount Scroope, is in a rebellious mood.

CHAPTER II.—She wanders into the park, there encountering a strange youth in trouble with a motorcycle. He laughingly introduces himself as "Billy," American. The two cement the acquaintance by a ride on the motorcycle, the "Flying Sphinx," and part. With Georgina Berners, her cousin, Aimee sets out for Jervaulx. On the way she decides that Georgina shall impersonate her at Jervaulx, while she goes on a holiday. Georgina's horrified protest is unavailing.

CHAPTER III.—Happy in her new freedom, Aimee again meets "Billy." He tells her his name is Spencer, and she gives hers as Amy Snooks, at present "out of a job." Billy offers to take her into partnership in selling the Sphinx. In a spirit of madcap adventure, she accepts. The two proceed to the town of Stanhoe, taking separate lodgings in Ivy cottage.

CHAPTER IV.—That night Aimee visits Georgina and learns that the deception has not been discovered. By her dominant personality she compels Georgina to continue the subterfuge.

CHAPTER V.—On a trial spin next day on the Sphinx, with Billy, Aimee almost collides with a carriage in which are her aunt, Georgina and Alexander. The pair escape unrecognized.

CHAPTER VI.—Georgina learns that Lord Scroope is coming to visit Lady Erythea and, realizing what will happen on his arrival, is in hopeless bewilderment.

CHAPTER VII.—While Aimee is secretly visiting Georgina at Jervaulx, the place is burglarized. Aimee escapes.

CHAPTER VIII.—Georgina learns, with much relief, that Aimee has got away.

CHAPTER IX.—Police Inspector Panke decides that the robbery is the work of "Jack the Climber" and "Calamity Kate," noted thieves, who travel on a motorcycle.

CHAPTER X.—Billy, aware of his "partner's" nocturnal jaunts, is troubled. He follows her, on the Sphinx, to Jervaulx. He hears the commotion, at once suspects burglary, and follows two figures on a motorcycle who are apparently in a desperate hurry. Cornering the pair, Billy knocks out a man who attempts to shoot him, picking up a package the fellow had dropped. He discovers the other fugitive to be a woman. Stopping to aid her, she strikes him with a stone, rendering him unconscious, and the pair escape.

CHAPTER XI.—Recovering, Billy discovers the package he had picked up is a jewel case, containing emeralds. Realizing they must be part of the loot from Jervaulx, he starts for the abbey. On the way he meets Aimee, with the police in pursuit. In a secure hiding place, a cave among the crag pits, Aimee tells him the whole story. He urges that she make a frank confession to her father, but on reflection both realize Aimee's good name has been compromised by her two nights' stay at Ivy cottage.

CHAPTER XII.—Assuring Aimee he has a plan to save her, Billy leaves her in the cave and, proceeding to Jervaulx, restores the emeralds to the astounded Lady Erythea.

CHAPTER XIII.—Rejecting any reward, after explaining how the emeralds came into his possession, Billy accepts the position of chauffeur to Lady Erythea, seeing in the situation a promise of a way out of the embroglio.

CHAPTER XIV.—Realizing what her father's visit to Jervaulx would mean, Aimee goes secretly to her home, disables the family auto, thus preventing his journey, and induces a parlormaid to let her take her place at Jervaulx.

CHAPTER XV.—Alexander recognizes Aimee as the woman on the motorcycle which ran into the Lambe carriage, denouncing her as "Calamity Kate." Georgina divulges Aimee's identity. Hearing her story, Alexander consents to keep the secret.

CHAPTER XVI.—Alexander finds himself very much in love with Georgina.

CHAPTER XVII.—The approaching visit of Alexander's sister, Lady Diana (who, of course, knows Aimee) brings consternation to the two girls.

CHAPTER XVIII.—Another visitor to Jervaulx is the Vicomte de Jussac, Diana's suitor. Diana recognizes Aimee and threatens to denounce her.

CHAPTER XIX.—Interested in the Lambe collection of armor, De Jussac, during the night, tries on a suit. Diana, investigating an alleged ghostly apparition, meets him. He declares his love, and is accepted. Aimee finds them together and binds Diana to secrecy concerning her affairs.

CHAPTER XX.—Alexander and Georgina become engaged, Lady Erythea, believing Georgina to be Lord Scroope's daughter, is delighted.

CHAPTER XXI.—Billy and Aimee reach an understanding as to their mutual love.

CHAPTER XXII.—A Scotland Yard official arrives and demands to see Billy. Aimee overhears him. Learning Billy's whereabouts, the officer goes after him.

CHAPTER XXIII.—Billy finds "Jake the Climber," his leg broken, in the crag pits. He hears the thief's story and has a feeling of something like sympathy. "Jake" is arrested and the police search for "Calamity Kate."

CHAPTER XXIV.—Aimee, hastening to the crag pits to warn Billy of his danger, meets "Kate" and, touched by the girl's devotion to her husband, allows the woman to escape on the Sphinx.

CHAPTER XXV.—The capture of "Jake" of course clears Billy of connection with the Jervaulx robbery. But they are not yet "out of the woods."

CHAPTER XXVI.—Lord Scroope, at Jervaulx, is astounded at the bewildering mixup resulting from Aimee's escapade. Her confession clears up the situation. Lady Erythea's wrath at the deception is cyclonic.

CHAPTER XXVII.—Lord and Lady Scroope are convinced of the eligibility of "Billy" Spencer as a husband for their daughter. Alexander and Georgina are supremely happy, and the clouds roll away. A double wedding is arranged.

CHAPTER XXVIII.—The story ends with Billy and Aimee starting on their honeymoon on the original "Sphinx," which was the medium of their introduction.

"Maybe you'll have her yet. Only I'm not going to let her make trouble for you. We're pretty near done with trouble."

"But how—"

"Never mind. I'll tell you some time. Gee! how you'll laugh! But I'm giving you the cinch—it is so."

"Billy!" she cried, "isn't that splendid! Though I—I—"

"Well?"

"I haven't been worrying so much about it lately," said Aimee swiftly. "But it's good to know. And what's going to happen now?"

"I know one thing that's going to happen now," said Billy, and he kissed her with—as de Jussac would say—empressement.

"Billy!" said Aimee a little breathlessly. "Aunt said we had to be decorous!"

"So we are," replied Billy. He kissed her again.

Half an hour later Billy, passing the main porch, encountered Lady Erythea.

'Spencer," she said, "I was about to send for you. The person from Scotland Yard, who has just left, informed me that he had not only captured one of the thieves, but that you had rendered him invaluable assistance. It really seems a remarkable ending to the affair—but it does not surprise me in the least! I said from the first that you were more likely to make a success of this problem than all the police in the country, if they would only consult you. I was perfectly right—my judgment, in fact, is never wrong."

"Yes, my lady."

"I am quite capable of reading between the lines," said Lady Erythea with suppressed triumph. "It is my conviction that the capture of this abominable thief was due entirely to you. The police are imbeciles."

Billy shook his head.

"On the contrary, Inspector Arkwright is an uncommonly clever man, my lady," he said respectfully. "As for me, I had—luck. Luck's a queer thing. Even cleverness won't always beat it."

Lady Erythea looked a little out of her depth.

"In any case," she continued, "I am very pleased that this absurd suspicion of the police regarding you is cleared up, and that you come out of the affair with such credit. It confirms my opinion of you."

Lady Erythea contemplated Billy's tall figure and serenely handsome face with a certain regret.

"I am sorry," she said, "that you are leaving Jervaulx."

Billy smiled.

"The week I have spent in your ladyship's service," he said gently, "has been the happiest time of my life."

Lady Erythea was not given to expressing her emotions. But her austere face positively tinged a faint pink color with pleasure.

CHAPTER XXVI

"Where Is My Daughter?"

"Why can't we stay on for another week, Billy?" said Aimee, leaning a little farther out of the study window, duster in hand. "Go to Aunt—the Missus, I mean—and ask her to let you keep the job. She'll jump at it."

"Nothing doing!" said Billy sternly.

Aimee sighed. The hour was nearly noon on the day following the Odyssey of the crag pits. No news had been heard of Calamity Kate, who appeared to have drifted out of history on the Sphinx. A brief interval of peace had settled upon Jervaulx.

"There'll be a vacancy for a parlormaid an' chauffeur," announced Billy with decision. He was standing on the gravel just outside the window. "All the bother with the police is wiped off the slate. It's only a fool that backs his luck too far. And it's time to quit the game and turn the lights out."

"That means Aunt has got to know who I am, and who Georgie is; and—and all the rest of it."

"There's no way out of that, I'm afraid."

"I know. But I do rather funk it, Billy. The worst if it is poor old Georgie is in a tighter place than I am."

"We'll have to see her through it."

"Don't you think," said Aimee, distinctly worried, "that it would be best if Georgina arranged to cut short her visit and went home—and Amy Snooks gave notice, or just cleared out. You as well. Then we—we could explain it all by letter, or something. I think it would look better that way."

Billy looked at her a little oddly.

"I am in a funk, Billy," said Aimee, trembling slightly. "I don't care for myself, but it's awful to think of poor Georgie having the storm break on her. She isn't built for it. I believe if the thing isn't sprung on us suddenly, and we manage it at the right time, we—we might get away with it."

"Right again," said Billy, "but I shan't go. I shall stay and put it through myself."

"No!" said Aimee quickly. "I won't hear of that."

"You just leave it to me," said Billy, soothingly, "there's another way. I'll show you—"

The whirr of a motor interrupted him. A large automobile was approaching up the park road. Aimee looked at it. Such an expression of horror came over her features that Billy was startled.

"What's the matter?"

"That's absolutely torn it!" said Aimee in strangled tones.

"Eh!"

"It's Dad!"

Aimee dived back into the room like a rabbit retreating into its burrow.

The automobile swept up to the main entrance; the Very Reverend Lord Scroope descended.

"Is Lady Erythea in?" he said, almost curtly, to the butler. "Announce me at once, please. Lord Scroope."

Mr. Tarbeaux showed him into the empty drawing room. Lord Scroope deposited his hat among a cluster of Dresden ornaments. His brow, usually white and serene as alabaster, was clouded. Lady Erythea entered majestically.

"Anthony!" she said.

Lord Scroope, omitting any greeting, regarded her fixedly.

"I received your letter by last night's post, Erythea, announcing Aimee's engagement to Alexander. I borrowed the bishop's car, and I have been traveling from Closeminster since seven this morning."

Lady Erythea received the news with a smile of approval.

"The silly child wished me to delay announcing her betrothal. But that, of course, I could not consent to. I wrote to you at once, Anthony. I commend the energy you have shown in hastening to congratulate them—and me. One so seldom sees you in a hurry."

Lord Scroope deliberately placed a pair of gold-rimmed pince-nez on his nose and stared at his sister-in-law.

"The news of this engagement," he said earnestly, "is unwelcome to me. Entirely unwelcome."

Lady Erythea stiffened in every limb. Her ear-trumpet was presented in one hand; with the other she raised her lorgnettes and directed them at Lord

Regarded Each Other Glassily.

Scroope. The two regarded each other glassily.

"I do not understand you," said Lady Erythea with frigidity. "Alexander is a young man of unexceptionable character and prospects. Jervaulx will be his. The Scroope estate is entailed, and I am sufficiently au fait with your affairs to know that when your two sons in the Service are provided for there will be no overpowering fortune left for Aimee. It appears that if there is any complaint, it should come from me."

"The financial aspect of the question does not weigh with me," said Lord Scroope with asperity. "I object to the match itself. If Alexander is to marry at all—"

"If he is to marry!" interrupted Lady Erythea warmly. "Of course he is to marry. Though I confess I was very much afraid he never would. Permit me to tell you, Anthony, that in taking up this attitude as to the marriage of priests, you stand on a very shaky foundation. You yourself are a Clerk in Orders, and an extreme Ritualist. Shall I remind you that if you had not married Delicia—and an excellent thing it was for you—this situation would never have arisen!"

"I am not conscious of having expressed any such argument," said Lord Scroope very stiffly, but with a certain pinkness about the ears. "As for Alexander, he is in every way an excellent young man. But if he is to marry, the last thing I should have desired is his alliance with my daughter. Their temperaments are so opposed that I am convinced nothing but unhappiness could result—in fact, your news seemed to me almost incredible. I do not know what to do—the position is very difficult for me, if the child has really become attached to him," concluded Lord Scroope, with visible distress.

"Good gracious, man, what did you expect?" exclaimed his sister-in-law.

"It never entered my head," said Lord Scroope, emphatically. "I thought that your influence, and that of Alexander, would have a steadying effect on Aimee, who was in some need of it. But this—!"

Lady Erythea showed increasing exasperation.

"You are talking rubbish!" she exclaimed, sharply. "Of all the girls known to me, no more suitable mate could be found for Alexander. Indeed, during her sojourn here Aimee has endeared herself to me scarcely less than to him. Her piety, her quiet devotion—the complete absence in her of all slanginess—all these speak eloquently in her favor."

Lord Scroope gazed at her in bewilderment.

"I really do not follow you, Erythea. And I am greatly disappointed," said Lord Scroope heavily, "greatly disappointed. I did not foresee this."

"I am not responsible, my dear Anthony, for your lack of foresight," said his sister-in-law, acidly. A shadow darkened the window, and she turned. "But your daughter can answer for herself."

Georgina stepped in through the open window, followed by Mr. Lambe. Suddenly observing Lord Scroope she halted and became rigid. Every scrap of color left her cheeks. Alexander halted also, and slowly turned a deep plum color.

"Since it is a fait accompli," said Lady Erythea to her brother-in-law, almost with a touch of pleading, "be amiable, Anthony, and bestow your blessing on the happy pair."

She raised her ear-trumpet as though to share in the benediction. Lord Scroope looked at Georgina dumbly and then stared at Lady Erythea.

"What did you say?" he asked dizzily.

"The happy pair!" said Lady Erythea, loudly and irritably.

"Where is my daughter?" exclaimed Lord Scroope with consternation. "Erythea, where is my daughter?"

Lady Erythea started. She glanced at Georgina's horror-stricken face, and then, with deep concern, moved to her brother-in-law's side.

"My dear Anthony," she said in a low voice, "come upstairs and lie down. It will soon pass off. Do not be alarmed, Aimee. Lean on my arm, Anthony."

Lord Scroope shook himself free.

"Are you in your senses, Erythea? This is my niece by marriage—Georgina Berners. What is she doing here?"

"Y-yes," gulped Alexander's fiancee. "I'm Georgina. I couldn't help it."

She collapsed into an armchair and burst into tears. Alexander stood over her like a large and protective dog; he laid a hand on her shoulder and glared at the others with defiance.

Lady Erythea turned pale. It was disconcerting to find two members of the Scroope family simultaneously smitten with insanity.

"Where is Aimee?" insisted Lord Scroope, turning upon her. "Where is my daughter?"

"Dad!"

The disheveled parlor maid darted in through the door. Aimee's cap was awry, her face was pale, her eyes very bright; the top of her apron heaved tumultuously. She stopped short, as Lady Erythea glared speechless at this irruption.

"Don't cry, Georgie," said Aimee; "it wasn't your fault."

"Have I been transported into Bedlam?" asked Lord Scroope, dizzily. "Or are you rehearsing a charade? What is she doing in this costume?"

Lady Erythea struggled for breath.

"This," she said grimly, "is my parlor maid, Snooks, whom I foolishly engaged on your recommendation. She has engaged herself again, however, to my chauffeur."

Lord Scroope looked at his sister-in-law with commiseration.

"This," he said, in the soothing tone with which one would address a delirious person, "is my daughter, Aimee. I am rather glad to find her—in any costume. I began to wonder what you had done with her."

Lady Erythea's frame slowly stiffened. Her fingers clenched the ear-trumpet as though it were the handle of a club. Her eyes were terrible. Before the storm could break, Aimee intervened.

"It wasn't Aunt's fault, Dad," she said breathlessly, "nor Georgie's—nor Alexander's. It was all mine. And if you all want to beat somebody, it had better be me! I—I'm here to explain!"

"Some explanation," said Lord Scroope quietly, "seems to be called for."

Aimee, avoiding her aunt's eyes, addressed herself to the quivering ear-trumpet.

"I didn't want to come here. Dad made me. I was—frightened of you. Anyway, I didn't think Jervaulx would suit me, and that you'd hate me. So I skipped the car at Burn Ash," said Aimee, her speech pouring from her like a torrent, "and made the chauffeur bring Georgina on here. And I went off on my own!

"Georgina arrived here, and you took her for me. You insisted she was me. And she didn't dare explain, for fear of getting me into a row. That's what Georgie is! She can't lie—she can't even act—but she'd let you cut her in pieces before she'd get me into trouble!

"I got here the same night, and climbed into her room. And Georgie begged me to own up, and I wouldn't. And I came the next night; Georgie was ready to give it all away—and then the burglars got in. I was nearly caught, all the household chased me, the butler tore a great piece out of my skirt. But I got away, and at last, right down by the crossroads, I ran into Bil—Mr. Spencer."

Aimee paused for breath.

"Who," inquired Lord Scroope, in the hush that followed, "is Mr. Spencer?"

"A motorcyclist. He had come across the thieves getting away, had a fight with them—they were too many for him, but he got back some of the jewels. I told him the awful mess I was in. Of course, the police were after me—I'd seen their car already. If they got hold of me, they'd know the—the silly thing I'd done," said Aimee with a gulp. "It would come out that I was your daughter—it would be all over the country, and in all the newspapers!"

Lord Scroope, very pale, drew a deep breath, and gave a prolonged shudder.

"B—Mr. Spencer told me I'd got to go back and make a clean breast of it all. He wanted to tell you. But I didn't dare. I refused to let him say anything—I made him swear he wouldn't. It was my trouble, not his. So he did what I asked; even though it meant the police would suspect him, too. So he took the jewels to Aunt Erythea, and never said a word about me; and when she offered him the job as chauffeur he took it; so that the police wouldn't suspect him—or me! He came here and drove Aunt's cars!"

"And you?" said her father quietly. "What happened to you?"

"I went back to Scroope next day. I found Amy Snooks was coming here as maid—I made her go to Seabridge, and took her place, Dad. Just to be safe from those beastly police—in the hope they'd catch the thieves, if we gave them time—and then they wouldn't catch me and make me explain. And it's just what happened; Billy—Mr. Spencer—caught one of them yesterday, and the police have got him. Nobody knows anything about me, except you here!"

Aimee panted like a doer at bay.

"And Billy's asked me to marry him, and I'm going to!" she said desperately. "I love him! There's nobody like Billy—he's been splendid! He isn't a chauffeur at all—till Aunt made him one. And I'd marry him, even if he was!" declared Aimee, on the verge of tears.

There was a stunned silence. For once speech denied itself even to Lady Erythea. Georgina was sobbing gently in the chair. Alexander still stood over her and said nothing.

"I seem to find a thread of enlightenment in this story," said Lord Scroope, slowly. "Yes, I think I know enough of you, Aimee, to understand. I have a question to put. You came here on the day following the burglary. Where did you spend the previous night? What were you doing?"

"I was in a cave!"

Lord Scroope passed a long white hand across his brow.

"A cave?" he repeated, blankly. "You have reverted, it seems, to the customs of our Neolithic ancestors—"

"It was a ripping cave," said Aimee a little hysterically, "down in the crag pits. All the little rabbits for company. It was more peaceful than Jervaulx. I know it wouldn't have suited Georgie."

"May I ask when this unknown young man permitted himself to propose to you?"

"Yesterday!"

"We will not pursue that matter," said Lord Scroope, gloomily; "this hardly seems the time or place for detailed explanations. I feel—"

The door opened and Monsieur de Jussac entered. He gave a slight start as his eyes traveled rapidly over the group.

"A thousand pardons! A family matter, I perceive," he said quickly, "I will withdraw—"

"Don't go, Vicomte!" exclaimed Aimee. "Anyone who's a friend of mine is welcome here. You may as well be in at the death."

"If I can be of any service—" said Bertrand. He bowed courteously to Aimee's father. "Lord Scroope, I presume."

"You," said Lady Erythea to Bertrand, trembling with wrath, "were

"You Were Also in This Conspiracy."

also in this conspiracy! You appear to know the whole story!"

"Oh, of course he knows it," said Aimee, wildly, "just as Billy knew it, and Georgina, and Diana, too. They all did their best for me—right from the beginning. I wasn't worth it—but they did."

"It seems," said Lady Erythea, gripping the back of a chair, "that everyone in my household knew all about this—except myself and my nephew! Who, through his position and his innocence, now finds himself—"

"I beg your pardon, Aunt," said Alexander, pallid but calm, "I, also, knew everything that was to be known—from the moment Aimee entered this house. I knew that Georgina—was Georgina. I am as culpable as any."

Lady Erythea stared at her nephew blankly. A curious expression came into her eyes. At last she seemed to detect in Alexander the one thing she had believed was lacking—the touch of the original Adam. But Lord Scroope's face hardened.

"You!" he said grimly. "You also knew the truth? The action of the others, I can understand. But—a Churchman cannot lend himself to such a conspiracy as this."

"Under correction, Lord Scroope," said de Jussac gently; "a gentleman cannot betray a woman's confidence without her consent."

Lord Scroope winced perceptibly. He turned to de Jussac and bowed.

"Am I receiving instruction from a layman?" he inquired.

"It is the last thing I would dare," replied Bertrand humbly. "It is I who seek instruction. Does not the Church respect the seal of the confessional?"

"I make no claim, and no excuses!" said Alexander suddenly. "I have only this to say. I loved Georgina Berners from the day I saw her. When I learned the real position I loved her more. Her loyalty and devotion only increased my esteem. She is the only woman living that I care for; I require you to remember that she is my promised wife. And nobody in this room," said Alexander hotly, "shall address one word of reproach to her!"

"Well done!" cried Aimee. "Alexander, you're a man. I'm proud of you, cousin!"

"Thank you, Aimee," said Alexander. "It is for me," said Lord Scroope sternly, "to apportion the blame. Georgina Berners is here under—"

He was interrupted by the volcanic arrival of Billy through the window, panting and eager, the tuft of hair on top of his head erect like the crest of a cockatoo.

"I've been looking for you everywhere!" he cried. "You—"

"Go out!" said Lady Erythea fiercely.

"Pardon me," said Billy, advancing, "but I guess my place is here. Whatever blame is, I take it. Lord Scroope, I know that what I've done is past apology, but—"

"Shut up, Billy!" exclaimed Aimee. "I've told them everything—I've said all there is to say. And," she added, under her breath, "for once I think I've made a better hand of it than you could."

Before anyone could reply, Georgina rose, sobbing, and made a dive for the door.

"Let me go!" she said brokenly. "I want to go away. I want to go—"

Billy, glancing quickly from her to Aimee and Lord Scroope, turned and flitted out again through the window. No one noticed him. All eyes were on Georgina.

Alexander intervened—but it was Lady Erythea who, with an extraordinarily determined movement, overtook Georgina. Passing a supporting arm round the girl's waist, she turned and faced the stupefied company.

"Let me remind you all," said Lady Erythea, in a voice that compelled silence, "of one thing that is in danger of being overlooked. I am mistress here at Jervaulx! I have listened with an unexampled patience. Hold your tongue, Anthony! I have welcomed the alliance of Georgina with this family, and Alexander will have such a wife as I myself would have chosen for him. Georgina, your only fault is your devotion to the mad creature there, and for that I give you absolution. I require direction from no one—your marriage with my nephew shall take place as soon as possible."

"Aunt!" exclaimed Mr. Lambe, joyously, "I—"

"Do not interrupt me, Alexander!" said his aunt. She turned to Aimee.

"As for you," continued Lady Erythea, icily, "I really find myself in your debt. I can never be sufficiently thankful that you did not come here as my guest, and that Alexander was spared your authorized companionship! One shudders to reflect on the possibilities.

"You appear to have enlisted the services of everyone but me to shield your disreputable escapade, and to have enrolled many simple-minded persons in your defense. You may have deluded these men," said Lady Erythea, with a scornful wave of her hand towards the company, "but you do not delude me! I find in you no qualities but selfishness and deceit—and I am glad that your sojourn in my house has been confined to the servants' hall, though I dread to think what your influence may have been on my domestics, from whom I require honesty and decency."

Aimee, very white, suddenly broke into a flood of tears. The next moment Lord Scroope had his arm around her and held her to him.

"Not another word, Erythea!" he said sternly. "You have had provocation—but you have said enough and much more than enough. Gentlemen, I thank you for what you have done on my daughter's behalf. And you, too, Georgina. Come, Aimee, little girl. Let us go home."

He led her away; Aimee clung to her father, sobbing as she went. Before they reached the door it was opened quickly, admitting Billy, who closed it again. Over his arm was a long hooded driving cloak of Lady Erythea's, ravished from the lobby.

"Put this on!" he said to Aimee.

"Billy," she gulped, darting at it, "you think of everything."

In a moment the cloak covered the parlor maid's dress and the hood was drawn over her cap. Lord Scroope stared in surprise at Billy.

"I've told your chauffeur, sir," said Billy, "to bring the auto round to this side—I thought you would like to avoid the front and the servants."

As he spoke the big motor slid to a standstill on the drive opposite the windows.

"Mr. Spencer," said Lord Scroope, looking at him judgingly, "I include you in my thanks."

Mr. Spencer bowed and passed out quickly through the window. He was holding the door of the car open when Aimee and her father got in. He snapped the door to, and, stepping to the front, spoke in an undertone to the chauffeur.

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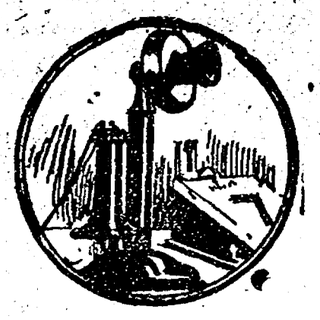


Phone the News to 115.

LOCALS

Mrs. Wm. Meyer and daughter, Mrs. L. Aweve, and children, from Chicago, are visiting this week at the Ben Smith and Mrs. P. Steenblock homes.

Mrs. J. H. Fetrow returned from Red Oak, and other points in Iowa, last Thursday. She had been visiting relatives and friends for the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. David Rorick, from Ocean Park, California, were guests at the W. C. Tyrrell, Jr., home last Wednesday. From here they went to Okoboji, Saturday, to visit Cap. Tyrrell and other relatives who are enjoying a vacation there for a few weeks.

The C. N. Reese building is progressing nicely, and the walls are now up. When completed, this building will be one of the best looking business establishments in Belmond, and the post office, to be moved into the west half, will be in fine quarters.

Art Hill is coming along nicely on his new building, and will have it completed within schedule time. The Jones Harness Co. will occupy a part of it when completed, the Boughton Second Hand store moving to the present quarters of the Jones Harness Co.

Jack Neal, of Mason City, was greeting old friends here last Thursday. He was formerly a resident of this place.

Mrs. A. O. Hereim of Roland is spending a month at the home of her son, T. A. Hereim, and family.

Tom Greenwood was the lucky winner of the diamond ring, given away by the show troupe here last week.

The Harvey church, between Belmond and Clarion, a land mark for many years, is to be sold at auction in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. John Purcell from Michigan and Mrs. Gertie Steinhelfer of California, left for Bradley the first of the week after a visit at the home of their sister, Mrs. A. C. Meyers. They were entertained at dinner, Sunday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stadtlander.

For Gasoline, Kerosene and Lubricating oil, call phone 39½.—Belmond Deep Rock oil Co. 32tfc

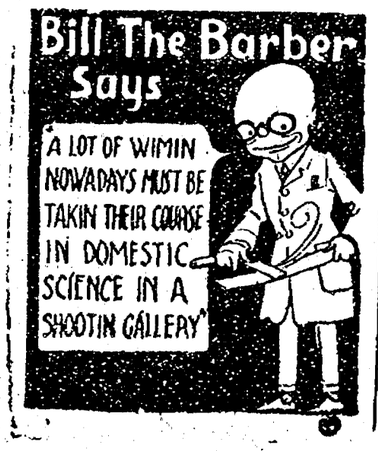
Mrs. Anna Case is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Hugh Berry, at Chicago, and other relatives and friends in Wisconsin, this week. She expects to be gone about a month, and during her absence Miss Helen Hildebrand is acting as librarian.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Leonard, and son Ralph, of Swaledale, were visiting relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Meyers, and family, of Indianola, have been visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity the past week.

Last Friday the Griesy family drove to Clear Lake where they enjoyed a family reunion and picnic dinner. In the afternoon they drove to Mason City, from which place Mrs. Floyd Lewis returned to her home at Tracy, Minnesota

Miss Mildred Ericson of Nevada left Saturday for her home, after spending three weeks at the homes of T. A. Hereim and E. O. Munson.



HEMSTITCHING

Hemstitching done at the Gift Shop, Black and white cotton thread furnished. Ten and 15 cents per yard. 30tfc

NOTICE!

AUTO DRIVERS NOTICE!

All automobiles hereafter must have head and tail lights according to law, and cut out closed inside the city limits.

B. J. FINN, Marshal.

For Gasoline, Kerosene and Lubricating oil, call phone 39½.—Belmond Deep Rock oil Co. 32tfc

Bargain of Bargains! Lot 66x140; good 7-room house, and out buildings, $2,050; one-half cash. Belmond.—Wolle Land Co. 35tfc

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Gfeller drove to Story County, Saturday, on business and to visit friends.

NOTICE!

My office will be closed for two weeks, beginning Monday, July 30.—Dr. L. R. Parsons.

J. M. Sampson is visiting his wife and relatives at Fairmont, Minnesota, a few days.

L. O. Skovlin and C. T. Enger were business callers at Mason City on Monday.

Dr. Kruse and wife, of the Park hospital at Mason City, arrived Tuesday night for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hajo Pals. Mr. Pals and Mr. Kruse are cousins. The latter came over from Germany about a year ago.

Your cows will give more milk if you use Dr. Hess Fly Chaser. The best on the market. $1.50 per gallon. Fly Sprayers 50 cents each.—Schultz Drug. Co. 362c

Mrs. M. H. Lord arrived Wednesday of last week from Minneapolis, on a combined pleasure and business trip. She was a resident of Belmond for many years

There are rumors of an approaching marriage to take place in the near future.

Mrs. John Lieuwen, who has been quite ill the past week or so, is reported much better.

Fred Bohning, who attends summer school at the Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Falls, spent the week end at the home of his parents.

Miss Alyce Ersland leaves Tuesday for Des Moines, where she will take up some business.

Miss Agnes Dillon returned home last Thursday from Illinois, where she accompanied Miss Edna Stedman shortly after school was out.

Cato Griesy was a business caller at Fort Dodge on Tuesday.

C. O. Fitts was a caller Tuesday at Iowa Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Young and Dr. Russell and family left last Friday on their camping trip. They expected to go to Ipswich, S. D., to visit Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Tracy.

E. F. Bailey has the contract for graveling the roads at Clarion, and is laying a spur of track at the M. & St. L. to his pit, just east of the Klemme cement plant.

Mrs. Ernest Stapley and family enjoyed a visit Sunday from her uncle and family, of Iowa Falls, who drove up.

1921 Ford Coupe for sale.—Belmond Motor Sales Co.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Collins left Tuesday by auto for northern Wisconsin, where they will spend about 10 days visiting relatives.

Mrs. Warneke, formerly Miss Edna Buchanan, of Oelwein and her sister, Ruth, are visiting their mother here this week.

Mrs. Nelson and daughters from Fort Dodge, are visiting at the home of Tolford Thompson and with the Adolph Thompson family.

Mr. and Mrs Chris Kragh and daughter, and Miss Leula Polhemus, autoed to West Bend, Sunday, to see the famous grotto.

Mrs. Bernard Mennenga, of Mason City, was visiting old friends here Tuesday.

Mrs. L. Collins was a visitor at Mason City on Sunday, at the Dietz home.

Mrs. John Robbins entertained a sister and her husband, and a brother and wife, from Hazelton, Iowa, over the week end.

Chas. Gealow was a business caller at Waterloo on Tuesday.

Carl Wenzel, of Cedar Rapids, came Saturday on a combined business and pleasure trip. He and his wife expect to move to Belmond this fall.

Mrs. Lyman Steenblock's mother and brother from Lincoln, Nebraska, came Monday to be with her during her stay here. Mrs. Steenblock is the lady injured in the automobile accident last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Morse entertained their son, David, who lives in Minnesota, Sunday.

Miss Jennie Groen spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Groen.

Mrs. W. C. Tyrrell, Jr., and son, William, went to Colorado last week for a few weeks' stay.

HOME BAKING

Leave your orders at house, on Main street, between Lyric theatre and garage.

Mrs. E. McCallum.

Wm. Stadtlander, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stadtlander, celebrated his seventh birthday July 12.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hall all of Roland, spent the week end at the home of T. A. Hereim.

John Butterfield and wife drove to Hampton on business, Tuesday.

Miss Rena Purdy entertained a number of friends at bridge on Monday evening.

Miss Jean Wolcott from Des Moines, came Wednesday to attend the Home Coming Day.

Henry Saatoff went to Minneapolis, Wednesday, to attend the Twin Cities barber school. He will be gone six or eight weeks. Mrs. Saatoff will remain here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Gartin, while he is away.

Workman are repairing the dam in the river, preparatory to the ice harvest next winter.

The Great Western has employed Tom Bayliss as flagman at the crossing west of town. He will stay there until a signal can be installed in place of the present bell.

Mr. and Mrs. Osborn Colby enjoyed a visit last week from their son, Fred, who is an officer in the army.

Edd Webb was traffic cop Saturday evening, stationed at the corner of Grant Tracy's, on the Wilson highway. He halted a number who were running without tail lights or with only one headlight. He had a carload of scared ladies for one of his orders, who thought they were being pinched.

For Sale—Check protector, good as new. Inquire at Independent. tf

Willard STORAGE BATTERY
TRADE MARK REGISTERED
SERVICE
Belmond Storage Battery Co.

WANT ADS

Two cents per word first insertion; one cent per word ensuing insertions.

FOR SALE

For Sale—Two Tractors, with plows. Priced right.—Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond, Iowa. 35tfc

For Sale—One and three-quarters h. p. gasolene engine, in fine shape. Inquire at Independent.

For Sale—1921 Ford Touring; 1923 4-door Ford Sedan; 1923 2-door Sedan. Several other cars at reasonable prices. —Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond, Iowa.

For Sale—One three-burner kerosene stove, new. Inquire at Independent.

For Sale—5-room cottage, six blocks north of Main Street, on the Wilson Highway. Electric lights, furnace and basement. Inquire of A. J. Nihoof, Phone 176 1-3, Belmond, Iowa.

For Sale—One very good 16-year-old boy's suit.—New Belmond Tailor Shop.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost—30 x 3 1-2 casing and rim. Finder please leave at Independent office for reward. 361c

Wanted—Work by the day, by two ladies. Inquire at the Independent. 363*

Sunday, all day, a continuous string of cars were going down the south road, filled with people going to view the wreck of the Reo auto destroyed in the accident last Saturday afternoon. The remains of the car were an object lesson to the speeding drivers, but it is a question whether they will remember it for any length of time.

BELMOND TRAIN SCHEDULES

(Corrected to date.)

ROCK ISLAND

Going North

Passenger, daily	8:15 a. m.
Freight, daily	11:46 a m.
Combination, daily	2:15 p. m.

Going South

Passenger, daily	6:28 p. m.
Freight, daily	1:10 p. m.
Combination, daily	11:46 a. m.

M.& ST. L.

Going West.

Combination, daily	8:30 a. m

Going East

Combination, daily	3:35 p. m.

GREAT WESTERN

Going North

Motor, daily	10:03 a. m.
No. 16, pass., D & S	1:30 p. m.
No. 12, pass., D & S	1:26 a. m.
Local Freight	7:55 a. m.

Going South

No. 11, pass., D & S	1:24 a. m.
No. 15, pass., D & S	3:15 p. m.
Motor	5:19 p. m.
Local Freight	3:20 p. m.

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FALL TERM SEPT. 4
New catalog just off the press. Write for it.
Fort Dodge Business College
Fort Dodge, Iowa

Buy by Comparison

When you purchase a suit or several yards of cloth you naturally make comparisons. Why not do the same when buying an automobile?

Compare the Overland engine, disc clutch and transmission in one unit with all working parts protected from mud and dirt, the floating axle with removable shafts--the same as highest priced cars.

No other light car uses such heavy axles, spindles, steering knuckles and rods, one and one-half inch axle shafts or a heavier frame. The ring gear used in the Overland weighs as much as two in another popular car and nine Timken and New Departure bearings are used in the front and rear axles.

"Drive an Overland and realize the difference."

Nordschow Motor ompany
Belmond, Iowa

BELMOND MARKETS
(Subject to change.)

Hens, heavy	15c
Roosters	07c
Broilers, 1 1-2 to 2 lbs.	27c
Leghorns	08c
Geese	10c
Ducks	12c
Turkeys	25c
Eggs	18c
Cream	34c
Creamery Butter	43c
Oats	29c
Corn	72c

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FRIEND C. BRAS, O. D.
Optometrist
Eyes Examined and Glasses Fitted
Schultz Jewelry Store
Belmond, Iowa
MONDAY, JULY 30

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GOODYEAR Service Station

THERE is a difference in tires. Only the new Goodyear Cord Tire is made of highest-grade, long-staple, high-tensile cotton, built up by the Goodyear patented group-ply method, and equipped with heavier sidewalls and the beveled All-Weather Tread. The difference shows in the Goodyear's longer wear and lower cost per mile.

As Goodyear Service Station Dealers we sell and recommend the new Goodyear Cords with the beveled All-Weather Tread and back them up with standard Goodyear Service

Belmond Auto Company
Belmond Motor Sales Company

GOODYEAR

NOBODY disputes the merit of clothes made-to-order. But many men hesitate because they think it costs more. WE SAY NO. There's a lot of satisfaction, too, in being able to say "This suit was made for me."

New Belmond Tailor Shop
F. J. TUFFREE
South of Case Hotel Phone 28

Threshing Time

Is now on hand and we have secured an especially good grade of

Young Fat Steers and Heifers

for your wants in Fresh Beef.

Remember our complete line of

Fresh Groceries

All new stock---just put in.

Fresh Fruits

Refrigerated

PEACHES PEARS PLUMS

Cantaloupes and Really Cold Watermelons

This is the last week in July to get in on the Cash Refund Day.

Save the Receipts

The winning date will be announced

NEXT WEEK!

Cash Market

The Place of Everything To Eat

J. P. Larsen & Sons Belmond, Iowa

Phone 60 and We'll Deliver

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Missouri Sheriff Gets Own Kin For Forgery

Man Who Left Car At Rowan Last Week Turns Out To Be Forger Also.

OTHER COURT NEWS NOTES

Last week Sheriff Frank Haight of Montgomery county, Mo., made an official visit to Mason City in search of his son-in-law, L. L. Alderson. This is the fellow who stole the Ford automobile in Missouri and drove it to Rowan, then went to the telegraph office and notified the owner where he could find his car. Before leaving Missouri he is alleged to have cashed a number of checks without proper security in the bank on which they were drawn. It is on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses that he has been arrested. Alderson was found living with his wife and baby in a rooming house in a distant part of Mason City. The Missouri sheriff turned the forger over to the Mason City officials and took his daughter and baby home.

Eva Nelson of Goldfield brings action against M. F. Coons, administrator of the Geo. C. Nelson estate to enforce an oral contract. Plaintiff alleges she was to care for Mr. Nelson during his life time and upon his death his property was to be divided between herself and daughter; that she did care for Mr. Nelson beginning June, 1912; that when he purchased a home in Goldfield, herself and daughter moved to town with him and continued to care for him until his death in February, 1913; that he is the owner of the Goldfield property mentioned, valued at $3,900, also a note for $11,200.00 given in part payment for the farm, and bank deposits amounting to $4,970. Deceased had no living wife or children.

Emmie Landon of Belmond asks for a divorce from her husband, Clarence Landon, alleging cruel treatment.

Burdette Coddington of Eagle Grove alleges his wife, Mattie has deserted him and for that reason is suing for a divorce.

A second divorce case from Eagle Grove is that of Alice Conklin vs. Ray Conklin. Cruel treatment and abusive language in the presence of others is ground for suit.

Ione Middleton of Eagle Grove seeks to collect the sum of $141.50 from C. H. Hanson and wife, said amount alleged to be due for rent.

Marriage licenses were issued to Charles Farrow and Mrs. Katherine Sluter, both of Eagle Grove; Rank Meinders of Belmond and Lottie Beenken of Lakota; Rufus House and Amelia E. Whippermann, both of Grimes.—Monitor.

RUNS OFF GRADE

Tourists ran off the grade on the south side of the Elder bridge, south of town, one day last week. The car bore a Minnesota license, and a Minneapolis name plate. The car evidently got too far to the edge of the road and slipped down the ditch. No damage was done, and the party drove on after a little labor in getting out of the ditch.

THE SPEED COPS'LL GET YOU!

The city is doing some nice work lately in calling down the violators of the auto laws regarding lights and speeding. A number of offenders have been "called" for running with one light, or no tail light, for speeding, and other infractions of the traffic laws. The officials seem determined to enforce reasonably the rules and regulations and are doing it. It behooves all auto drivers to watch their step and keep to a safe speed in the city limits, to watch their lights, and do their part to prevent any regretable accidents.

THORNTON'S BIG DAY AUG. 22

The annual barbecue and "big day" will be held on Wednesday, August 22, this year. The Chamber of Commerce and Farmers' Co-operative Society are co-operating on the affair, which is planned to be one of the best yet. A good ball game will be one of the main attractions, and as usual the crowd will be served free eats. A dance will be held in the evening. Belmond usually sends a goodly sized representation, and doubtless will this year.

Ole T. Rikansrud went to Belmond today, Wednesday to visit his daughter, Mrs. Forristall and family and on Thursday attend the Home Coming Day to be held there.—Reporter.

HOLD AUTO AND TRACTOR SCHOOL

A free school for every owner of an auto, truck or tractor, regardless of what make it may be, will be held by Johnson & Wright tomorrow night, Friday, at the Nordschow garage, two doors south of the Independent. The school will be in charge of representatives of one of the largest tractor manufacturers in the country, and visitors will be shown how to operate their cars, trucks or tractors more economically on oil and gas, how to avoid excessive wear, and many other worthwhile points. Everyone is invited, and everything is free.

MEETINGS OF THE PEG AWAY CLUB

About 20 of the members and friends of the Peg Away club met at the home of Miss Madge Schlieffarth on Tuesday, July 17. Under the leadership of Mrs. Hardwick and Mrs. Tiara work was started on the club caps. The place for the next meeting was decided upon and then the business meeting adjourned. Refreshments were served. Music was rendered by Miss Schlieffarth and Miss Harvey during the social hour.

On Tuesday, July 24 Miss Laura Riley entertained the club at her home two and one-half miles southwest of Belmond. At this meeting the unfinished caps were completed and work was decided upon and planned for the next meeting. A delicious lunch was served by Miss Riley and everyone present thoroly enjoyed the social hour.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Let us make this a family affair. There are classes from cradle roll to granddad's.

Preaching service 11 a. m. We will try and interest all who come to this service.

Epworth League will begin meeting again on August 12th.

Evening service at 8 p. m. Last Sunday evening the electric fans made the church a pleasant place to spend an hour.

The Woman's Foreing Missionary society will meet with Mrs. Ed. Webb on Thursday. Mrs. Wilkinson will lead the lesson. All ladies invited.

The conference will soon be here. The pastor would appreciate it very much if all having subscriptions to the missionary work or the church would pay in to C. C. Benson, our treasurer.

HAS CALL FROM NEW YORK

Rev. Waalkes, of the Immanuel church, east of town, has received a call from Hagaman, New York, to become pastor of the church there. We are not advised whether he has accepted or not, but all Belmond people will hope that he declines. We want men like Rev. Waalkes to stay with us. He has been very successful in his work here, and his going would be a real loss to the community as well as the people of his pastorate.

GIVES FIREMEN FINE PRESENT

W. D. Schlieffarth made the Belmond fire company a present of a ten dollar check last week, as a token of his appreciation for their run to his farm last week when he had a fire. Mr. Schlieffarth greatly appreciated the kindness of the boys, and took this substantial way of showing how he felt. It is a fine idea, one which every farmer who has need of the fire company's services might well follow. The country runs are an accomodation on the part of the boys, who are glad to do it. The company wishes to acknowledge with many thanks the kind contribution of Mr. Schlieffarth to the cause.

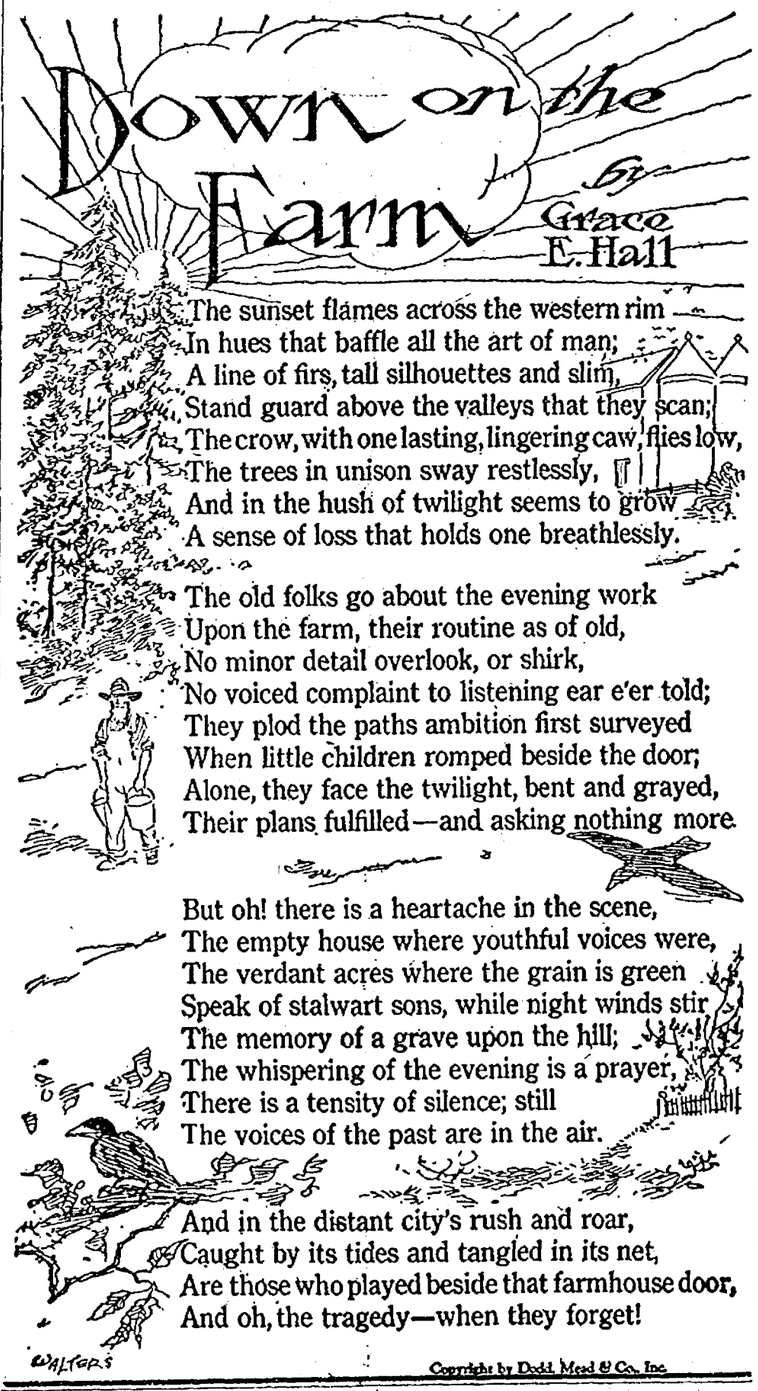
FIRE AT SOLSBERG MONDAY

The men of our town were called out Monday to assist in extinguishing a fire set by the C. G. W. freight near the Solsberg elevator, in a field of oats. While the men were fighting the fire, another blaze started near the O. F. Myers home, threatening the buildings, but with the aid of nearby farmers and a crew from Clarion, the fire was soon put out. About 10 acres of oats belonging to Charlesworth and Shepler were burned.—Rowan Corres.

MEETING IS POSTPONED

The Iowa Township Farm Bureau meeting has been postponed indefinitely on account of threshing.

Old man Rain, who has been away on an extended vacation, came back Tuesday night for a very welcome visit, and as a consequence the growing things are all sprucing up.



STOLEN AUTO IS LEFT AT ROWAN

More considerate than the average automobile thief was the young man who abandoned a Ford at Rowan last week and then wired the car's owner down in Missouri, telling him where he had left it.

The young man gave his name as Louis Addison, when he drove into Rowan with the car. He took it to the Keith garage, where he said he wished to leave it for some time. The car was minus two tires, having been driven on the rims a long ways, and bore other evidence of hard usage. The garage men were suspicious and notified the sheriff's office of the case. Deputy Johnson went to Rowan to investigate and found that Addison had left town but not until he had wired to Troy, Missouri, to David Turnbull, the car's owner, telling him where he could find it. Turnbull arrived in Rowan Friday and took the car home with him.—News.

TO HELP STORE IOWA GRAIN

The Iowa Department of Agriculture has announced that it is ready to help farmers throughout the state in organizing local boards to put into effect the warehousing plan for grain storage adopted during the last legislature.

Secretary R. W. Cassidy said today that this was a particularly advantageous time to take such steps, with Iowa wheat prices making it advisable to hold until an increase in the market.

The printed matter necessary to put into effect the warehousing bill has now been received by the Department of Agriculture and full information regarding the plan may be had upon application to Secretary Cassidy.

STEENBLOCK FUNERAL HELD

Funeral services for Lyman Steenblock were held at the church last Wednesday in charge of the American Legion boys of Dows, Rev. W. N. Bump preaching the sermon. The services were attended by a large number of friends and relatives, the church was packed as well as the yard outside. By actual count eighty five autoes followed the remains to its resting place in the Galt cemetery. The young wife and babe, the parents and relatives have the deepest sympathy of their many friends in the sad accident and bereavement. —Monitor.

Mrs. LuVerne Smith went to Belmond last Thursday evening to visit until the next day with her parents.—Times.

PETITION TO STOP BELMOND FROM KILLING FISH

A petition was circulated at Iowa Falls recently, by the Isaac Walton Club of that city, to stop the beet sugar factory at Belmond from dumping refuse from the beets during the campaign, in the Iowa river. This petition will be presented to the state board of health. It is to be a test of a new law designed to protect Iowa streams from pollution by factories or any other source. The new law was passed last winter by the state legislature and the state board of health has authority to decide whether a stream is being polluted so as to endanger the public health. It has been claimed that the refuse from the Belmond factory was responsible for the death last winter of thousands of fish in the Iowa river below Belmond, altho the fact has never been proven. If it is, the factory officials express perfect willingness to dispose of the beet refuse in some other way.

ST. OLAF CHURCH NOTES

Sunday morning English services at 10:30. An offering will be received at this service for the church extension. At 3 o'clock a program will be given by the children who have attended the Vocational Bible school. We desire a good congregation at both services. Come and help the good work along.

PLEASANT LASSIES ORGANIZE

The Pleasant township girls met at the Center school Monday and organized the Pleasant Lassies Garment club. Virgie Jenison is the leader, Ethel Thompson president, Gail Thompson sec-treas., and Leola Jenison vice president. They will meet at the Henn home on next week Monday afternoon, August 6th.

THIS MUST BE OUR HENRY

Justice Field held court on Monday afternoon on a misdeameanor charge filed by S. E. Soens against Henry Sporaa. It is alleged by the complainant that the defendant's hogs trespassed upon his property and did damage to the extent of $20.00 as appraised by trustees, and that after locking up the hogs that defendant came and released them without paying damages and without the consent of the complainant. The trial was held in the court room and Justice Field imposed optional fine and costs upon Mr. Sporaa.—Forest City Republican.

B. K. Kinseth was called to Bode, Sunday, by the death of his brother.

KLEMME LADY WINS P. O. JOB

August 5th the Klemme folks will have a lady as head of their post office, when Mrs. Emma Gibbs takes over the duties of the office. She succeeds J. W. Waterman, the present incumbrent, who has been post master for the past nine years at that place.

CAR FIRE AT HAMPTON, SUN.

A tourist car caught fire Sunday at the Standard Oil Service Stion in Hampton, just after the tank had been filled with gasolene. In filling the tank, some of the gasolene had spilled over, and falling down on the hot exhaust pipe started a fire. It was necessary to call out the city fire department to save the car. Damage was slight, only to the seat and cusions.

KOSSUTH COUNTY ORDERS ROAD SIDE SIGNS OUT

The board of supervisors of Kossuth county have ordered all road side posters and signs to be taken down before the first of August. The resolution passed by the board was as follows:

"Notice is hereby given to all parties who have advertising signs located on the public highways of Kossuth county, Iowa, that on or before August 1, 1923, all such signs must be removed from the public highways or steps will be taken by the board of supervisors of this county to remove them."

WANT NATIONAL CO-OP. SUGAR BEET MARKETING

Scotts Bluff, Neb., July 28.—An effort will be made to organize sugar beet growers thruout the country into one great co-operative marketing association as a result of a visit here of Walton Peteet, representative of the American Farm Bureau federation, it was learned today. Mr. Peteet addressed three audiences interested in the beet industry and advised that success could not attend local or restricted growers' associations. As a result the co-operative association of the North Platte valley will start a movement for nationwide marketing agreements, it was stated.—Des Moines Sunday Register.

WALL LAKE GETS SUPPLY OF FISH

Fishermen of northern Iowa will again find Wall Lake an ideal spot for their sport, as the result of the action of the state fish and game department in planting 50,000 black bass in the lake last week.

The work of stocking the lake was under the supervision of Deputy Warden Greiner, of Blairsburg. Black bass were used for Wall Lake because feeding conditions there are best adapted for bass, according to Deputy Greiner.

All of the fish planted were from the state's stock, and many of them were more than half grown. Until recently Wall Lake was one of the state's best fishing grounds, but the supply of fish gradually became exhausted until there were only a few bullheads left. The restocking of the lake will renew its old popularity as a sportsmen's resort.

94 COUNTIES, 24 STATES

Last Sunday five men, stationed in different parts of the city, were given the task of ascertaining how many counties in Iowa, and how many states of the union were represented here by autoes. The reports of all were combined, and it showed that of the ninety-nine counties of Iowa ninety-four were represented here and that of the forty-eight states in the union one-half or twenty-four were represented here.

This is a fine showing, one that we believe could not be duplicated by any other city in Iowa.

Those operating stands, etc., report the best Sunday thus far this season.—Clear Lake Reporter.

TRINITY CHURCH NOTES

Thursday afternoon the Ladies Aid meets in the church parlors.

Saturday morning the class meets at the church at 10 o'clock.

Sunday morning Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Sunday evening English service at 8 o'clock.

OUR NEW SERIAL STORY

Beginning next week, the Independent starts a new serial story. "The Branding Iron." This story is exceptionally high grade fiction, written by a well known and popular author, and we believe you will like it very much. It is an entirely new angle of the West and of home life, and will give you much food for thought. Read The Branding Iron, beginning next week.

Home Coming Brings Many Old Friends

First Annual Affair Is Success In Every Way And Fine Time Is Enjoyed.

ANOTHER ONE NEXT YEAR

The Home Coming last Thursday, staged under the auspices of the Community Welfare club, was a complete success in every way. It was not planned as a "big day", with lots of noise and excitement, but as a social, home coming day, spent in visiting with the former residents.

Belmond people and the guests of the day started gathering in the city park early in the afternoon. Games and amusements had been arranged by the committee in charge, but the out of town folks preferred to talk with the old friends rather than indulge in the amusements, and spent many happy hours during the afternoon and evening visiting back and forth, comparing notes and talking over old times.

At six o'clock the picnic supper was served, with a great variety of good things prepared by the best cooks in the city. After supper, O. L. Varland led the community singing. Mrs. A. E. Martin, in behalf of the club and the city, welcomed the guests, and in response W. C. Ramsey, Miss Jean Wolcott, Dr. Meyers, H. J. Klemme, and Cap. W. C. Tyrrell gave short talks which were greatly enjoyed.

Miss Betty Pritchard of Garner gave two very good readings. Miss Gladys Barry and Miss Beatrice Leinbach gave excellent readings. A drill, given by ten little girls under the direction of Mrs. George Goelz, was highly enjoyed. The program ended with community singing.

The suggestion was made that a Home Coming Association be formed The suggestion was misunderstood by many. Such an association was to be formed along the lines of the old settlers association at Goldfield, was the idea, which has many points in its favor. The Community club, however, does not favor organizing such an association here, preferring that the old friends and residents of Belmond return as the guests of the town, community, and club. The Home Coming will be made an annual affair, we understand, and the community hopes that next year will see all the former residents and old friends back, with many more.

Those who registered at the Home Coming were:

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGuire, of Dubuque.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Connor, of Hampton.

W. C. Tyrrell, Sr., of Beaumont, Texas.

Dr. J. W. Garth, of Beaumont, Texas.

Mrs. F. Miltner, of Iowa City.

Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Meyer, from Mason City.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McGuire, of Mason City.

C. G. Pritchard, of Buffalo Center.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McCurnin, of Des Moines.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Pritchard and daughter Blanch.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ramsey, from Des Moines.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Brooks, of Waverly.

Mrs. Laura Nelson, of Ruthton, Minnesota.

Miss Caroline Uhl, of Mitchellville.

Miss Jean Wolcott, of Des Moines.

Mr. and Mrs. John Butterfield, of Los Angeles, California.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Graepler, of Dows.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Beckett, of Clarion.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. McGregor and daughters of Des Moines.

There were a number of other visitors who did not register and whose names the Independent was unable to secure.

SPRENZEL-BEKKER

Mrs. Joe Sprenzel and Mr. Eko Bekker were united in marriage on Wednesday evening of last week, the Rev. A. H. Waalkes of the Reformed church performing the ceremony. The newly weds are residing in the bride's residence in north Belmond.

OUR NEW POEMS

Beginning this week, the Independent starts a series of poems by Grace Hall. These poems are of the better class of poetry, and we believe our readers will enjoy them more than cartoons. Read them, and tell us what you think of them and how you like the new feature.

Belmond Independent

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Editor and Proprietor.

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Editorials

THE NEXT GOVERNOR

At the Home Coming Celebration, our fellow townsman, Walter C. Ramsay, was introduced as "Iowa's next Governor."

Well, why not? No one will gainsay that Walt has the ability to handle the job. His record as secretary of state for Iowa is sufficient proof of that. Going into an office that had been shot to pieces by politics, he has created an efficient, smooth working piece of governmental machinery that is going and has given the people of Iowa a sound, substantial service.

His record as postmaster here was perfect. Government inspectors said they had never found an office with a better, cleaner record.

Walt is capable, earnest, and efficient. He has executive ability of the highest order, something which, as governor, would be of immense value to the people. He knows how, and he sees that things are done right. He has been in the game for a good many years, he knows the ropes from A to Z. He has been a staunch republican all his life.

The people of Iowa would have a mighty good executive in Mr. Ramsay, and should Gov. Kendall refuse to run again, as it is reported he will not, Ramsay will be a strong contender for the honors, and a man whom Iowa should give serious consideration.

HALF A MILLION FOR A FIGHT

When big Jess Willard, the Kansas Giant, and Louis Angel Firpo, the Bull of the Pampas, had their argument at Boyles Thirty Acres July 12, one hundred thousand people paid half a million dollars to see which man could take the hardest beating.

When Jack Dempsey pounded Tom-Gibbons to a pulp, July 4th, at Shelby, Montana, nearly three hundred thousand dollars was paid to see the fuss.

When Dempsey and Firpo meet in September to maul each other around the squared ring, it is estimated that a million cold, round, hard dollars will be paid to watch the fight.

Doesn't it seem as tho; considering the times and the tight pinch this country has just gone through, that the American people need to do quite a bit of thinking? When the farmer must work sixteen hours a day to raise a crop and then get only about what the cost of production came to; when the business man lies awake nights trying to figure out how he is going to come through; when the laboring man sees his hard earned dollar take wings and fly away for the necessities of life, then is it not downright criminal to give one man $300,000 for fighting forty-five minutes? And for the American people to pay that $300,000 to watch him?

Recreation, sports and play is essential, we all know that, but how absolutely wicked to spend so much when thousands are starving here; thousands are without adequate shelter or clothing; when the country has fatherless and motherless children with no protection.

The American people are going pleasure mad. They are spending the money for momentary pleasures which they should apply to their debts, to a safeguard for the future. The pace we are traveling is a fast and furious one. It is the same pace that ancient Rome traveled in her height of fame and strength, and Rome fell. America could read history to advantage.

BELMOND INDEPENDENT IS CASH IN ADVANCE

Humboldt Republican—August 1st the Belmond Independent will go to a cash in advance basis. The Independent is showing excellent judgment, but is going against a hard proposition. It takes a lot of nerve to cut off the name of a personal friend and a man who you know is positively good for several thousand subscription prices. It looks like suicide. The average editor backs up and stutters when he goes against the proposition.

However, the pay in advance plan on all sums as low as newspaper subscriptions, is the only method. When a man don't pay for his newspaper at least once a year, it is simply because he don't want to. If he don't want to pay at the end of thes ubscription, he won't want to pay when the paper is one year in arrears. And if he won't pay when it is a year back, how can he be expected to pay when it is two or three or four years back?

The Republican is cash in advance except to those who ask for credit. Our book-keeper has taken from the list some of the best personal friends the editor has in Humboldt county. When the editor went down to the office and saw those names taken off he received a severe jolt, and he admits that he couldn't have done it himself. But the girl that handles that list knows neither friend or foe. She follows directions, and her directions are to remove the names of all subscribers who neither pay nor ask for credit.

Further, the people are appreciating the change. When they become accustomed to it they like it. No more debts. Everything paid, and stop if not paid at expiration. Don't have to go down to the office and tell the editor you don't want it. Just don't pay for it and it stops. All the good payers come back, and the others go elsewhere.

The editor of the Independent will find he has a hard row to hoe for a few months, but it will win in the end. We know one editor who adopted the cash-in-advance plan and lost one-fourth of his subscribers and took in one-fourth more cash on what he had left than he took in on the big list of pay-as-you-please names before.

LOCALS

Miss Clara Chase is here from Clear Lake, visiting at the home of Edna Bohning and other friends.

Bob Walters autoed to Clear Lake on Sunday to spend the day with Wm. Chase and family. They report the crops up that way suffering from the drought.

Wm. P. Bohning and family spent Sunday at the John Smit home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sarber of Dows are spending a week or two at the home of their son, S. S. Sarber.

Mrs. Pennel enjoyed a visit from some friends from Des Moines on Monday.

H. F. Reif and Marshal Proost of Meservey were business callers here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Collins did not go on their camping trip last week Tuesday as was reported. They are going to Ladysmith, Wisconsin, and left this week Tuesday.

Mrs. Marshall, from Fox Lake, Wisconsin, is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Nourse.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Quandt of Klemme were visiting at the Rudy Quandt home on Monday.

Florence Johnson, who has been visiting at the Geo. Hunst home, left for her home in North Dakota on Tuesday. She was accompanied by her grandfather, W. C. Johnson, who has also been visiting in Illinois. Wisconsin and Iowa.

Louis Tokman was a Des Moines visitor on business, Tuesday.

Mrs. Henry Anderson went to Mason City on Tuesday. Her daughter, Miss Francis, who is clerk in a store there, accompanied her home.

Henry Johnson and Geo. Johnson went Monday to the funeral of Henry Johnson's granddaughter, Mrs. Sara Allison, at Silver Springs, North Dakota. Mrs. Allison was burned to death.

Mrs. Fray Frohling started Friday last for California.

M. A. Holtzbauer and children left Tuesday afternoon for Algona, to attend the funeral of Matt's grandfather, whose funeral was held yesterday morning. The old gentleman had reached close to the century mark, being 99 years and four months of age at his death.

In the matter of the Estate of Charles B. Smith, Deceased:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The undersigned executor of the above entitled estate was on the 19th day of June, 1923, authorized by the District Court of Wright County, Iowa, to sell the real estate belonging to the above estate at public sale to the highest bidder, consisting of 300 acres, and said executor by virtue of said order of court and terms of the will of said decedent will on the 20th day of August, 1923, at two o'clock p. m. upon the premises sell to the highest bidder the East Half of Northwest Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 93, Range 23, consisting of 140 acres, and the South east Quarter of Section 4, Township 93, Range 23, containing 160 acres; said real estate being situated in Pleasant Township, Wright County, Iowa. Said real estate will be sold in two tracts, there being two sets of improvements. Said real estate to be sold for cash terms. $3,000.00 to be paid upon each tract by purchaser upon day of sale, balance to be paid when deed is given and approved by Court. For further particulars see or write the undersigned executor.

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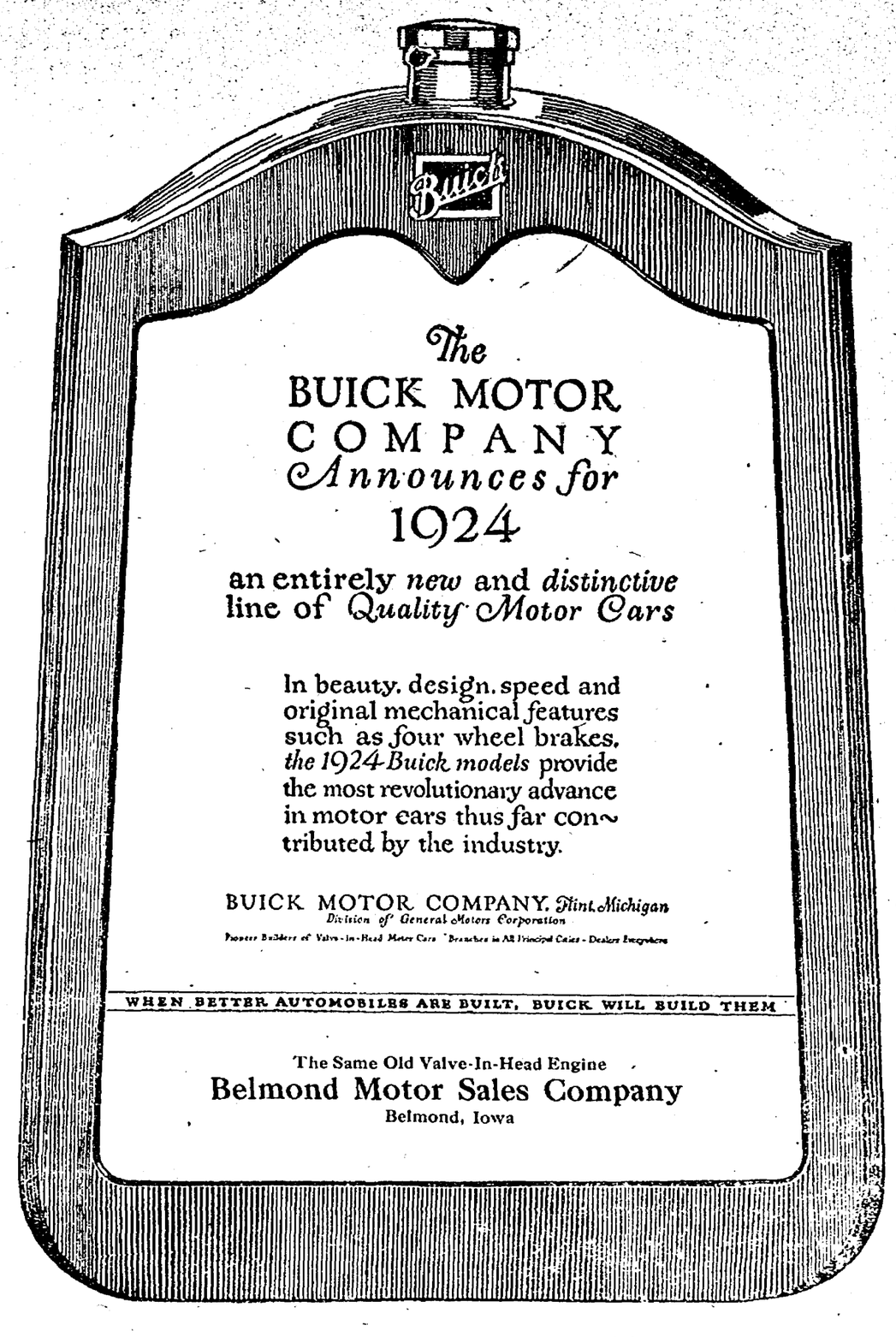
PURSE $250



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FARM BUREAU NOTES

By Conty Agent Edwards

Baseball At County Picnic

Arrangements have been made by J. E. Kirtstein, chairman of the athletic committee on arrangements for the picnic-club exhibit at Eagle Grove, for having a baseball game between Woolstock and Lake townships.

Many of our members have suggested that a ball game between two townships of the county would be of greater interest than to watch two outside teams, the members of which would be unknown to many of our people. For this reason Mr. Kirtstein has arranged for a game between the two townships mentioned. We understand that both townships have real lively baseball teams and the game will, no doubt, be rather close.

Movies For Boys and Girls

Special arrangements have been made by the program committee for entertaining the boys and girls of the county at the county picnic by showing a couple reels of special club pictures, also one or two comic reels.

Through the kindness of the business men of Eagle Grove the youngsters will be entertained at an afternoon movie while the older folks are enjoying the address by J. W. Coverdale, secretary of the American Farm Bureau Federation, who will deliver the principal ddress of the occasion.

This special program of movies has been arranged for all boys and girls who expect to attend the county picnic-club exhibit. Two reels of special club pictures will be shown and one or two comic pictures and all boys and girls, and especially the members of the different clubs of the county, are invited to take in the movie program.

Judge Work At Toyne Farm

Members of the Junior Livestock Judging club met at the Frank Toyne farm, three miles southwest of Rowan, last Tuesday evening where the boys were given opportunity to work on two classes each of sheep and hogs.

G. E. Toyne, who is chairman of the livestock committee on arrangements for the county club exhibit on August 22, made a special effort to arrange good classes for the boys to work on. The boys were entertained by Mr. Toyne by being served to ice cream and cake after the judging contest.

Members of the judging team are now making plans to attend the state-wide junior livestock judging contest which will be held at Ames on Saturday, August 11th. The boys are being invited to this judging contest by Prof. H. H. Kildee, head of the animal husbandry department at the college.

Store That Surplus Wheat

The American Farm Bureau Federation has worked out a definite and comprehensive plan for storing surplus wheat on farms and financig it under the new Intermediate Credit and Warehouse Acts. The plan was proposed by Gray Silver, Washington representative, before the Southwestern Wheat conference in Wichita, Kansas, and was endorsed there last week. Minnesota is the first state farm bureau to approve the plan.

The American federation believes that co-operative marketing is the ultimate solution to the national wheat price problem. They are now at work on a national co-operative grain marketing policy being formulated upon instructions from the members. Under this plan the growers of the nation will in effect place their grain in a common bin and will merchandise it in an orderly way over the consumptive period, instead of dumping it on an already overloaded market during the four months following harvest. Co-operativo marketing of wheat will unquestionably solve the price problem to the benefit of both producer and consumer. But except in a few sections, the southwest and the northwest, co-operative marketing is not ready to meet the present wheat crisis.

Fortunately we have ready at hand the machinery which, if permitted to function, will enable our farmers to store their wheat and hold it for orderly distribution. We refer to the intermediate farm credit, provided by the last session of congress at the insistence of the farm bureau and the farm bloc, to be used in conjunction with the amended U. S. Warehouse Act.

Debate Question Announced

The question chosen for the 1923-1924 state wide farmers' debate is "Resolved that a state board of assessment and review, county assessors, local budget boards and a state budget board should be provided by law."

This question has been selected in response to very general request that next winter's debate be one relative to taxation and the administration of public finance.

Plans are being made o enter a debating team from Wright county in the state-wide debate this year. It would seem that the question for debate which has been announced ought to bring out an unlimited amount of information on both sides of the issue.

Time To Cull

If every flock of poultry in Iowa could be thoroughly culled once every thirty days beginning the last of June or first part of July, the saving would run into millions of dollars. The first saving would be in the fact that poultry prices are usually higher earlier in the season than later; second, culls that are not capable of producing eggs would be eliminated and this feed saved for good producers; third, the loss from disease would be practically eliminated as disease first affects the birds of low vitality and then often quickly spreads to the rest of the flock.

Another great saving could be made in the poultry management if our birds were fed more liberally during the summer season. Fresh water and a well balanced mash will help to keep the hens laying. At this time of year few worms are available and the grass is tough so that the birds do not get much nourishment from it. A mash made of one part ground corn. two parts ground oats, one part tankage, placed before the birds in a self feeder would be a profitable investment, and we are looking for profits.

Don't forget the mites and lice. Sodium fluoride kills lice and if the oil is drained from the auto crank case often and the hen house sprayed with it, both the auto and the poultry will be benefited thereby.

Poultry Lice and Mites

In spite of the fact that remedies for destroying these pests have been given repeatedly, people are still asking what is the best treatment for them.

For lice use sodium fluoride. A mixture of one part sodium fluoride and two parts road dust, cement, flour, talcum powder, or any such substance well dusted into the feathers of the birds will rid them of lice. A talcumized sodium fluoride is made by the Burrell-Dugger company and has been found to be very effective in ridding poultry of lice. We understand care must be taken in using this product on turkeys, as it has been known to kill young turkeys when too much is used.

For mites one of the best remedies is a thorough cleaning of the poultry house and spraying with gas drips. These can be procured at the gas plant at a very nominal charge. Thoroughness in the use of this material being absolutely sure to cover all parts and have all cracks and crevices filled is essential to success. Carbolineum which can be bought of your druggist or hardware dealer is very effective; or one part of stock dip and two parts of kerosene, thoroughly sprayed over the hen house and roosts will keep the mites in control.

AFRAID OF TUBERCULOSIS SO HE KILLED HIS CHICKENS

The editor of the Tripoli Leader is very enthusiastic about stamping out tuberculosis, and knows that the disease appears in chickens as well as in cattle and humans. He was told that a chicken afflicted with tuberculosis would first go lame, hobble around for a short time, and then die of tuberculosis. Therefore he kept a close watch for lame chickens.

In the mean time it must be stated that the editor of the Leader is a chicken enthusiast. He has a blooded flock, and is very proud of his birds. But he does not want any tuberculosis in his.

Last spring his best laying pullet went lame. He promptly chopped her head off and burned her carcass. Shortly after another fancy pullet went lame, and there was another slaughter and cremation. This kept up until the flock was pretty well cleaned out. At last, however, he decided to give the carcass of a chicken to the local veterinarian to discover just how much tuberculosis there was in the bird. What was his dismay and chagrin to have the veterinarian tell him that his bird did not show a sign of tuberculosis, but that it was suffering with bumble-foot, a disease caused by the chicken jumping from a high perch every morning and alighting on a cement floor. Now he puts a straw covering over his cement floor, and has no more lame chickens—and no more tuberculosis.—Humboldt Republican.

THE EDITOR LEADS THE WAY

The Chief of the Division of Rural Schools, U. S. Bureau of Education, has a word to say in appreciation of what the country editor does for the schools:

"The editor gives freely the use of his columns for the publication of all news items relating to education in the territory covered by his paper. He leads the movement for the establishment of the county agricultural high school. He points the way to school consolidation in sections of the county where several districts can unite to have one good school with high school grades. He voices the demand of the people of the outlying districts for modern schoolhouses, for improved school methods, with better pay for better teachers. He advocates the use of the schoolhouse as a community center where the people can get together, not only to talk over school progress but to discuss the many subjects relating to better farming. The editor is the best friend of the boys' and girls' clubs, which generally start in the schools, and will print any number of items about the best acre of corn, the best pigs, the best chickens and the largest tomatoes raised by club members. And all this is free."

HOME TOWN COMMANDMENTS

Thou shalt honor thy home town with a neighborhood house. Thou shalt meet they neighbors there on equal footing. Thou shalt work with them for the common welfare. Thou shalt play with them there with all thy heart and strength and mind. Thou shalt know thy fellows better and they friendships shall multiply.

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Kinseth's Store News

My, wasn't that a nice rain we had Tuesday night! Makes you feel more cheerful and optimistic, doesn't it? Maybe now we'll have a good crop of corn, and maybe we'll get a good price for it, too. Things sure do look cheerful after a rain!

—K—

And the prices in our store are cheerful ones too; they bring that famous smile that won't come off, and start you on the road to Wiseville where the college of wisdom is located that teaches you how to be a wise one. There's Peerless Flour for instance, in 24 1-2 pound sacks at 95c, and 49 pound lots at $1.78. And it makes bread just like mother used to make. Why pay more?

—K—

We guarantee Peerless, and will refund your money if any sack you get isn't satisfactory. Isn't that a fair deal?

—K—

Those gallon fruits, all kinds, at 98c are a bargain from 'way back. Have you got yours yet?

—K—

Fresh peaches for canning are in now. Got 'em in boxes, and pears in baskets. Call us up—19—and place your order early. We expect that they will go fast.

—K—

Just received a shipment of oilcloth in colors which we are selling at the low price of 35c a yard. It makes a nice covering for the kitchen table, or to put behind the oil stove to prevent grease from spattering on the wall, or for a hundred other purposes. If you can use a piece, look this stock over.

—K—

Men's dress socks at 18c a pair, in brown and black.

—K—

Remember that we are open every evening, that we have bargains at all times, that it pays to be a wise one, and for goodness' sake try the Store on the Corner. Ask your neighbor—she knows!

Griesy's Store News

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This week we are not going to talk to you about any certain thing we have to sell, but are just going to say a few words about you and us and friendship and service.

Service is badly overworked in most ways. It is something you hear a lot about, but don't always see. We want to give you service, of course, and we want to give good service. By that, we mean in any way we can. Not just in the lines we carry, but in all lines. If you want an errand done on the street, call 10 and we'll be glad to do it. It will be a favor, and we'll appreciate it. We want our service to be as good as our goods, and both are the best to be had.

Use them! Many are, why not you as well? We are not in business just for the dollar, but for the service we can give and the fun we can get out of it as well. We consider you all our friends. We want to do for you the things a friend should do. Your friendship is our best asset, and we are mighty proud of it.

We want you to make our store your headquarters while in town. It will make us happy to have you here and you have a standing invitation. Consider us your friend; let us do friendly acts to prove we are your friend, to serve you as you would serve your friends. It has been said there is no friendship in business, but in our business we want friendship to have a big part. We will not sell you an inferior article and thus take advantage of friendship; we do not look at friendship that way. To us, friendship means that anything we sell you has got to be genuine and worth the money, or it won't be sold, that's all. To sell you something that was no good would not leave a very friendly feeling on your part, would it? Surely not!

So we ask you all to come in any time, and to feel that Griesy's is a friendly place. You do not have to be a customer, or even to know us personally, to receive our service. It is yours freely and with all good will. Our Service Is At Your Service. May we serve you.

Belmond Local News

Mrs. Amy Case Peterson is visiting for a few days at Spirit Lake, at the C. W. Peterson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Townsan are the parents of a baby boy, born to them Thursday, July 19.

The new buildings on Main street, the C. N. Reese double building and the A. W. Hill garage building, are making rapid progress, and vastly improve the appearance of this end of the busine s section.

Miss Josie Gealow left last Friday evening for Washington, D. C., after a month's vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gealow.

The usual crowd was in attendance at the band concert Saturday night. Many visitors from surrounding towns were in evidence, proof that the entertainment draws the crowds.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee W. Stacy and family drove to Hampton, Saturday afternoon, where they spent the week end with relatives.

Have you tried some of Belmond's newest product—potato chips? They are being made by E. M. Schmidt, who presented ye Ed with a sample Saturday. We arise to remark that these chips are the cat's whiskers, and certainly hold up to their slogan, "They Taste Better."

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fetrow moved last week from the Steinlicht house in south Belmond to the John Greenlander house, formerly occupied by F. E. Purcells.

Miss Mildred Gealow, of Meservey, spent the week-end in Belmond, visiting relatives.

Irving Madsen, who was injured when his auto tipped over near Klemme last week, is conting along nicely, and is able to be up and around the house. Irving's many friends hope to see him about the streets again soon.

Will Kruse is driving a new Dodge sedan, purchased of the Motor Inn Company last week.

Roy Jenison brought his wife and baby home from the Hampton hospital last Friday. Mrs. Jenison recently underwent an operation for acute appendicitis at the hospital. The baby, which was left at home, became ill and was taken to the hospital also. The two patients are recovering nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sampson returned last week from Minnesota, where they were visiting relatives. Mrs. Sampson had been up there a couple of weeks, and Joe went up to bring her home, remaining a few days for a visit. While there he acquired the golf bug, and now talks strokes and greens and putts as fluently as he does farming.

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Miss Ona Ulrick left last Tuesday for Ames, where she will remain indefinitely.

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The Evang. Missionary society met at the home of Mrs. H. Reif, last Thursday p. m., for their regular meeting. Quite a few were present and an interesting meeting was held.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Fischer and two younger children motored to Britt last Thursday to visit friends for the day.

Miss Marie Fischer returned home from Mason City last Friday, having spent several days there taking the teachers' examinations.

Albert Kuhlers, Sr. ,and Klaus Gruis were Mason City callers last Thursday. Mr. Kuhlers returned the same day, Mr. Gruis remaining a few days for medical treatment.

Mrs. Della Prall arrived here the fore part of last week and is visiting at the C. J. Wendell home.

Mrs. C. E. Brogan and baby of Garner were visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity last week.

A. J. Nissen returned last Thursday from Milwaukee, where he had spent a few days attending a life insurance convention.

Mrs. Abbes, of Ackley, visited at the B. Gruis home several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Heiko Kuhlers, son Henry and daughter Miss Dena, were business callers at Fort Dodge one day the fore part of last week.

Mrs. Muller was a Thornton caller last Friday between trains.

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MICKIE SAYS—

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Redeker of St. Paul visited with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Laube, last week.

Bernard LaDassor, of Nevada, this state, is a guest of F. A. Lemke.

A. E. Muller and family visited Donald at the Boy Scouts camp at Ventura Heights, several evenings last week. Mr. and Mrs. S. Hulsebus accompanied them on Tuesday evening and on Friday evening Orvis and Dorothy Schlosselman and Marvin Nissen.

Joe Meci and a friend from Fort Dodge were business callers here on Thursday last.

Miss Bertha Thorman of Belmond began her work as instructor of piano here again last week, after an absence of about six weeks, having been in Milwaukee during that time.

Among the exhibitors at the North Iowa fair this year will be Heiko Janssen of Thornton, who will show his herd of Hampshire swine, and R. O. Clemmons who will show some Duroc Jerseys.

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ENCAMPMENT ENDED

The Boy Scout activities at Ventura Heights were progressing nicely and great interest was taken in behalf of the boys during their 10-days' encampment. County executive Fred Thomas had charge and various speakers from Mason City and Clear Lake were present to address the boys, and many visitors attended the council fires which were held each evening.

The Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary clubs of Mason City and Clear Lake were also represented at different times. On Monday evening of this week, C. H. McNider, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Stillman and the Rev. Tandy were among the principal speakers. We think this organization a good and grand thing for our boys, and are in hopes more of our local boys will be able to attend next year's encampment, which we understand will be held later so that more of our farm boys will be enabled to participate.

Mrs. Mary Butz received word last Monday of the death of her brother, Dan Knoll, who resided with his family at Spokane, Wash. Mr. Knoll formerly lived in this vicinity and will be remembered by many here who sympathize with the family in their bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Janssen were calling on friends in Klemme on last Sunday.

Mrs. Schroedemeier, her son Arthur and the Misses Koenig of Waverly motored to this place Sunday and visited the Raecker and H. Fischer families. The young folks returned home the same day, Mrs. Schroedemeier remaining for a longer visit.

C. J. Wendell and wife, and Mrs. Della Prall, went to Mason City last Monday. Mrs. Wendell entered the Park hospital, where she will remain indefintely.

Herman, Marie, Agnes, and Franklin Fischer left last Mosday via the auto route for Des Moines, where they will spend the week visiting relatives. Rev. Raecker, Sr., accompanied them and will make a short stay at Colfax.

Ferd Lemke, Bernard LaDassor and Dale Smith visited the Boy Scouts camp at Ventura Heights on Sunday p. m.

Fred Menzel, Herman and Agnes Fischer visited at the Rev. H. Raecker home at Abbott last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Pendarvis and baby and a party of friends from Des Moines stopped here last Sunday p. m. for a short visit with old friends. They were returning home from a week end stay at Clear Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Wendell, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. C. Mayers spent last Monday evening at the Lake near Ventura.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Fischer and daughter were Sunday guests at the W. R. Prelipp home.

Mrs. H. Brater was a Mason City business caller last Tuesday.

NEW PARTNER IN HARDWARE

C. J. Wendell has taken in a junior partner in his hardware business, the new partner starting in Tuesday July 31. The new member of the firm is not taking an active part in anything but the management of the business and C. J. so far, being but eight pounds and born Tuesday at the Park hospital in Mason City. You've guessed it—a brand new son of standard weight. Everyone is doing nicely, including C. J., who is managing not to look like much over a million dollars. Henceforth the hardware will be C. J. Wendell & Son.

H. Reif and wife were partakers of country hospitality at the W. F. Butz home last Sunday.

J. F. Zimmerman of Sheffield is in this vicinity this week painting at the Ferd Lemke place.

Billy Jones was home for a few days the fore part of this week.

Dr. Agler and family left last week by auto for a visit with relatives and friends in Kansas. They stopped off at Marathon for a short visit with relatives before resuming their journey.

Eddie Kuhlers the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Heiko Kuhlers, was quite ill the fore part of the week with an attack of appendicitis. Up to the present writing it was not thought that an operation would be necessary.

Joe Stattlander sold his farm to Harm Watermiller of near Kanawha last week. We understand that Mr. and Mrs. Stattlander contemplate moving to our town. altho we have not heard their definite plans.

E. Thomas and family spent last Sunday p. m. at the home of the former's brother near Hampton.

The Misses Ollie Pals and Mildred Gealow and Mrs. Henry Pals were Mason City shoppers last Tuesday.

Miss Mildred Gealow went to Belmond, Saturday, to visit with the home folks until Sunday noon.

Mrs. H. K. Pals and children who accompanied her on the auto trip to Soo county, returned Monday p. m. They report a pleasant trip, having visited relatives and old friends.

Joe Stattlander had for their guests last Sunday, Harm Meintz and family of Chapin, A. Esk and family of Belmond, and H. Heitland, Sr.

Dr. Krue, recently from Germany, but who is located in Mason City at the Park hospital, was a professional caller at the Geo. Gerdes home last Saturday evening.

The W. C. T. U. will meet on Wednesday p. m., Aug. 8th, for their yearly meeting. All members are requested to be present, and you are urged to bring others who may wish to join the Union. Place will be announced later.

Mrs. Irv Nissen and daughter Arlene, and Neva Muller, were Klemme callers last Tuesday p. m., where Arlene and Neva are taking violin lessons.

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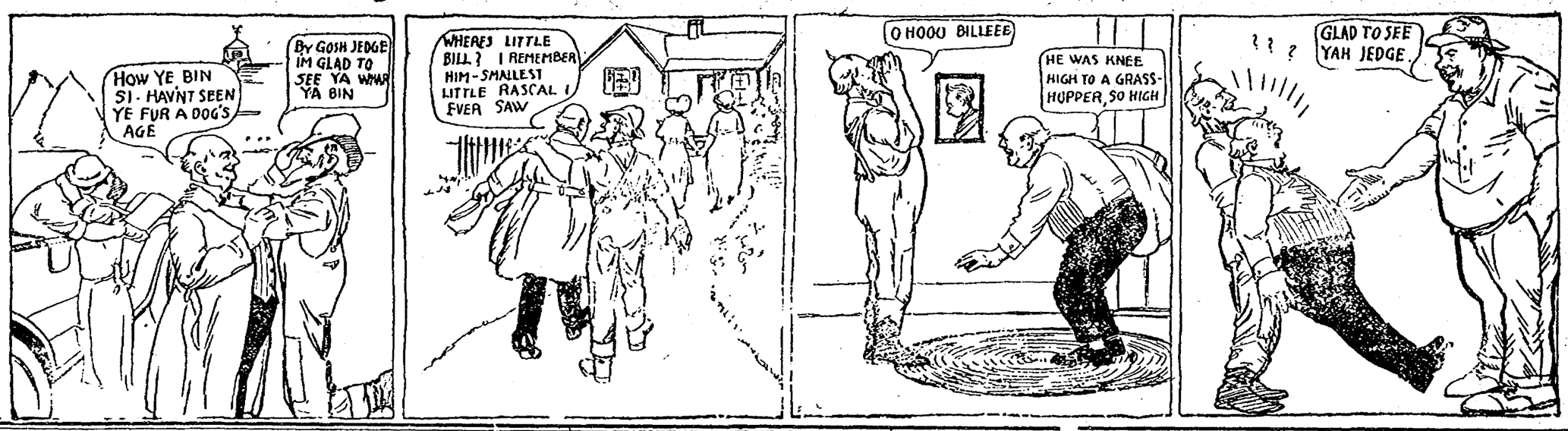

ROWAN NEWS

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Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Myers left by auto last week for their son, Howard's, near Jenkins, Minn Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bingham and Faye are staying in their home until their return.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Whitten, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Whitten were Webster City visitors Sunday.

Miss Jessie Allen, who is a nurse in the Hampton hospital, stopped over on her way to her home at Armstrong for a vacation. She is a cousin of Mrs. G. W. Whitten.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Sullivan of Ft. Dodge came Sunday to the Dan Fletcher home. Mr. Sullivan returned Monday, but Mrs. Sullivan remained for a longer stay.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Whitten and daughter Gladys, departed Tuesday morning to spend a ten days' vacation visiting relatives at Armstrong, and from there to Lake Okoboji to camp out on the lake shore.

Rev. C. T. Halbert went to Webster City, Wednesday, to attend a meeting of the advisory committee of the Webster City conference. Mrs. Halbert accompanied him. They returned by Blairsburg where they visited friends.

Miss Ruth Daily, who is visiting friends here, spent part of last week with friends at Webster City.

Kenneth Keith was taken Saturday with a very severe case of tonsilitis.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gildersleeve left Wednesday for a visit at Cedar Falls. From there they were going to St. Paul and then on to their home at Crookston, Minn.

Mrs. Everett, who has been staying with Mrs. J. D. Brooks for several months, has moved into the Hake house, where she will keep house for her son, who has been at Webster City. He is coming here to work.

Mrs. E. R. Ballou and son Kenneth departed Friday morning for Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, to join Mr. Ballou who has been there for some time.

Wm. Brooks and family were in town last week. They were enroute home from the Home Coming Day at Belmond.

E. R. Harris and family spent last Wednesday at the Bert Harris home at Thornton.

Mrs. Kate Conn left last Thursday for Bruce, Wisconsin, where she expects to spend some time at the home of her son, Chester.

Mrs. F. H. Fowler and Miss Esther started for Sioux Falls, S. D., to visit Mrs. Levi Johnson, who has not yet recovered from her recent illness. She has been suffering with an abcess in her foot, which has had to be lanced several times.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Brooks and Mr. and Mrs Edgar Mantle attended the show at Hampton last Wednesday evening.

Miss Lenore Osterhus of Ruthven visited last week at the Ormal Gates and W. R. McCallum homes.

Mrs. O. E. Ballou, LaVonne, Ed. Lynk, Nelson Lynk and Mrs. Winifred Harrigan autoed to Webster City last Thursday to spend the day with their cousin, Mrs. Wright Letts.

Oval Ballou's, H. J. C. Box's, J. H. Munnis' and Clint Kerchevals' attended the auction sale of the Harvey church Friday morning. They were afterwards entertained at the Ed. Lindsay home. The church was sold to Ed. Lindsay for $210.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of a former Rowan girl, Miss Hazel McCallum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard McCallum, to Mr. Carl Johnson, of Mason City, where they expect to make their future home. Mr. Johnson is a mechanic in one of the garages of Mason City.

Mrs. H. H. Hathaway of Pukwana, S. D., arrived last Saturday for a visit at the W. W. Azeltine home.

Miss Lelia Klinefelter from Dows visited at the home of her sister, Mrs. Floyd Whitten, last week.

L. A. McCallum was a Garner business caller last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thomas, Mack, Geo. Liming, Max Steffens and Geo. Brooks drove up to Clear Lake last Thursday to spend the evening.

The little child of John Thayer's, who live in Frank Drury's tenant house, was seriously ill with convulsions the first of the week.

Mrs. Edith Robinson, of Alexander visited Friday and Saturday at the Leonard McCallum home.

Glenn Liming returned home Friday from Corwith, where he has been helping his uncle with his harvesting.

Theo. Hansen and family departed Monday by auto to Minneapolis, and from there they expect to spend some time camping around the lakes north of Minneapolis, then to return home by way of McGregor. H. O. Hansen of Coulter accompanied them.

The regular monthly meeting of the ladies division of the Iowa township farm bureau met with with Mrs. Bertha Whitten last Friday afternoon, with a large attendance of members and visitors. One interesting part of the program was the hints on home nursing by Miss Mabel Azeltine, who gave the ladies valuable information in treating the ills so common in the home. By vote of the members the slogan given by Mrs. Lieuwen, "The work is worth while," was adopted.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Shauer and son Clesson, from Storm Lake, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Fitz from Churdan and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. LeGore of Rockwell City visited at the L. R. Fitz home Sunday and Monday. The former are Mr. Fitz' parents, and Mrs. LeGore is a sister of his.

Mrs. John Pritchett returned last Friday from Twin Falls, Idaho, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Floyd Pollard.

John Butler and family of Perkins, Okla., arrived Tuesday to spend a with with her mother, Mrs. E. Peddle and other relatives.

Floyd Whitten drove over to Greene, Monday evening, to see about the gravel work.

Geo. Hartwig and mother, Mrs. August Hartwig from Meservey, came over last Wednesday to spend the day with her sister, Mrs. Henry Rietz.

Mr. and Mrs. Rev. Osborne, Mrs. W. H. Whitten and Mrs. A. O. Pelley were Goldfield callers on last Monday evening.

COUNTRY MAN'S AUTOMOBILE

Many people seem to think that the possession of great numbers of automobiles by the country folks is a sign that they are making a lot of money and that the difficulties that the farmer is supposed to encounter are largely imaginary. Many people living in outlying districts, however, can testify that the automobile is an absolute necessity for them. With their old team of horses it might have taken them a day to get to the market town and back again. But with the automobile, they can usually do it in half the time. Time is worth a great deal of money to the farmer now, with the high prices that must be paid for help. Gasoline and tires on his flivver are cheaper than the pay of a farm hand. But when the use of an automobile is abused the upkeep may overbalance their usefulness.

DANGER FROM OWLS

Henry Frederick, of Strawberry Point reports that on his street the owls have become so sassy that women and children are afraid to pass along the sidewalks at night for fear of being plucked. Several of the women of the neighborhood have been chased within their homes, the owls being so scrappy that they even lit on their heads and pulled their hair. The owls apparently have a nest in some hollow tree in the neighborhood. They fly so quietly that their presence is not known until they light, when they give out a rusty squak, at the same time snapping their bills and doing a lot of scratching.—Ex.

GOODELL NEWS

1921 Ford Coupe for sale.—Belmond Motor Sales Co.

The Misses Matson and Ina Ahrenkeil and Mrs. Stacy spent Tuesday last at Mason City.

Prof. Peters and wife arrived on Wednesday. They will stay at the A. C. Carpenter home until Sept.

Last Wednesday there was a large attendance at the Ladies Aid. Mrs. Wm. Allaben and Mrs. Robert McNutt were hostesses.

Joseph Burgess returned from Clear Lake, Wednesday. Cyril Church came with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Caryl Church came Thursday. Mrs. Church will help to care for her mother, who has been ill for some time.

Mrs. Sandberg, Mrs. Hanson, Edith and Carl were in Mason City last Thursday.

Wm. Deiger and family drove to Hampton last Thursday.

The Iwantano club had a large attendance and profitable meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fuller on Thursday afternoon.

J. W. Griggs and Miss Griggs were at Ventura last Wednesday.

Miss Louisa Ahrenkeil visited with friends in Garner last week.

Miss Ethel Hughes, of Garner, spent the week end with friends at Goodell.

Miss Pearl Engeseth of Frost, Minn., visited at the Mrs. Fred Chase home last week.

Mrs. John Ahrenkeil visited at Albert Lea, Minn., Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hanson drove to Albert Lea on Saturday to visit Mr. Hanson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ahrenkeil accompanying them.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth drove to Greene and back on Saturday.

Miss Scott, of Minneapolis, was visiting her aunt, Mrs. Estle, last week.

The American Legion held a picnic at West Lake last Thursday evening.

Miss Hill of Clarion called at the Mrs. D. C. Christensen home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thada with her people drove to West Bend on Sunday.

Miss Alva Matson drove to Clarion early Sunday morning to get her brother, Togie, who is having a vacation now.

Early Monday morning Mrs. A. C. Carpenter, daughter Thora, sons Alfred and Richard, and Mrs. A. Christie left for an extended trip through Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan. They expect to spend next Sunday in Chicago with Rev. and Mrs. Doty.

Mr. Spitler and family visited at Woden on Sunday.

Elmer Born and family were at West Bend on Sunday.

STATE FAIRS TO HAVE A JUST DOG EXHIBIT

It has been left to Iowa to bring the little, mongrel playmate into fame.

While eastern society groups are planning their annual pedigreed dog shows, the Iowa State Fair, in cooperation with the Des Moines Capital is making preparations this month for the first known Boys' and Girls' Playmate Dog Show. The show will be held at the Iowa State Fair on Children's Day, August 24.

It will be exclusively for playmate dogs owned by Iowa boys and girls. No pedigreed or full blooded dogs will be allowed to compete. The entrants will be shown in the paddock, just to the west of the main grand stand, throughout the day. Prizes will be awarded as follows: First, $10; second, $7; third, $5; fourth, $4; fifth, $3; seventh and eighth, $2.

In connection with the event, the first dog race ever held in Iowa will be staged on the race track at 1:30, August 24. Any boy or dog in the state are eligible for entry in the race. The dogs will be hitched to coaster wagons and carts and driven by their owners in a quarter mile dash around the track. Purses will be: First, $15; econd, $10; third, $8; fourth, $5. The regular starters and judges who will preside over the main speed events of the day will officiate in the race.

ALEXANDER NEWS

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Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Allinger and sons Franz and Rex were callers at Hampton last Friday.

A number of friends of Mrs. John Murphy were entertained at the home of Mrs. F. D. Rodemeyer on Saturday afternoon, in honor of Mrs Murphy, who now lives at Aredale, and who has been visiting here the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Green and family of Bradford were Sunday visitors at the Lloyd Green home.

Geo. Yaw of Iowa Falls was in town the first of the week attending to his farm interests.

Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Kingeth of Belmond were callers in Alexander last Monday.

Joe Veeder of Hampton was a visitor in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claas Symens were business callers at Latimer on last Tuesday.

Arthur Thomas and Mrs. Albert Yaw of Iowa Falls were visitors in Alexander last Saturday.

Miss Wilma Foughty visited with relatives at Belmond a few days last week.

Miss Marjorie Flynn of Belmond visited her sister Mrs. Leslie Reed, last Saturday.

Mrs. John Murphy and two children of Aredale visited with relatives and friends in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Beenen spent the first of the week visiting with relatives at Eldora.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hensel and two sons were callers at Lake Cornelia Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Larsen and family visited at the Edd Miles home at Clear Lake last Sunday.

Miss Carrie Baxter of Milwaukee, Wis., came last Thursday for a few weeks' visit with her sister, Mrs. A. C. Lieuwen.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McCallum and two sons Robert and Philip were visitors in Rowan, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schulte, Miss Hannetta Schulte and John were callers at Hampton, Saturday.

Mrs. Alta Barker and daughter of Hampton visited at the Chas. Winwood home Sunday.

Miss Hilda Nelson of Eagle Grove visited with friends here the first of the week.

Miss Anna Beenen was a caller at Hampton last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schulte and children John and Hanetta left on Monday by auto for Oskaloosa, Grundy Center and other points to visit for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Aldinger and sons were in Minnesota the first of the week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Murphy and children visited relatives at Hampton last Sunday.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP NOTES

Rev. Waalkes occupied the pulpit for Rev. Johnson at Chapin last Sunday afternoon, due to the latter's illness.

The Pleasant Township Garment Club met in the Center school Monday afternoon.

E. B. Critchett from Mason City was tuning pianos here the first of the week.

The people of this community are glad to hear that Fred Loats, who at present is in Hot Springs, South Dakota, is much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frohling were Sunday visitor at the Andrew Bohning home.

Bill Finn is spending part of his summer vacation visiting at Victor, Iowa.

Quite a few improvements are being made in the remodeling of the Palsville elevator.

EDITOR PRINTS TRUTH —GETS "BEAT UP"

William Lyons, editor of the Milford Mail, has been roundly abused in the past because he had been suppressing certain misdemeanors of his community, and decided to print the truth regardless of the consequences.

About the first thing that happened after his decision was two prominent business men of Milford, who went to Spencer and got "lit up." On their wild way home they ran over an old man driving a horse and buggy. The editor in his next issue told of the occurrence, giving the names and details of the affair, and one of the offenders immediately repaired to the print shop and beat the editor up. The other threatened to do the same thing.

The editor is wondering if it really pays to print the news.—Humboldt Republican.

A SEASONABLE POEM

I do not like ants in my sugar
Nor flie on the edge of my cup,
And for some odd reason I don't care to season
My bacon with sand, when I sup.
Though life in the open is healthy
And time for vacation is near,
Since I'm not ambitious to wash my own dishes,
I'm not going camping this year,
This year.
I'm not going camping this year.
I hate to get up in the darkness
When rain is engulfing the tent,
To try without matches to fasten with patches
A flapping and sinuous rent.
While lying in soggy pajamas
On blankets as cold as a bier,
I find so inviting, it sets me reciting,
I'm not going camping this year,
This Year.
I'm not going camping this year.
Oh, life may be joyless and dismal
At times at the mountain or shore,
Though noisy and rapid, essentially vapid,
A dreamy, monotonous bore;
And bugs won't disport in my coffee,
And though I don't know yet just where I will go yet,
I'm not going camping this year,
This Year,
I'm not going camping this year.
—Swiped

INNOCENT DARLINGS

W. M. B. favors us with the following group of unconsciously humorous remarks made by girls to their escorts at the ball game.

"When a player strikes out that makes him a fan, doesn't it?"

"Are they really so tired that they go to sleep on the bags?"

"The baseball report yesterday said that Kelly died at the plate. But he's playing today."

"Three men on bases, you say? That's nothing—the other side has, too!"

"Then, why don't they call a right-handed pitcher a northpaw?"

"The umpire said 'Safe,' I'm so glad. I thought when the runner made that awful slide he'd hurt himself."

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At the home of Henry Olson, located six miles south of Belmond, was held a big reunion of the relatives of Mrs. Olson. Those from a distance were Wm. Stuenicker and family, of Hayfield, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gast, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meckstroth, Mrs. Martha Prull and daughter Ruth, O. H. Marten and grandpa Gast, of Garner; J. J. Stille and family and Herman Gast and family, of Liberty township. A picnic dinner was partaken of in the Olson grove. And just before leaving for home everyone ate all the ice cream that they could hold. Everybody present enjoyed the day immensely.—Garner Leader.

Mrs. Finndorf and little Miss Dorothy, of New Richland, Minnesota, are visiting here with relatives and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Swenson bringng them up from Belmond, Sunday. They expect to return to Belmond today where they will visit Mrs. Finndorf's brother before returning home. She reports crops up there as being equally as good as here and state that rye threshing has begun.—Reporter.

When Mr. Shaw was hurt at the Elling place last Friday, the neighbors immediately turned in and finished the harvesting of the crops, a fine spirit to be shown, and we are glad that we live in a community where such things are done.—Garner Leader.

Mrs. Tom Hake and daughter, Maurine, went to Belmond last week Thursday for a visit between trains with friends.—Times.

The W. S. Pritchard family, the C. E. Barnes family, the Earl Martin family and Mrs. W. I. Rosecrans, of Belmond, Chas. Pritchard, his son Jim and wife and son-in-law Roy Arkright and wife of Buffalo Center, and Mr. and Mrs. A. P. McGregor and daughters, of Des Moines were guests at the Ed Pritchard home at Alden Sunday. Ed Pritchard is a brother of Chas. Pritchard, and they are Walt's cousins.—Signal.

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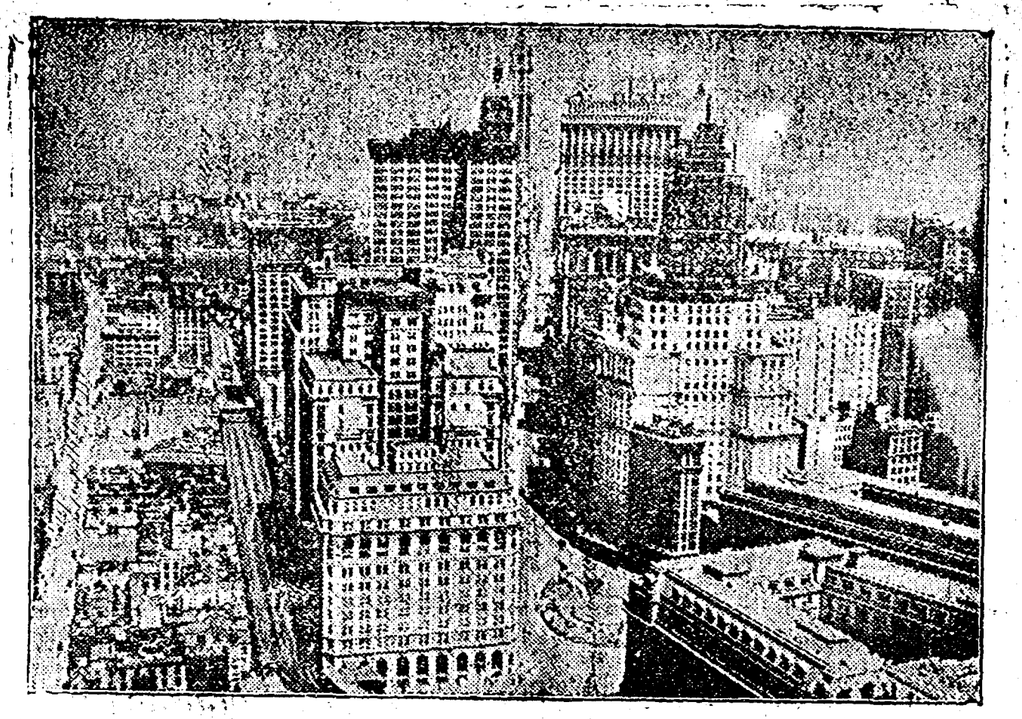

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THE LONG NARROW STREET CALLED "BROADWAY," NEW YORK CITY, FROM THE AIR.

Looking north from the Battery, New York City, as far as the human eye could ever reach, the camera has rivaled its perception. In this photo can be seen the long narrow canyon of commerce and finance, towered by steel mountains built by the science of man—the street called Broadway. From left to right of the photo can be seen a contrast of the old and the new, the small structures and the new steel towers. The circle in the center just below the photo is Bowling Green, and the U. S. Customs House. The Standard Oil Company building. Looking up, are the American Express building, the Equitable, Singer, and Woolworth buildings, a little over towards the right is the Municipal building and the World building tower dome

THE TOURISTS PARK —ITS USE AND ABUSE

The authorities have been having some trouble with the people who make use of Tourists Park in Humboldt. Some of its abuses are as follows:

Local parties sometimes go to the park for supper and remain far into the night, talking, laughing and sometimes playing music instruments. Of course the tourists who come in after a hard day's run find it impossible to rest while such a racket is going on about them.

One of the ladies clubs that uses the park and has a table there, recently purchased a beautiful hanging basket and placed in it several beautiful flowers, hanging the basket from one of the trees, directly over their table. A few days later they went to the park for an evening meal, and found that someone had stolen the basket and taken it away.

Recently a gang of gravel-haulers camped in the park. They drove their trucks roaring in every night, and roaring out every morning. They monopolized a large portion of the space in the park, and all the best space. More, they dissembled one of their trucks and spread its greasy parts over one of the tables there, using it for a work bench. Of course the authorities of the park were compelled to ask them to clean up the table and camp elsewhere.

The tourists park is what its name implies—and a place where the people of Humboldt county can picnic. It is not a permanent camping place for traveling bodies of workmen who are spending some time in town. It is not a place for fun and frolic at all times of the night. People who go there should respect the rights of others, and may expect that they will be allowed to use the tables and stoves for their picnic dinners or others meals, and the tourists who camp there may expect to be undisturbed during the night they spend there.—Humboldt Republican.

EGRETS MADE OF HORSE HAIR

When some hundreds of American women tourists step from the gangplank in Manhattan in August and September wearing what looks like some billion dollars' worth of egrets, let neither the United States customs nor the society for the preservation of birds for whatever it is called) get excited.

Frantic protests from these ladies cannot prevent Universal Service from giving away the great secret: They are not egrets, they are horsehair, and they come from that part of the equine anatomy customary utilized to whisk the flies away.

Egrets, or aigrets, are the fashionable thing in millinery this year. They are dyed every color of the rainbow and some that are not in the rainbow. They are mostly worn on small toques, the plumes being the color of the gown, but some women are wearing them as evening adornmen in the hair or as trimmings for the corsage.

A Frenchman heard that egrets were to be fashionable. According to Fantasio it was an American woman, closely allied to a prominent French milliner, who got the first tip. She straightaway set forth and cornered the egret market, buying them whereever egrets grow.

But unfortunately the prominent milliner had another lady friend, who in turn had another gemmun friend. The milliner confided in the gemmun friend. The latter was a skilled chemist and he saw a fortune for himself if he could succeed in manufacturing fake egrets before the real ones were put on the market.

The chemist succeeded and the day the great milliner launched his egret hats he was astounded to discover that egrets were in every department store window!

So common were the fake plumes and so well did they imitate the genuine ones that it is declared the American women had to let go of a lot of real egrets at fake egret prices.

That, anyway, is the story. And every woman who has an egret on her hat is wondering if it was an expensive one, whether it might not be an imitation, and, if it was a cheap one, whether it might not be real.—Des Moines Register.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE CLINICS SOON

A series of infant and maternity clinics in every county and a demonstration clinic at every county seat are being planned by the division of infant and maternity hygiene of the State University of Iowa, under the provisions of the Sheppard-Towner law.

Iowa passed the bill at the last session of the legislature and will receive a federal appropriation of $70,000 for the promotion of child welfare work throughout the state.

A series of clinics will be held in Warren county the week of July 29 and in Allamakee county the week following.

Results of the clinics already held show the value of periodical examinations. About three-fourths of the children examined were found to have physical defects, 90 per cent of which were capable of being cured. By following up clinic work it has been discovered that about a third of the parents of the children examined are taking their children to their family physicans to have these defects corrected.

Want Regular Examination

These facts are making local physicans and the community enthusiastic about the clinics and bringing a realization of the need for them.

The national health council in cooperation with the United States public health service is inaugurating a movement for regular physical examination. Their slogan for the movement is "Have yourself examined on your birthday." The campaign will be carried on until July next, ending on July 4.

It is hoped that by educational propaganda ten million people in the country will be induced to be physically examined every year. It is believed that this will save the lives of thousands and prevent much sickness. At the end of the campaign a study will be made to see what effect it has had on the death and sick rates of the country.

Save Many Babies

A prominent insurance company, which has all of its policy holders physically examined every year, claims that 52,000 lives were saved in 1922 because of latent defects which examination revealed.

The regular physical examination movement in Iowa will be promoted by a state-wide committee composed of members of the state board of health, state medical society, Iowa Tubercular society, state dental society, State Council of Social Workers, and other welfare organizations. —Des Moines Register.

PREMATURE

Boss—Sir, what does this mean? Some one just called us and said that you were sick and could not come to work today.

Clerk—Ha, ha! The joke's on him. He wasn't supposed to call up until tomorrow.

But too many people get into an argument who have nothing to say.

Free School!

LEARN MORE! About Operating

Tractors, Trucks and Automobiles

A general "Get-together" meeting of all tractor, truck and automobile owners regardless of what make you have.

Come in and learn how to operate your engine more economically by saving fuel, lubricating oil and reducing your up-keep expense.

WE ASSURE YOU OF THIS!

School will be conducted by representatives of one of the largest Machinery Manufacturers in the United States.

Come in and ask questions about any make of engine you may have.

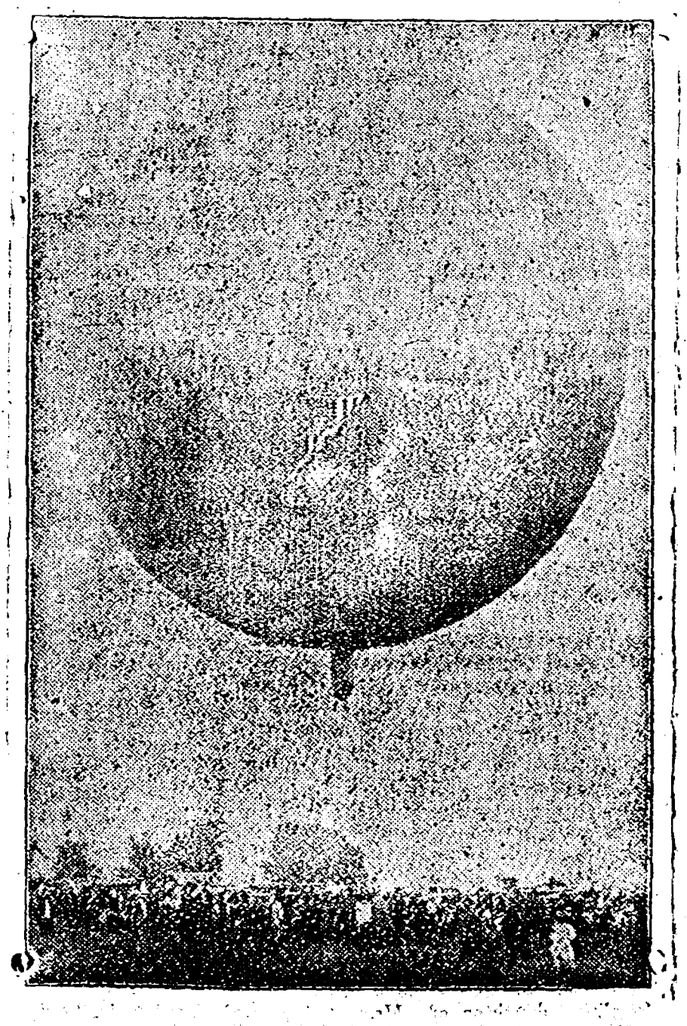
This is educational to all men interested in machinery of any kind, and is absolutely FREE. EVERYBODY WELCOME!

JOHNSON & WRIGHT, Belmond, Iowa

Friday Night, August 3rd

At 8:30 O'clock

Nordschow Garage, Belmond, Iowa



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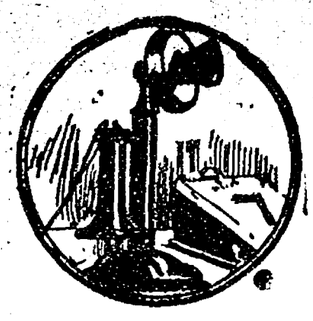
NAVY AVIATORS LOSE LIEVES

Shows the baloon bearing Lieut. Louis J. Roth and Lieut. Telford B. Null as it started on its flight from Indianapolis July 4th. These two aviators were forced down in Lake Erie and Lieut. Roth lost his life.



Phone the News to 115.

LOCALS

Mrs. L. Boelman, living north of town, has been very ill, suffering from internal cancer. Miss Helen Harberts is assisting in the care of her.

Mr. and Mrs. John Butterfield expect to start back to California the latter part of this week. They will go from here to Hampton, where they will spend a few days, and start from Hampton the first part of next week. Belmond people hope to see them back in the old home town again next year.

The Independent has a job for a good farm hand who wants a steady position on the farm. Call at this office.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bohning and family, of Miller, South Dakota, have been visiting his brother, George, and other relatives the past week.

Win Dziewanowski, who has charge of Pleasant township roads, was seen at work on the road the other day with a hoe, pulling stones off the gravel, which is one reason why Win's roads are among the best in the country. These little stones don't amount to a terrible lot, but Win evidenly believes in having things the best he can get them, and the township has the right man on the job, we'll say.

I am now located in the former Peter Stacy shop.—"Bill the Blacksmith."

C. J. Papousek installed a Delco lighting system for Fred Albert, at Klemme, recently, the gift to Mr. Albert of Mrs. Emma Stadtlander. Mr. Albert is a son-in-law of Mrs. Stadtlander, and this substantial gift is being highly enjoyed.

The Independent is in receipt of a copy of Christian Home, the paper of the Christian Home Orphanage at Council Bluffs, Iowa, in which are listed the contributions made the Home. Among them is $5 from Belmond, sent by Mrs. Pennel, the total being donations from various friends. This Home is one of the best in the world, absolutely worthy and doing a wonderful work. Every donation to this institution is assuredly going for a good cause, and the Home should receive much better support than it is being given. Mrs. Pennell will be glad to receive your contribution, no matter how small.

Quite a number of Belmond people are planning to attend the historical pageant to be given by the American Legion at Hampton next week Wednesday and Thursday.

Why keep that stuff around the place when a want ad in the Independent will sell it for you? Try a want ad—they sell anything.

Jay Buchanan and family, of Goodell were Sunday guests at the W. J. Buchanan home. The two Buchanan families then drove to Kanawha where they visited at the Andrew Hanson home.

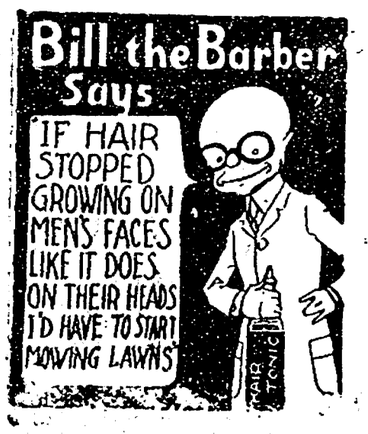
Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Quandt are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl, born Saturday.

M. J. Thoe and Mrs. H. G. Nordschow enjoyed a visit last week from their father, who resides at Lake Mills.

Mrs. Chase, from Colorado, was visiting at the C. J. Boughton home last week.

Miss Angie Kaufman and Mrs. Stonebraker, from Minneapolis, are visiting at the Peter Kaufman home.

Chas. Peterson and family, from Hampton, spent Sunday with relatives here.



Mrs. Henry Schultz is in the Mercy Hospital at Mason City. She had an operation on her nose, also her tonsils removed. She is getting along nicely.

The Congregational Missionary Society will enjoy a picnic in Tyrrell Park this afternoon.

Earl Martin and family, and P. V. Ketchem and family, from Cambridge, left Wednesday for a camping trip to the Canada line in Minnesota.

Rev. Wippermann and family left this week for Good Thunder, Minnesota, where Mr. Wippermann will occupy the pulpit in the German church this coming Sunday. There will be no services in the St. Johns church here this Sunday.

Friend Bras, of Fort Dodge, was here Monday on his regular semi-monthly visit to fit glasses at the Schultz Jewelry store.

Irving Madsen is again about the streets after his recent accident, in which he was injured when his car tipped over near Klemme.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Eimbrink, northeast of Belmond, was the scene of a big picnic dinner Sunday. Those present were Miss Velma Panahof of Klemme, Mr. and Mrs. A. Boller and family of Goodell, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Kienenberger and daughter of Goodell, Erwin Langlitz of Meservey, Mrs. C. Morse and son of Austin, Minnesota, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eimbrink ad family, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Traeger and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Boller and daughter, and C. L. Smiths, all of Belmond.

Mrs. C. Morse and son, of Austin, Minnesota, are spending a few weeks at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Henry Eimbrink, and other relatives.

AUTO DRIVERS NOTICE!

All automobiles hereafter must have head and tail lights according to law, and cut out closed inside the city limits.

B. J. FINN, Marshal.

For Gasoline, Kerosene and Lubricating oil, call phone 39½.—Belmond Deep Rock oil Co. 321fc

NOTICE!

My office will be closed for two weeks, beginning Monday, July 30.—Dr. L. R. Parsons.

1921 Ford Coupe for sale.—Belmond Motor Sales Co.

For Gasoline, Kerosene and Lubricating oil, call phone 39½.—Belmond Deep Rock oil Co. 32tfc

AT THE GIFT SHOP

Hand painted ware and the New Pottery make fine wedding gifts. Orders taken for monogram stationery and McCall Patterns. We have beautiful Dolls for the little girl. The Mine with the Iron Door, by Harold Bell Wright and The Alaskan by Oliver Curwood, now on sale at The Gift Shop.

The Harvey church was sold at auction last Friday, the building going to Ed. Lindsay for $210.

Mrs. Jake Meyers and son, from Buffalo Center are vsiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Ben Stadtlander.

Mrs. Jean Curtis and children, from Webster City, were visiting relatives here, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bullard returned last Saturday from Minnesota, where they had been visiting the past month.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Jacobson left this week on a trip to Minnesota by auto. They will go to Kenyon, Minnesota first, to visit relatives, and will then drive over the country enjoying the lakes and an outing.

Mrs. Louis Tokman and children, from Mason City, spent the day here Sunday with Louis.

Chester Bullis, a former Belmond boy, was a brief visitor in town Sunday. He is now located in Chicago. His wife died recently and was buried at Cedar Rapids last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. McBroom, of Laurel, came Tuesday and are visiting at the E. E. Boughton home. Mrs. McBroom is a sister of Mrs. Boughton.

Tuesday afternoon the beautiful home of E. W. Luick on east Main street was the scene of another social event. Mrs. A. W. Martin and Mrs. E. W. Luick entertained about 40 of their friends at an afternoon tea. Every minute of the afternoon, including the delicious tray luncheon was enjoyed by the guests, who pronounced Mesdames Martin and Luick the most delightful of hostesses.

Peter H. Pals of Meservey visited at the home of Chris Groen on last Thursday.

John Freeze of Iowa Falls was a visitor at the Chris Groen home on Monday.

HUMBOLDT TO START WELL AFTER DREAM OIL THERE

Humboldt, where they have an oil field beneath the corn fields—or think they have—is about ready to wake up. They have a drill on the grounds ready to set up, and an expert with a divining rod, or magic wand, or something, has located the best place to spend the money. Pretty soon they will begin going down—in the ground and their pockets.

Opinion is divided, like in a political election, as to whether there is any oil in Humboldt outside of the gas tanks or not. Some say there is, and b'gosh they're gonna get it. The question has agitated them considerably for some time, and curiosity has got to be satisfied. They will find out at least, what kind of dirt Iowa is made of, and whether it is worth three hundred dollars an acre. It must be said in all fairness, however,—that the test well is plainly labeled a gamble, and no one is allowed to put any money in it who is not willing and can afford to lose it. The money being put up is furnished strictly upon that understanding, and no one is promised anything or smooth-tongued into investing. We all hope Humboldt hits a gusher, but we are like the Irishman who brought a load of hogs to town—he thought they would weigh 200 pounds, but he knew they wouldn't.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meinders Jr., and family were guests at the Harm J. Pals home in Thornton last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hajo Pals were visiting at the home of his people, at Thornton, on Sunday.

Chris Groen, who has been quite ill, is reported somewhat better at this writing.

Miss Shirley Thompson was hostess to a slumber party at her home west of Belmond, over the week end. The guests were Clara Johnson, Marjorie Purcell and Luella Christie.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Flynn and Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Fitts drove to West Bend, Sunday, to visit the famous grotto.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Harris, from Rowan, were guests of relatives in Belmond on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Christie left Sunday on a trip to Albert Lea and other points in Minnesota.

Mrs. Ed. Webb will be hostess to the Woman's Foreign Missionary society this afternoon.

Several local business men visited the Iowa Falls electric plant last week

It happoded the other night at the theater. The young couple had disurbed everybody around them by their whispering and murmuring. Folks frowned and growled but they talked on. Until suddenly the young man stopped and bagan to dig around on the floor for something. Then he nudged the man in front of him, "I've lost my muffler some place," he said.

"Let it alone," the man growled back. "You didn't know how to use it when you did have it, judging from the noises I've been hearing back there."—Indianapolis News.

Willard STORAGE BATTERY
TRADE MARK REGISTERED
SERVICE
Belmond Storage Battery Co.

WANT ADS

Two cents per word first insertion; one cent per word ensuing insertions.

FOR SALE

For Sale—Two Tractors, with plows. Priced right.—Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond, Iowa. 35tfc

For Sale—1921 Ford Touring; 1923 4-door Ford Sedan; 1923 2-door Sedan. Several other cars at reasonable prices. —Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond, Iowa.

For Sale—5-room cottage, six blocks north of Main Street, on the Wilson Highway. Electric lights, furnace and basement. Inquire of A. J. Nihoof, Phone 176 1-3, Belmond, Iowa.

For Sale—Check protector, good as new. Inquire at Independent. tf

For Sale—Jersey bull, registered, 5 years old. Nice and gentle. Chas. Gealow. Phone 2712. 372

Wanted—Work by the day, by two ladies. Inquire at the Independent. 363*

BELMOND MARKETS
(Subject to change.)

Hens, heavy	15c
Roosters	07c
Broilers	24c
Leghorns	08c
Geese	10c
Ducks	12c
Turkeys	25c
Eggs	19c
Cream	35c
Creamery Butter	43c
Oats	28c
Corn	71c

BELMOND TRAIN SCHEDULES

(Corrected to date.)

ROCK ISLAND
Going North

Passenger, daily	8:15 a. m.
Freight, daily	11:46 a m.
Combination, daily	2:15 p. m.

Going South

Passenger, daily	6:28 p. m.
Freight, daily	1:10 p. m.
Combination, daily	11:46 a. m.

M.& ST. L.
Going West.

Combination, daily	8:30 a. m

Going East

Combination, daily	3:35 p. m.

GREAT WESTERN
Going North

Motor, daily	10:03 a. m.
No. 16, pass., D & S	1:30 p. m.
No. 12, pass., D & S	1:26 a. m.
Local Freight	7:55 a. m.

Going South

No. 11, pass., D & S	1:24 a. m.
No. 15, pass., D & S	3:15 p. m.
Motor	5:19 p. m.
Local Freight	3:20 p. m.

Your cows will give more milk if you use Dr. Hess Fly Chaser. The best on the market. $1.50 per gallon. Fly Sprayers 50 cents each.—Schultz Drug. Co. 362c

FALL TERM SEPT. 4
New catalog just off the press. Write for it.
Fort Dodge Business College
Fort Dodge, Iowa

"Bill the Blacksmith" is now located in the former Peter Stacy Shop.

Miss Alyce Ersland returned last week from Des Moines where she had been a few days.

Unknown parties in an automobile smashed into the Ward Martin Ford Tuesday evening, while Miss Harriett was driving, and damaged the Ford more or less. The other car was turning the corner by the Independent, on the wrong side of the street, and struck the Martin car on the hub of the left front wheel.

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Belmond Storage Battery Co.

FRIEND C. BRAS, O. D.
Optometrist
Eyes Examined and Glasses Fitted
Schultz Jewelry Store
Belmond, Iowa
MONDAY, AUG. 13

Willard STORAGE BATTERY
TRADE MARK REGISTERED
SERVICE
Belmond Storage Battery Co.

GOODYEAR Service Station
"SALE" and "bargain" are attractive words. But there is something more attractive in Standard Goodyear Service. For one thing, it is trustworthy. When you buy a Goodyear Tire from us authorized Goodyear Dealers, you know we'll help you get all the mileage out of it. That's ... Belmond Auto Company
Belmond Motor Sales Company
GOODYEAR

Now Is the Time To Have Your Summer Cleaning Done!
We have all our new equipment installed. Let us steam press your clothes. They will look like new.
New Belmond Tailor Shop
F. J. TUFFREE
South of Case Hotel Phone 28

Buy by Comparison
When you purchase a suit or several yards of cloth you naturally make comparisons. Why not do the same when buying an automobile?
Compare the Overland engine, disc clutch and transmission in one unit with all working parts protected from mud and dirt, the floating axle with removable shafts---the same as highest priced cars.
No other light car uses such heavy axles, spindles, steering knuckles and rods, one and one-half inch axle shafts or a heavier frame. The ring gear used in the Overland weighs as much as two in another popular car and nine Timken and New Departure bearings are used in the front and rear axles.
"Drive an Overland and realize the difference."
Nordschow Motor ompany
Belmond, Iowa

July 17th
Cash Refund Date
Bring in your Cash Receipts of July 17th and receive refund for the full amount.
Did you have a refund in June? Your neighbor did. See that you get yours for July.
Save Your Receipts for August!
Some day's business in August will be given back free. Get your share.
BRING IN YOUR JULY 17 RECEIPTS BEFORE AUGUST 15
Specials for Saturday August 4th
BACON NUGGETS, per lb. 18c
3-lb. Average. Sugar cured.
PICNIC HAMS ..... 14c per lb.
Regular run 8 to 10 lb. average.
HEINZ PORK AND BEANS, medium size can ..... 12c per can
Regular price 15c
Cash Market
The Place of Everything To Eat
J. P. Larsen & Sons Belmond, Iowa
Phone 60 and We'll Deliver

Belmond Independent

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Nation Mourns For Departed President

Belmond Learns Of Death Thru Radio Friday Night But Cannot Believe It.

DEATH COMES SUDDENLY

President Harding died of a stroke of apoplexy at 7:30 o'clock Thursday night. His exact age was fifty-seven years and nine months.

The end came suddenly while Mrs. Harding was reading to him and after what had been the best day he had had since the beginning of his illness exactly one week ago.

Suddenly it was noticed that the President was shuddering and gasping. Mrs. Harding ran to him, but he was unable to respond to her inquiries. She then ran to the door of the sick room and called to the secret service man there to summon the President's physicians.

When General Sawyer reached the room the President was still alive, but he died almost at once.

Recovery Seemed Assured

The President's death came as a shocking surprise. But an hour earlier General Sawyer had been telling newspaper men that Mr. Harding had had the best day since he became seriously ill. He said that the President had definitely entered upon the stage of convalescence and that everything went to show that Mr. Harding was on the road to ultimate recovery.

The members of the official party—those who had accompanied the President and Mrs. Harding—had no warning that the President was in danger. They, like the newspaper men, had been assured that a fatal termination of the President's illness was a thing not to be expected, in view of his apparent improvement—the evident lessening of serious symptoms—in the last forty-eight hours.

Mrs. Harding Brave

It was announced later that Mrs. Harding did not collapse but bore the shock quietly and bravely. She said to friends of her party and relatives of the late President who gathered around her that she did not fully realize the blow that had come to her. She had a duty to perform, she said, and must bear up.

She agreed with the four cabinet members who are here that the body of her husband should be taken east on a special train leaving here at 7 o'clock Friday evening.

Optimistic Feeling Had Prevailed

During the day, while entirely optimistic, General Sawyer had said that some complications had come through the reappearance of a minor intestinal trouble from which the President had suffered a long time ago. This had increased the strain on his nervous system and to that extent the strain upon his heart. General Sawyer did not care to have details like this stressed, but he pointed to them as evidence that convalescence would be slow.

At Mrs. Harding's request a number of her friends went to her sitting room late in the evening and sat with her. The widow of the President was remarkably self contained. She showed the grit that was largely responsible for her recovery from the dangerous illness through which she passed during last autumn and winter.

Official Statement Given Out

It was about twenty minutes from the time Mr. Harding was stricken until he died. The circumstance is told briefly in the following formal announcement:

"The President died at 7:30 p. m.

"Mrs. Harding and the two nurses, Miss Ruth Powderly and Miss Sue Drusser, were in the room at the time. Mrs. Harding was reading to the President when utterly without warning a slight shudder passed through his frame, he collapsed, and all recognized that the end had come. A stroke of apoplexy was the cause of his death.

IF THEY WOULD ON SATURDAY!

The Garner band was in town last Thursday and played a number of pieces advertising the base ball tourn ament held there this week. Some dozen cars of boosters accompanied the band. The selections given were played with a vim and could be heard several blocks. If the band would play that way here Saturday nights folks would appreciate their music more.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe S. White plan to leave about the 20th of the month on a trip to Washington state. They will drive thru in their new car and stop enroute at Yellowstone Park and other points of interest. An uncle of Mrs. White's Mr. Davis, will accompany them, his home being in Washington.

PLEASANT SOCIAL HELD AT JENISON FARM HOME

A record meeting as far as attendance is concerned was held at the Oscar Jenison home, three miles north of Belmond, last Wednesday evening, August 1st, when the regular monthly meeting of the Pleasant Township Farm Bureau was held.

The front yard of the Jenison home was packed full of interested farmers, their wives and children, who assembled at this beautiful farm home to enjoy the usual program which had been arranged through the efforts of Miss Grace Gartz, one of the successful teachers of Pleasant township. A unique system of lighting was arranged by using storage batteries connected to small light bulbs which were hung on the front porch of this farm home. All farmers of the community had had a rest from their threshing work on account of the rain and felt like enjoying themselves at this community get-to-gether.

The program consisted of a stirring address by Rev. S. U. Leinbach of the Congregational church of Belmond, a reading by Miss Vergie Jenison, a violin solo, two instrumental piano duets, a reading by Miss Leinbach, and several special special numbers by the pupils of Miss Gartz's school, including a clever patriotic dialogue in which about 25 or 30 youngsters took part. Special music was furnished by the local orchestra led by Miss Barry.

The busy threshing season does not seem to halt the farmers of Pleasant township in their determination to meet with one another in their regular monthly community socials, where they always enjoy the talent of their own people. The people of Pleasant township are living up to their old standard of holding their regular monthly social meetings, when they get together to talk over problems which are of common interest to all. The people of this township believe in and practice community organization and co-operation.

The large crowd greatly enjoyed the following program:

Instrumental Duet—Yellow Butterflies——Viola Mennenga and Loretta Barry.
Recitation—Sheep of the Flock——Esther Frohling.
Instrumental Duet—Approach of Spring——Thada Boelman and Louella Loats.
Instrumental Solo—Trot De Cavalerie ——Iola Jenison.
Drill—Supervised by Grace Gartz.
Reading—Christopho Columbo—Virgie Jenison.
Instrumental Duet—Camp of Glory ——Jessie and Wilhelmine Loats.
Violin Solo——Irvin Haupt
Reading ——Elizabeth Leinbach
Song—A Doll's Lullaby ——Arleen Loats and Marian Waalkes.
Orchestra Music—Directed by Cecilia Barry.
Talk by Rev. Leinbach.

REV WAALKES WILL GO TO NEW YORK CHARGE

Rev. A. H. Waalkes, of the Immanuel Reformed church in Pleasant township, has accepted the call to the church at Hagaman, New York, and will preach his farewell sermon to his congregation on Sunday, August 19th. The members of Rev. Waalkes pastorate, as well as the citizens of Belmond, regret very greatly that he has been called away. He has been a great influence for better things in Belmond, and in his local field. He has taken active part in our social, moral and community enterprises, has always worked for better conditions, and the public welfare. In his church he has achieved a signal success, and every member of his congregation is more than sorry to see him go. He is a good man. He has done a good work. The loss of Belmond will be the gain of his new home, and he will carry with him the best wishes of all for his continued success and welfare. His successor has not been appointed as yet.

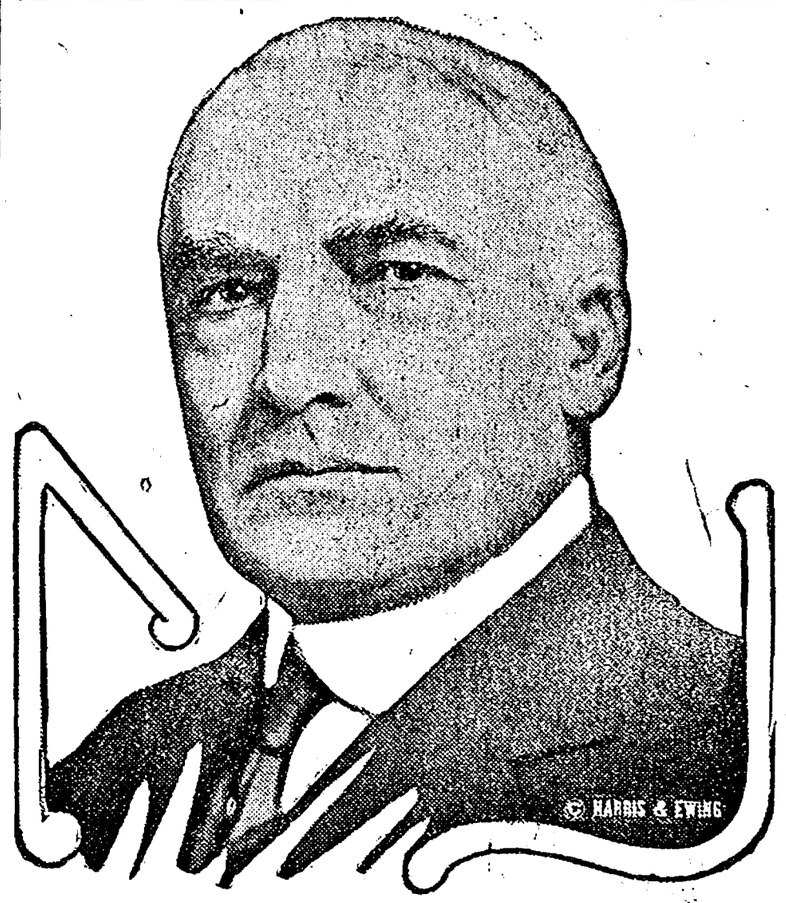
PLEASANT LASSIES MEET

The Pleaant township girls' club, "The Pleasant Lassies' Garment Club." met Monday afternoon of this week at the home of Mrs. J. F.Hemm. Some 24 of the members were present and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. Mrs. Lawrence Dorr, of Clarion, was present and addressed the club on sewing and kindred work. The time was spent mostly in laying out a schedule of work and making plans for future activities. After the meeting refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be held next Monday at the home of Ed Jenison.

Ben Blake, daughters Mary Elizabeth and Kathrine, and Mrs. Mike Kenefick drove to Ackley last week Thursday to attend the home coming at that place.

1865—Warren G. Harding—1923



JACKSON-REYNOLDS

The marriage of Miss Hazel Jackson of Minneapolis, and Mr. Joseph W. Reynolds of Seattle, Washington, took place Monday, July 30th, at the Westminister church, Minneapolis.

The young couple left on a short honey moon trip in the East. After their return they will reside in Minneapolis until November 1st, after which they will make their home in Seattle, Washington.

The bride is a former Belmond girl and is remembered by many local people. Mr. Reynolds is connected with the Mining Mining & Dredge Co. Friends of the young couple wish them a happy and prosperous life.

RENNER-VANZANTE

Miss Ethel Loretta Renner of Le-Roy, Minn., and Mr. Benjamin H. F. VanZante of Belmond were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage in Clarion on Wednesday afternoon, August 1, Rev. J. B. Walker, pastor of the Methodist church, performed the ceremony. The bridal couple was accompanied by Bernard Moody of Belmond.

After a short wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. VanZante will be at home to their friends in Belmond.—Clarion News.

NOTICE

The local Sugar Factory is now ready to receive applications from those desiring employment during the operating season.

We expect to employ fifteen or sixteen girls or women in the factory, and preference will be given to all applicants having had experience during the seasons of 1920 or 1922.

Applications to be filed with the Factory Superintendent at the Factory Office.

Iowa Valley Operating Co., Inc.
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ARE SUCCESSFUL OUT WEST

The editor ran across the following item in the Publishers' Auxiliary, which will interest many Belmond people:

"The Buffalo Voice (Wyoming) got out a fine special with four yellow inside advertising pages for which it offered special prizes for misspelled words, that had a circulation of 1,500 copies. The paper is always a fine one but this time it excelled previous efforts and we congratulate Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Miller on their extra. They have the right idea in boosting their own paper, as they do in fine style on the front page."

TO HOLD SOCIAL

The Dorcas society of the Immanuel Reformed church will hold a social at the church next Thursday, August 16th. Refreshments will be served. The girls will also sell their fancy work at this time.

You can bank on finding a well filled pocket book interesting.

Even a prohibitionist makes no kick about the horn of plenty.

DISTRICT COURT ITEMS

Monitor: S. M. Ellsworth of Eagle Grove is defendant in a suit brought by the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Co. in the sum of $157.78, alleged to be due for casings, tubes, etc., sold to said defendant.

Mrs. Laura France of Eagle Grove brings suit against Harry and Ethel Ferguson and Emily Wilde to recover the sum of $2,370,85. Suit is based on a past due note for $2,200 executed by Emily Wilde and later assumed by the Fergusons.

Mrs. Emily Holmes, aged 94 was granted a pension for the blind by the board of supervisors on Monday. The law limits the amount to $150 per year.

Miss Mae Odland, deputy county superintendent, is spending a two weeks' vacation at her home in Liberty township.

Marriage licenses for the week:
J. C. Bonner, Jewell.
Mabel Fife, Paulina.
N. A. Anderson, Holton, Kan.
Minnie L. Rouse, Holton, Kan.

The August meeting of the county board of education was held last week in the office of Supt. Bock. Questions of importance concerning the school work of the county were discussed.

CLARMOND CLUB WINS AGAIN

The Clarmond Country club golfers were victorious Sunday over the Forest City swingers by the score of 51 to 18. Twenty-six matches were played. About 50 members and their wives of the Forest City club came over. They were served dinner at 12:30, and light refreshments were served at 7 p. m.

BANKERS PICNIC AUGUST 14TH

The bankers of Wright county will hold their annual picnic at the Eagle Grove Country club on Tuesday, August 14th. On this date the various banks of the county will be closed after the noon hour.

HAVE NARROW ESCAPE IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nelson and baby and Mrs. Nelson's sister, Miss Summers, were in an automobile smashup last Saturday night when the car they were driving was struck by the Great Western midnight passenger. They were returning from Fort Dodge, it is said, and were on a side road southwest of town about three miles. Nelson claims he did not see the train, which struck and completely demolished the car. Mrs. Nelson, the baby and Miss Summers got out of the car and escaped uninjured, but Nelson is said to have stayed and was struck by the train, which was late and going a fast clip. He escaped with a few slight bruises. The train was stopped, and backed up. The family was brought to town where medical aid disclosed no serious injury to anyone.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelp and daughter Violet, of Brookings, South Dakota, were guests a few days last week at the home of relatives here. Mrs. Shelp was formerly Miss Rena Rankins, a resident of this community about 23 years ago.

EVERYTHING READY FOR STATE FAIR OPENING

Everything is now in readiness for the opening of Iowa's big Prosperity Fair, the 69th annual Iowa State Fair, August 22-31.

Entries in the live stock departments of the Fair which closed last week have boosted the horse, cattle, swine and sheep lists to unprecedented proportions. Between 7,500 and 8,000 head of live stock are now entered for the Fair, giving Iowa a record as the biggest livestock and agricultural fair in the Union this year. In one of the exhibits there will be 500 head of baby beeves raised by Iowa's boy and girl farmers. In addition to the above, over 3,000 birds are entered in the poultry and pigeon show.

Every available foot of space on the fair grounds will be crowded with exhibits and amusements, fair officials said today. Grain and produce displays will be particularly heavy. Many new features are also enrolled in the educational departments, including a special carload of displays by the United States Department of Agriculture, a section by Iowa State College, exhibits by the Pure Bred Sire and Cow Test Associations, the Highway Commission, the State Board of Control and numerous others. Two hundred cars will be seen in the auto show and nearly 40 acres of farm machinery and equipment in this section.

There will be amusements galore; horse racing, auto racing, mule races, seven bands, twelve circus and hippodrome features, a big night fireworks spectacle, "India," a state horseshoe pitching tournament, a horse and mule team pulling conest, an 80-acre free camp. New attendance records are forecast for this year.

RECENT FORD DELIVERIES

All Ford cars and trucks delivered by the Belmond Auto Co. from July 1 to August 6:

Thomas Lundy, Kanawha, Touring.
Helmer Hanson, Belmond, Touring.
W. T. Kutzner, Mason City, Runabout.
Carl W. State, Dows, Touring.
W. W. Weld, Galt, Runabout.
F. F. Gobeli, Meservey, Touring.
Henry B. Nelson, Belmond, Touring.
W. S. Brady, Dows, Runabout.
P. W. Kaufman, Belmond, Touring.
Oscar Nelson, Belmond, Coupe.
L. M. Andrews, Rowan, Touring.
Geo. Brady, Belmond, Touring.
Owen Sullivan, Belmond, Coupe.
M. G. Luick, Belmond, 2-door Sedan.
F. L. Mortimer, Belmond, 2-door Sedan.
C. H. Jennings, Belmond, 4-door Sedan.
D. L. Rankins, Belmond, Runabout.
Geo. Braun, Belmond, Touring.
Geo. Coburn, Cornelia, Coupe.
W. F. Bier, Goodell, Truck.
Louis Moe, Belmond, Truck.
Ben Daniels, Belmond, Truck.
Chas. Strait, Clarion, Truck.
W. H. Milligen, Belmond, Truck.
B. J. Eldadge, Dows, Truck.
J. M. Johnson, Alexander, Truck.

WELCOME, GENTLE RAIN!

It was a good one, that Monday night rain, slow and steady, and it soaked down quite a ways. It arrived too late to save much of the garden truck, but it put a real boost into the corn and sugar beet crops, which now look like a bumper yield.

NOTICE THE NEW CANS

The city has placed two refuse or garbage cans on Main street for your convience in disposing of the banana peels and pop corn sacks. One is by the post office, the other at the corner of Barban's bakery. A very good idea, but not enough cans. On any morning Main street generally has the appearance of the morning after the night before. At least until the merchants have had time to sweep off the walks. The cans are self-closing and should go a long ways toward keeping Main street clean. If the people will use them.

START NEW BLACKSMITH

"Bill the Blacksmith," Wm. Walrod and Wm. Brevig, have leased the Peter Stacy blacksmith shop and are now doing business. Walrod is an experienced blacksmith, having been at the business for many years, and Brevig is an old hand at woodwork. The combination should prove successful.

BUCKEYE WINS AT DOWS

The two-day base ball tournament held at Dows on Sunday and Monday was won by Ruckeye. Four good teams, Eldora, Dows Buckeye and Williams were entered and some fast games were played. A number of Belmond fans attended the games on Sunday.

Proclamation Asks All To Close Friday P.M.

Mayor Sullivan Asks All Business Places To Close In Homage To Dead Chief.

HOURS FROM 1 TO 4 P. M.

Mayor's Proclamation

In compliance with the proclamation of President Coolidge setting aside Friday, August 10, 1923, as the day appointed when the body of our dead president, Warren G. Harding, will be laid in its last resting place, I earnestly request that all business in Belmond be suspended between the hours of 1 and 4 p. m., and that all flags be displayed at half mast in homage and reverence to the memory of our great and good president.

M. D. Sullivan, Mayor.

CLARION MAYOR APPLIES LID

A couple of our local pool halls were denied a renewal of their licenses at the regular meeting of the city council. After being suspended for a few days the mayor called the proprietors into his office and had a friendly understanding. In short, the mayor proposes that the ordinance relating to minors, gambling and drinking shall be observed. Otherwise licenses will be cancelled. Just a square deal for all.—Monitor.

HAVE INTERESTING TIME

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society meeting at the home of Mrs. Ed Webb on August 2nd might almost be called a "substitute meeting," those appointed to take charge of the study part being absent. However, this meeting, like "pick-up" dinners, after all proved to be as good as a planned one. Mrs. Wilkinson conducted a very interesting lesson concerning Tho Church in India. Mrs. Trafford and Miss Harriett Martin gave enjoyable musical selections. Mrs. Purcell had charge of the mystery box, after which refreshments were served by the hostess.

The next meeting will be the last one of the year. Officers will be elected.

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GREAT WESTERN DANGER SIGN TO BE INSTALLED

The Great Western railroad company have the new danger sign for the crossing at the foot of the hill, and will install it as soon as the new steel is laid at the crossing. The sign is of pretty fair size, and contains a bell which will ring at the approach of a train, and at the same time a red light flashes on. It will make a vast improvement to the safety of this dangerous crossing and will be heartily welcomed by all Belmond people.

CAP. TYRRELL RETURNS HOME

Cap. W. C. Tyrrell, Sr., left Sunday evening from Clarion for his home at Beaumont, Texas, after visiting the past two or three weeks with his son, Will, at Belmond, and enjoying the lake breezes at Okoboji. Mr. Tyrrell is remarkably well looking and says he thoroly enjoys coming back to his old home town and meeting the old friends.

CROWDS FLOCK TO WEST BEND

The editor and family drove to West Bend, Sunday, to visit the Grotto. A visit was made there two years ago, but considerable work on this famous structure has been done since then. To all Belmond people who have not seen the Grotto we would say, by all means see it if at all possible. It has a natural beauty that appeals to everyone, and is a sight that you cannot see duplicated anywhere in the world. An immense crowd, from all over the country, was there, and every Sunday finds the same size attendance.

PLENTY OF COMPANY ENROUTE

In the Independent's news box at the Great Western last week was a sheet with the words: "going to hell." It was signed, but whether with the right name or not, is the question. There are a number of folks going to the same place, so the author of the note will doubtless have plenty of company enroute and should meet some old friends when he gets there.

Ernest Haupt was a visitor at Dows on Monday of this week.

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Editorials

WHAT OF THE NEW MAN?

The unexpected death of President Harding was a severe blow not only to the United States, but to the entire world. No ruler, no national executive, in the world has the power of our president. And today, none is more important. America's chief today is beyond question the greatest man in the world. Upon him rests the attention and thought of every nation.

In Harding's death we have lost a good man. It was never said of him that he favored one over another, or that he was controlled by a side or faction. He was a compromise candidate, and he went into office freeer from entanglements than our public officials usually do. The presidential job is the hardest job in the world; a job that in the end breaks a man and leaves him glad to get out. None can say that Harding failed to do as he thought best. He had an exceedingly difficult position, and altho he made his mistakes the same as any other, he was a good president. We have lost a good man.

But what of the new president, Calvin Coolidge? Where does he stand and what are his policies? The vice president is, normally, merely a figurehead, a sort of invited guest to whom little attention is paid. The president is the greatest man in the world. There is a great difference. America, while it mourns the departed president, is wondering what the new president is going to do. He knows we are waiting. His every move will carry a vast significance. What will he do? Europe wonders, the politicians are up in the air, the people are waiting and watching.

America seems to be blessed with the right man at the right time. Perhaps in Coolidge the right man was found. His record is good, his previous policies have been progressive. If he carries on as we believe he will America will be riding safely on the troubled waters. It is our duty to have faith in him, to give him our support, until he proves that he is not deserving. Coolidge has a hard place to fill, and he will need all the support he can get.

A FEW IMPROVEMENTS

It has been said that it is often the little things that count. There is a lot to that. Many times the big things are incomplete without the little ones.

A recent visitor to Belmond, Cap. Tyrrell, brought to the attention of the Independent one of the "little things," the walk to the cemetery given by Henry Crist. This walk, one of the nicest gifts of Uncle Henie, needs attention. All along the way to the grove, the walk is more or less overgrown with weeds, so much so in places that one must keep to the very center of the walk to avoid them. Mr Tyrrell says that Belmond should keep its gift in better shape, and the Independent agrees with him.

A little attention will remedy this little thing. Whose place is it? Should we not look after the little things when the big things have been given us?

Another little thing Belmond should look after is the matter of lights and shelter at Tyrrell Park. Numerous complaints of tourists have reached the Independent lately regarding our park. Some of them are refusing to use it because of no lights, which, with the park some distance from town, is a serious handicap. Every one who goes to the park has only praise for its beauty, and in daylight it is a fine spot to camp. But after dark is another matter.

Belmond should erect a shelter in the park. Why not a log cabin, as has been done in other places? The material is there, free; who will donate the labor? Should we not have the grounds lighted? Could it not be done with a little time and boosting? And why not a telephone in the shelter? In case of an emergency at night, a telephone would be the difference, possibly, between life and death.

It is the little things that count.

"CAST OUT THE MOTE"

For a year or more, some folks have been cussing the Iowa Valley Operating Co. for dumping refuse in the Iowa river during the operating campaign and thereby killing all the bull heads, catfish and suckers.

Iowa Falls seems to have been the headquarters of the agitation, with the Isaac Walton League as the instigator.

Iowa Falls has some dead fish a floatin' around down there today, even tho the Belmond factory has not been operating since last December.

Iowa Falls dumps its city sewerage in the Iowa river.

An Iowa Falls citizen said recently that some folks down there thought there was too much talk about the Belmond factory. Maybe Iowa Falls would be asked to build a disposal plant for its sewerage.

Iowa Falls papers please copy.

ONE EDITOR'S SCHEDULE

We recently came across a schedule of prices charged by a country weekly editor, who offers to give a per cent of his earnings each year to founding an asylum for those febble-minded people who believe that an editor has a soft snap. Here is the schedule—read it closely:

For telling the public a man is a successful citizen when everybody knows he is as lazy as a bench warmer—$2.75.

For referring to some galavanting fellow as one who is mourned by the entire community when he will only be missed by the boozers—$10.08.

Referring to one as a hero and a man of courage and one who will stand by his convictions when everybody knows he is a moral coward and would sell out for 30 cents—$16.21.

Referring to some gossipy female as an estimable lady whom it is a pleasure to meet and know when every man in town would rather see Satan coming—$8.10.

Calling an ordinary preacher an eminent divine—60 cents.

Lambasting the daylights out of John Barleycorn at the behest of the local dry forces—$6.77.

Whooping 'em up for the recall of the Volstead law in the interests of the members of the local Funnel Club—$6.77.

Referring to a deceased merchant who never advertised and who was too stingy to contribute toward needed public improvement as a leading citizen and a progressive resident—$349.99.—Sheldon Mail.

WITH A CAPITAL M

"You know all the capitals?"
"Yes, that is, of all the states."
"Well, what is the capital of the state of matrimony?"
"That's easy—Money."

LOCALS

Father Barry, from Webster City, is visiting this week with his sisters and brothers in Belmond.

Mrs. Carrie Sheffield, of Fort Dodge, was in town the first of the week looking after business interests and visiting relatives.

F. J. Tuffree left Tuesday for Minneapolis, where he will receive treatments during the week at a sanatorium there.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wallace were Sunday guests with friends at Boone.

Ray Hawley and family, of Hayfield, Iowa, are guests this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Green.

Mrs. Edna Hall, of Ohio, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pletch drove to Latimer, Sunday, where they spent the day with friends and relatives.

Crist Friesleben and Wm. Vestweber were business callers at Fort Dodge last week Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wenzel, Sr., were guests at the John Wenzel home in Alexander, Sunday.

The Misses Marjory Williams and Mildred Veeder went to Des Moines, Monday, to attend a house party at the home of one of their Grinnell college friends.

Mrs. Miltner returned to her home in Iowa City the first of the week, after a visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. C. Barry.

The Cemetery Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. Earn Luick on Friday, August 10th. The hostesses are Mesdames E. W. Luick, H. N. Hill, Snyder, and Miss Pals.

Mrs. H. L. Bamford left the first of the week for California, where she will visit her mother, Mrs. King. She was accompanied by Gladys Qualey, who is going to her home at Silverton, Oregon.

Messrs. Roy Goetzke and Henry Sprau were visitors over Sunday with home folks at Meservey. They left Sunday night for Fort Dodge where they are employed as carpenters on the Great Western railroad.

Mrs. Wm. Meyer and daughter, Mrs. Awvae, of Chicago, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Ben Smith, and with other relatives and friends.

For Sale—Modern semi-bungalow, oak finish, on North 3rd Ave. M. O. Crawford. 381c

H. J. Klemme and daughter, Ruth were visitors at Mason City on Tuesday.

Clifford Trees, who has been very ill the past few weeks, is much improved and is now able to sit up.

F. J. Tuffree was a business caller at Alexander on Monday morning of this week.

BEWARE THE AMMUNITION

He—I had a good joke to tell you this evening, but I see you are not in a condition to hear it.

She—Why?

He—Because if your face lights up the powder will go off.

BAD BREAK

"Tom says his heart is broken. I refused him." "Why so did I." "Then it's a compound fracture."

NATURAL SCIENCE

She: "Come, Dick, we must be going. I felt a drop of rain on my cheek."

He: "You forget we are under a weeping willow."

In the matter of the Estate of Charles B. Smith, Deceased:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The undersigned executor of the above entitled estate was on the 19th day of June, 1923, authorized by the District Court of Wright County, Iowa, to sell the real estate belonging to the above estate at public sale to the highest bidder, consisting of 300 acres, and said executor by virtue of said order of court and terms of the will of said decedent will on the 20th day of August, 1923, at two o'clock p. m. upon the premises sell to the highest bidder the East Half of Northwest Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 93, Range 23, consisting of 140 acres, and the South east Quarter of Section 4, Township 93, Range 23, containing 160 acres; said real estate being situated in Pleasant Township, Wright County, Iowa. Said real estate will be sold in two tracts, there being two sets of improvements. Said real estate to be sold for cash terms. $3,000.00 to be paid upon each tract by purchaser upon day of sale, balance to be paid when deed is given and approved by Court. For further particulars see or write the undersigned executor.

CORWIN L. SMITH
Executor of Said Estate. 354

A GENTLE REMINDER

Mrs. Benham—Do you remember when you kissed me under the mistletoe?

Benham—I remember it every time one of your bills comes in.

KURTZ DAIRY
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T. B. tested cows. Why take a chance? We deliver, or you can buy at Robinson's or the Cash Market.

How Are Your Hogs?

Are they doing well---as well as you would like? Are they getting the necessary mineral in their rations?

Completion of the mineral feeding experiments at the Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station show that all the hogs which were fed minerals in their rations made better gains than the hogs in the check lots fed only on a cornbelt ration. The experiment also showed that the pigs fed minerals made quicker gains and were in better shape physically than the no mineral pigs.

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The importance of education for your children goes without debate. You may leave them penniless, but with an education they always can make their way in the world.

For that reason it is essential that you adopt some systematic plan of saving---some plan whereby they are assured the right kind of education.

Come to this Bank and let us show you several excellent methods whereby you can set aside a certain sum over a certain number of years and provide for your children's future.

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If you have some surplus money to invest for a short time at an attractive rate of interest,

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will meet your requirements.

We will issue a number of these Notes for periods of one, two, three, four and five years, and they will bear a Special Privilege of Conversion which should prove of value.

For the particulars see Mr. H. F. Kellogg, our Manager at Iowa Falls, or write the Securities Department, 215 S. 2nd Street, 2nd Floor, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Iowa Falls Electric Company
Iowa Falls, Iowa

FARM BUREAU NOTES

John W. Coverdale.

Secretary American Farm Bureau Federation, who will deliver the address at the county picnic and exhibit at Eagle Grove on August 22.

Cash For Boys and Girls

Members of the Boys' and Girls' clubs of Wright county will be interested in the list of cash prizes which have been arranged for the exhibits in the various departments.

The committee in charge of the different departments of the club exhibit have worked out the cash prizes in such a way as to give equal opportunity to all club members to exhibit and to make winnings at the club show.

Prizes For Baby Beef Exhibits: Hereford: $4, $3, $2, $1.50, $1, 75c, 50c, 25c; Aberdeen Angus: $4. $3, $2, $1.50, $1, 75c, 50c, 25c; Shorthorn: $4, $3, $2, $1.50, $1, 75c, 50c, 25c.

Prizes for Purebred Gilt Exhibits: Poland Chinas: $2.50, $1.75, $1.25, $1, 75c, 50c, 25c; Duroc Jersey: $2.50, $1.75, $1.25, $1, 75c, 50c, 25c; Spotted Poland China: $2.50, $1.75, $1.25, $1, 75c, 50c, 25c; Chester White: $2.50, $1.75, $1.25, $1.00, 75c, 50c, 25c; Hampshire: $2.50, $1.75, $1.25, $1, 75c, 50c, 25c.

Prizes for Poultry Exhibits. The following cash prizes will be awarded in each breed: Three or more birds or trios entered: First—75c and blue ribbon; second—50c and red ribbon; third—25c and white ribbon.

Two birds or trios entered: First—50c and blue ribbon; second—25c and red ribbon. Where only one is entered—First 25c and blue ribbon.

Girls' club prizes: club uniform, $1.50 $1, 75c, 50c, 25c.

Cotton school dress (other than club uniform) suitable for tall, slender girl: $1.50, $1, 75c, 50c, 25c.

Set of three pieces of Underwear, suitable for girls of club age, accompanied by card giving age of girls by whom garments are to be worn: $1.50, $1, 75c, 50c, 25c.

Wash suit, suitable for boy, 3-6 years of age: $1.50, $1, 75c, 50c, 25c.

Wash dress suitable for girl, 3-6 years of age: $1.50, $1, 75c, 50c, 25c.

Garment suitable to be worn at club picnic (other than middy suit) $1.50, $1, 75c, 50c, 25c.

Collar and cuff set: $1.50, $1, 75c, 50c, 25c.

Posters, full length silhouttes, showing good and bad postures for girls (one or two posters: $1.50, $1, 75c, 50c, 25c.

Best demonstrations: $1.50, $1, 75c, 50c, 25c.

Club getting most prizes: $2.50, $1.50, $1, 75c, 25c.

Junior Livestock Judging Contest

Members of the Junior Livestock Judging club met at the home of Chester Moellering. two and one-half miles northwest of Rowan, last Wednesday afternoon where, thru the kindness of Mr. Moellering, the county agent had arranged two classes of dairy cattle and one class each of horses and hogs for the boys to work on.

The boys in the judging club are rounding into shape for the statewide contest at Des Moines and with a few more visits to some of the livestock farms in our county, they will be in good training for the state contest.

The boys will spend Thursday afternoon, August 9, at the Kirstein Brothers' farms, where they will judge several classes of Purebred Polled Hereford beef cattle and from there they will drive to the F. M. Zenor farm near Woolstock where classes will be arranged in big type Poland China hogs, also one or two classes of draft horses.

Members of the livestock judging club will accompany the county agent on a trip to Ames, Saturday, August 11, where they will enter the state-wide junior livestock judging contest which has been arranged by Prof. H. H. Kildee, head of the animal husbandry department at the college. The Ames contest will be more or less of an elimination contest and the members of the team which will represent Wright county at the state fair will be selected more or less on the showing which is made at Ames. All members of the judging club will accompany the county agent on a trip to the North Iowa fair at Mason City Tuesday, August 14, where the boys will compete with junior livestock judges from about 16 counties of nothern Iowa.

Cunningham At State Fair

Iowa Farm Bureau folk will have an opportunity to listen to Mr. Cunningham soon in the capacity of a member of the Federal Reserve board. He has agreed to attend the state fair and address the farm bureau meeting to be held on Monday, August 27.

Under the circumstances this is quite a concession on Mr. Cunningham's part, even though, he would rather be in Iowa than any other place under the sun. But he is very busy with the duties of his new position, which he took up only 60 days ago. However, he has been persuaded to come out for the occasion, and federation members may expect a few pages from his experience in Federal Reserve work.

Complete program for the Farm Bureau day, August 27, is as follows, with President Charles Hearst presiding:

9:00—Concert.

10:00—Community Singing. Address of welcome by C. E. Cameron, President State Fair. Response by President Hearst.

Music by ladies quartette.

Address by E. H. Cunningham, member Federal Reserve Board.

Afternoon

1:30—Music by State Fair Orchestra and community singing.

2:00—Reading by Miss Margaret Webster.

10-minute talk by Mrs. C. E. Loomer, Clay county.

10-minute talk by Mrs. Henry Wood, Woodbury county.

Address by Mrs. Harley Condra, Wayne county.

Music.

Discussion of Current Organization Topics, led by Leroy Anderson. of Hardin county, and Mrs. Tom Jordon of Mahaska county.

Farm Bureau Camp

The farm bureau camp at the state fair will be conducted this year as usual. The fact that Mr. and Mrs. Grant Chapman have consented to look after the general management of the camp insures its success. Mr. I. W. Van Nice and son, James, have likewise volunteered their services to the camp.

A. R. Corey, secretary of the state fair board. reports that many improvements have been made and that added accomodations will be provided for the farm bureau campers this year. The fair board is interested in the farm bureau camp It is hoped that the camp will be bigger and better than ever this year.

It is hoped that all the Farm Bureau members in the state will be informed regarding the camp and report promptly to their county agent so that the necessary arrangements may be made in regard to locating the tents, etc. In so far as possible, the tents will be grouped by counties. The choice of location will depend more or less upon the promptness with which reservations are made. All who have tents of their own will do well to bring them to camp and thus save some expense. In all such cases a report should be made to the county agent so that the tent may be located with the others from the same county.

Social At Lincoln Church

The regular monthly meeting of the Lincoln Township Farm Bureau was held at the Lincoln church Friday evening. August 3, when a goodly number of the farmers of that township gathered for an evening's entertainment consisting of music, readings, and dialogues, and other interesting numbers.

L. W. Collins. director of Lincoln farm bureau, was in charge of this meeting and opened the program with a short talk, which was followed by a piano duet by Vivian and Lois Cooley. This was followed by a short talk by the county agent. after which Mrs. Harry LaBarr gave a splendid reading. Miss Ketchum, who is visiting at the Dwight Ketchum home, followed with two unusual readings.

The special feature of this program was the inspiring address which was given by Rev. J. B. Walker of the Methodist church of Clarion, who spoke on the application of the Golden Rule to commercial and industrial affairs of life. According to Mr. Walker, the farmers have the right to organize as long as the organization squares itself with the Golden Rule. He spoke of the farm bloc, and the wonderful work which this organization has been doing in behalf of the farmer, but he said he hoped the time would soon come when blocs would not be necessary in carrying on the affairs of our great commonwealth. He feels that farm bloc is a very necessary instution at present as a matter of self-protection.

Here and There

Dr. Missman and family spent Sunday visiting at Belmond.—Klemme Times.

J. P. Larsen & Sons of this city have sold their meat market at Garner to Frank Perkins of Garner and Leman Twaites of Charles City. Mr. Perkins has managed their Garner shop for over a year, or since Scoop Larsen took over the Belmond shop. —Times.

Mrs. Robert Beckett spent Thursday with her parents at Belmond.—News.

Miss Blanche Rohrback spent a few days with Belmond friends last week.—News.

Miss Iris Trumbell of Belmond was visiting at the Sumner Trumbell home near here for a few days the past week.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carlston and son LeRoy accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Carlston and daughter Margaret of Belmond on an auto trip to Galesburg, Ill., last week Wednesday, where they visited until the first of this week with the Messrs. Carlston's father and other relatives and friends —Reporter.

The Pritchard and Barnes families attended the Home Coming at Belmond, Thursday. It was a fine time for everyone of the old timers. and no doubt such celebrations will be held every year. Cap. Tyrrell was one of the old settlers who was called upon to respond to the address of welcome. But first, we should say that Walt Ramsay was the first one called upon. Belmond people take great pride in the success that Mr. Ramsey has made politically, and of the fine way he has handled the state's affairs while he has been secretary of state. Mr. Ramsey made a fine address. Mr. Tyrrell told the people of his travels and expressed upon his hearers that he had never yet seen the investment that was safe and sure, and equal to Iowa Land.—Signal.

Charlie Luick, wife and son, Lee, and the Joe Stearnes family spent Sunday at Belmond.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs. John Butterfield. Mr. and Mrs. George Avery and Cyrus Church of Belmond were visiting here Saturday.—Times.

Miss Lorraine Lieuwen and brother Coolidge, of Belmond, are spending this week with their cousin , David Baker. at Lake View park.—Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brooks and family from Belmond were Sunday visitors at the Edward Nelson home.—Reporter.

Wm. Nelson of Belmond was a Kanawha caller on Tuesday.—Reporter.

Francis G. Keane is visiting his sister Mrs. John J. Sloan and family at Belmond. Mr. and Mrs. Sloan and children came down Wednesday to attend the band concert and for a brief visit with relatives and Francis accompanied them home. —Williams Item in W. C. News.

OBSERVED TIME LIMIT

We were to have out-of-town guests for dinner.

I had no salad forks, so I borrowed some from a neighbor. I cautioned my young son to say nothing about them during the meal.

He didn't, but just as we finished he picked up several of them and said. "Well. I guess we'd better take these things home now."

WILLING TO HELP

Madge—I hear she married him out of sympathy.

Marjorie—Yes; she was sorry to see such a rich young man spending all his money on himself.

Griesy's Store News

Vol. 2 BELMOND, AUGUST 9, 1923. No. 20.

When you come to town you like to stop on the corner and meet your neighbors, your friends, and swap notes with them on the way the world wags, don't you? In other words, you enjoy a friendly little visit with them.

So do we. We like to meet you when you come to town, to talk crops and cows and threshing and things in general. We are as interested in farming as you are, every bit. Why shouldn't we be? You till the soil, we furnish the tools; the success of the venture depends on us both, and means everything to us both. If you get a good crop and a good price, we know you will get a number of things you have been wanting to, some of them things that we sell. If you don't have success, then your business will react on our business, and we both suffer.

Our interest in you and your success is entirely a friendly one. We like to see folks prosper; all folks; just as we want to ourselves. The trouble has been that the farmer, who puts in as long hours as anybody, hasn't had the success he deserved. Sometimes, we admit, it has been his own fault, but largely we believe it has been due to the fault of our system of selling our agricultural products. Farmers today are coming to the co-operative idea, and just as co-operation made the unions strong, so will it in time put you and your neighbor in a position where you will not have to do as the whim of the broker dictates.

We have our problems to solve, just as you have. And your problems are ours, because they affect us. We are really interested in you, as we want your friendly interest in us. We'll both go a long ways farther together than we would singly. And going along in a friendly fashion is much better for us both. You know, we like to be friends; it's so much nicer! We want you to feel that Griesy's is a friendly place, interested in you and yours. We like to do friendly things! Let us do them for you. If you have a little errand you want done in town, why our phone is No. 10, and we will do it while you are cranking up Henry to come in, and glad to.

Our idea of good business is one where friendship and service and quality equal 100 per cent. If we are your friend, we will serve you. When we serve you, we want to give you real service. And we want the quality of the friendship, the service, and our goods to be alike. Our goods are quality, and it is up to us to make the other two equal our goods. That's our aim, folks, the goal we keep shooting at. If our arrows fall wide of the mark, we'll pick them up and shoot again. We want you to remember, always, first of all, that Griesy's is a friendly place.

WAS THAT POSSIBILITY

A little girl of six sat looking thoughtfully out of the window of her home the other day. Her mother questioned her as to the cause of her seriousnss.

"Oh," she replied, "I was just thinking that when I grow up to be a big lady I'm going to get married and have three children."

Her mother, although very much surprised, was also amused.

"You will be very fortunate indeed," replied the fond parent.

The little miss grew silent and thoughtful again. Finally she said: 'jBut, of course, you can never tell, mother, I might marry a bachelor."

A small boy's idea of happiness is to be able to lick another boy a size larger.

KNEW HER MOTHER

"And shall I speak to your father, dearest?"

"Yes, but for goodness' sake, don't say a word to mother."

"Why not?"

"Because we don't want the engagement made public for two or three days yet."

There'll come a thrashing time for those who sow wild oats.

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MESERVEY SECTION

Prof. Waalkes, of German Valley, occupied the ulpit at the Reformed church last Sunday.

For Sale—Two Tractors, with plows. Priced right.—Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond, Iowa. 35tfc

Miss Altes, of Steele, N. D. is visiting at the Dave Enabnit home with her sister, Mrs. Fred Enabnit.

For sale or rent, a 4-room house. See W. F. Larson, Meservey, Iowa. 35tfc.

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August News

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MESERVEY, IOWA

C. J. Wendell visited his wife and son at the Park Hospital last Sunday.

For Sale—1921 Ford Touring; 1923 4-door Ford Sedan; 1923 2-door Sedan. Several other cars at reasonable prices. —Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Enabnit and son Ivan, of Mason City, are staying at the home of their son. Fred, during the absence of Mrs. Enabnit.

John Peters and wife, Louie and wife and daughter, and Art, of Alexander were calling in town last Friday evening.

Rev. Schlesselman and postmaster Smith motored to Algona last Thursday on a business errand.

Mrs. Emma Dorenkamp and daughter Esther were in Thornton between train last Thursday, the latter having dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Bier returned on Friday of last week from their trip to Illinois, visiting at the home of Fred Pieper at Naperville, and with old friends and relatives at other points in that state. They report a very delightful trip.

The Misses Tillie Pals and Jennie Meinderts are visiting relatives and friends at Little Rock, this state, and at Soo Falls, S. D.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gerdes and daughter Lena, were Mason City callers last Friday, to consult the doctors in regard to the latter's health.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Waddington and children were to Rockford on Wednesday of last week visiting the Jim Wilson family for the day.

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P. S.—Every statement in this notice has been verified before the Federal and State Courts.—F. H. Seeley.

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HEINIE, PLEASE NOTICE

Our friend Heinie, if you will remember, sent us a clipping some time back referring to editors who were on the inside looking out. We submit the following clipping to further strengthen our reputation—and incidently, we are looking up some statistics on barbers:

"Of more than 5,000 prisoners in the Leavenworth (Kans.) federal prison, there is not a single newspaper reporter or news editor. The warden declared much difficulty has been experienced in getting out the prison paper because of the lack of reporters and news editors. Volunteers were asked for and no one responded so a survey was made and it was found that out of 5,000 or more men there was not a reporter nor an editor inside the prison walls.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rankins were callers at this place Monday evening.

Albert Wendell and Howard Casebeer and their wives were Sunday visitors at the home of the latter's parents at Waseca, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Drewes and sons of Chicago returned to their home last Sunday after visiting for several days at the Wm. Messelheiser home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Nissen, Mrs. John Hartfelder, Mrs. Frank Nissen and Arlene were Mason City dental callers one day the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Wm. Messelheiser submitted to the removal of her tonsils at one of the Mason City hospitals last week.

Rev. Reeverts and family from Stout visited several days last week at the Rev. Pannkuk home.

Simon Echoff was a Thornton caller last Wednesday, having dental work done.

H. Proost, Harm Groen, C. J. Wendell and Harry Smith were Mason City callers last Wednesday p. m. driving up in the former's car.

Grandma Wickersheim visited at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ed. Schmidt, and family in Belmond several days last week.

Mrs. Dave Enabnit and younger children are visiting her parents in Cedar Falls. Mrs. Enabnit had been ill for some time and it was thought best for her to rest up and be where she could receive medical aid.

Mrs. H. Brater was a Mason City dental caller last Thursday.

Ed. Schmidt of Belmond was a business caller here last Thursday evening.

John Ruiter returned home Tuesday evening from Thornton, where he had been for a few days taking the station agent's place, while that gentleman and his family were away for a few days.

Mrs. Schroedemeier returned to her home in Waverly last Thursday evening, after visiting at the Raecker and Fischer homes since Sunday. Mrs. Butz accompanied her as far as Dumont, where she will visit relatives about a week. Fred Menzel drove them over to Coulter by auto.

ANOTHER BIG FARM FIRE NEAR KLEMME LAST WEEK

Last Monday night the Charles Lawhorn farm near Klemme was the scene of a destructive fire which consumed practically all the buildings on the place. The fire started about 9.30 in the evening, and the large barn filled with Lawhorn's hay crop of the year, was burned, together with five horses and some calves, all the harness and other articles in the building. A new hog house went up in smoke, a grainery and corn crib with 500 bushels of corn and 700 bushels of oats, the chicken shed and some chickens, machine shed and practically all the machinery on the farm, and most of the tools were consumed. Practically everything but the house and car was destroyed. A little insurance was carried, but not enough to meet the loss by several thousand. No clew has been found as to the origin of the blaze.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Speck and son and daughter, of Wichita, Kansas, are visiting at the Joe Smith home. Mr. Speck and Mrs. Smith are brother and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nissen had for their over Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wright and son, and Miss Martha Sloss, of Ames. The latter remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Courtney and daughter, Marjory, of Belmond were calling on Mr. and Mrs. Reif on Sunday evening. They were returning to their home from Thornton where they visited at the Joe Courtney home.

Rev. and Mrs. Pannkuk and Lydia left last Monday afternoon for Stout where they will visit several days at the Rev. Reeverts home and also attend the Bible Conference being held at Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, this week.

The Cemetery Society will meet with Mrs. Joe Smith on Tuesday, August 14th for the regular meeting. All are invited to attend.

A. E. Muller and wife, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. S. Hulsebus motored to Cedar Falls last Sunday to attend the Bible Conference which began its session that day. On Monday they visited friends at Cedar Falls and the former made a short business trip to Waterloo, all returning home that evening.

August Guth and daughters, Miss Irene and Mrs. L. Foss, and Miss Mildred Gealow were Mason City callers last Monday afternoon.

G. E. Raecker went to Mason City on No. 16 Monday afternoon, returning in the evening with a new Chevrolet car.

Misses Mary Becker and Mary Haas, of Fort Dodge, returned to their home last Sunday after a week's visit at the Unferferth home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harm Groen and younger children visited his brother Crist and family in Belmond last Sunday afternoon.

Geo. Sundlinger, of Fort Dodge arrived Sunday for a short visit with his children who are spending the summer with their grandmother Unferferth.

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ROWAN NEWS

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Rowan Methodist Church

"The Church is the State's hope of stability. As an act of patriotism come to church."

Class meeting at 9:30 a. m. The place to start the Sabbath right.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. The hope of the church. Bring the children and the good will be many fold.

Morning worship at 11 a. m. The theme: "The Man of Sorrow."

Epworth League at 7 p. m. Lorine Liming, leader.

No evening preaching at our church The pastor speaks at the union services at the Congregational church.

Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30. A hearty welcome for all at all our services.

A telephone has been installed in the pastor's study at the Methodist church. The number is 45, the same as the parsonage.

Plans are being made to build a new Methodist parsonage. The house will be built modern and two stories.

The Azeltine Brothers have purchased a threshing machine, which they will use with their engine.

Mrs. Mary Braden spent several days of last week at the J. E. Baines home near Dows.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. French departed Monday by auto for Wadena, Minn., to visit Mr. French's brother Eugene. They expect to visit several other places before returning.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Boyington and baby from Mason City spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Boyington.

Prof. Holliday and family returned from their eastern trip last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Arbright and son Lloyd and Mrs. Mary Beck, from Polo, Ill., visited at Mrs. Ina Stumphs last Thursday. Mrs. Arbright is a great aunt of Mrs. Stumph.

For Sale—1921 Ford Touring; 1923 4-door Ford Sedan; 1923 2-door Sedan. Several other cars at reasonable prices. —Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond, Iowa.

About 46 of the members of the Azeltine family enjoyed a family reunion and picnic at the Community Park near Dows last Sunday after church, in honor of their cousins, Frank Gage and family, and also A. J. Azeltine, the occasion being his 84th birthday.

Word from Mrs. F. B. Sheldon states that they had arrived last Monday in Wenatche, Wash., where they expect to remain for an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. Carl Hadley, and family.

For Sale—Two Tractors, with plows. Priced right.—Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond, Iowa. 35tfc

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Fowler have left Sioux Falls and gone up to Iroquois, S. D., to look after their farm interests. Miss Esther is staying with her sister, Mrs. Levi Johnson, at Sioux Falls.

Roy Cupp left Monday for Otho, where he has a job with the gravel gang.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Krugg and family from Dixon, Ill., arrived last Wednesday for several days' visit at the James Langdon home.

Miss Alberta Peters of Highmore, S. D., arrived last week for a visit with her grandmother, Mrs. Esther Andrews, and other relatives.

Bernard Stumph went to Clarion last Friday to visit his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs Homer Parliman who have been visiting relatives here for several weeks, returned Sunday evening to their home at Minneapolis.

Several of the ladies of the W. C. T. U. are planning to attend an all-day Wright county convention at the Presbyterian church Thursday of this week.

Dr. Hornel Hart of the Iowa State University will speak along child welfare lines in the afternoon. This will be a lecture well worth hearing. There are other interesting items on the program. Dinner and supper will be served by the Clarion ladies.

All boys between the ages of 12 and 18 who are interested in Boy Scout work were asked to meet in Rev. Osborne's study at the M. E. church for the purpose of organizing a Boy Scout troop. Mr. Osborne has had considerable experience along this line, and will make a success of the work if possible.

The George Stephens family from Dexter came last Tuesday for a visit with their relatives here. Rev. Stephens is taking a two weeks vacation from his duties.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Virden, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Emerson and family left Friday to attend a religious conference of the Congregational church.

The Girl Scouts of Clarion are camping this week in the woods on the property belonging to C. W. Fowler.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Brooks Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mantle were Hampton callers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Butterfield from Long Beach, and Miss Wallace from Minneapolis, visited last week at the D. E. Harris home.

Pete Mathiason and family from Coulter, Lee Sellers and family from near Dows, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. McCallum, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCallum, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Gates, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sellers and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McCallum and Mr. and Mrs. Walter McCallum enjoyed a picnic supper in the Wm. Steffens grove last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. E. Richards of Alexander visitedj at the Chas. and Ed. Richards homes last week.

Our new barber Chas. Scott, moved his family into the house vacated by L. W. McCallum last Thursday. Mr. Scott comes to Rowan well reccomended, having been employed recently in the barber shop at Belmond.

Miss Nellie Hackley came up from Dows, Thursday to spend the day with her home folks.

L. W. McCallum and family and his brother Donald departedj Thursday for the we t. They expect to make their home in Pasedena, where Mr. McCallum has employment in a barber shop.

The Wm. Duffy family returned from their Kansas trip last week.

Mrs. Henry Cowley and her two daughters of LaPorte City, arrived last Thursday for a visit with the A. F. Cowley family and with other old time friends.

Mrs. J. McAlpin of Mason City visited her son, J. J. McAlpin, and family last week.

Word received from Sheridan, Wyoming, last Friday stated that the one day old babe born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hammond had passed away Mrs. Hammond will be remembered as Miss Carrie Hiams.

W. H. Bingham and wife, daughter Faye, and Miss Ruth Dailey spent Thursday at the Diltz home at Webster City.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Gates, Mr. and Mrs. Walter McCallum went to Fort Dodge where the latter took the train for Sioux City where they expect to visit with friends until Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCallum and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McCallum plan to meet them at Omaha and the three families plan to leave at that time for their future home at Pasadena, Cal. Willard McCallum is taking his wife west hoping that her health may be benefited by the change in climate. We are very sorry to lose these people from our midst, but we extend our heartiest good wishes to them in their new location.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gage and daughter arrived Friday from Sioux Falls, S. D., to visit the Azeltines, who are cousins. They came from Rochester, Minn., and Cedar Falls, and were enroute to their home at Sioux Falls.

Mrs. Dan Bangs came up from Dows, Thursday, and spent the day at the Wm. Bailey, Sr., home. Mr. and Mrs. Bangs are back from California on a visit.

Miss Florence Gordon, at one time "hello girl" in the Rowan office, and now chief operator at Dows, called at the office here last Friday.

Virgil and Howard Colton of LaMonte, nephews of Bert Pelly's, dropped in at the Pelly home on last Thursday. They were on the way to Sioux Center to haul gravel.

Mrs. Floyd Whitten was an Alexander caller Monday afternoon.

Theo. Hansen and family returned Sunday from a week's vacation in Minnesota. They were at Minnehaha Falls and other places of interest.

At this week end the Rietz families are planning to attend a family reunion and the 80th birthday anniversary of Mrs. August Hartwig at Meservey. Mrs. Hartwig and Mrs. Henry Rietz are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Harm Brinkman and children of Latimer were Sunday visitors at the H. J. Whitten home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Keith, Margaret and Miss Hazel Utz drove to Goldfield Sunday afternoon to see Mrs. Keith's sister, Mrs. Andrew McCutcheon, who is seriously ill.

Mrs. Ina Stumph and Garnette, Mr and Mrs. Edgar Mantle were Sunday visitors at the J. E. Miller home in Clarion.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Fletcher and two children stopped at the Cliff Stefens home Sunday on their way to Bruce, Wis., to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Fletcher.

The Sheldons are reported to be enjoying the trip to the coast, but had to make some stops on account of the rains. The roads for the most part were good but somewhat rough Montana. Among the things of interest on the way was a combined thresher and sacker in the wheat fields of the Big Bend wheat country. The wheat was reported to be going from 40 to 60 bushels per acre.

ROWAN VISITED BY THIEVES

Some time Saturday night, or rather Sunday morning, thieves entered the D. W. Whitten general store, the drug store, post office, the hardware store, Fred Hackley general store, the garage and the Standard Oil tank station. They seemed to be strong for cash, as very little stock was taken. The cash amounted to somewhere around $40 or $50. At the Whitten store three pieces of silk and some men's silk hose were taken, and at the Hackley store a pair of men's oxfords were missed. The oil station probably yielded gasolene enough to fill their car.

A LITTLE OF BOTH

"Jack is perfectly devoted to that blonde. His family thinks it is a case of hypnotism."

"Huh! Seems to me more like chemical attraction."

ALEXANDER NEWS

Charlie Hansen was a Hampton caller last Saturday.

Miss Esther Larsen left last week for Estherville where she has accepted a position as telephone operator at that place.

Arthur Winwood was a business caller at Hampton on Saturday.

Miss Charity Hansen of Hampton visited at the home of her brother, Charley, the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jelto Pals were visitors at Hampton on Monday.

John F Bell was a business caller at Hampton, Monday.

Mrs. W. G. Schanke and children, Bobbie, Wilkie and Jean Marie, from Minneapolis, are visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. C. R. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Beenen were callers at Hampton last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell and daughter Miss Jessie were Belmond callers Thursday.

Leonard Arends was a business caller at Belmond last Thursday.

NOTICE!

My office will be closed for two weeks, beginning Monday, July 30.—Dr. L. R. Parsons, Belmond.

George D. Pals and daughter, Miss Jennie, of near Belmond, were callers in town Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claas Symens were Belmond visitors Monday.

Mrs. Oscar Hensel and sons Carrol and Donald, visited with relatives at Webster City several days the past week.

Mrs. Henry Polmateer and children were Belmond callers last Saturday.

For Sale—Two Tractors, with plows. Priced right.—Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond, Iowa. 35tfc

Mr. and Mrs. Hilko Pals and son Ormal, Mr. and Mrs. Class Symens and Miss Susie Schulte visited with relatives at Greene last Sunday.

H. J. Bohlen and son Norman were business callers at Hampton on Saturday.

For Sale—1921 Ford Touring; 1923 4-door Ford Sedan; 1923 2-door Sedan. Several other cars at reasonable prices. —Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Polmateer and children were Sunday visitors at Iowa Falls.

Dick Schmidt had the misfortune of spraining his ankle very severely while wrestling last Monday afternoon.

1921 Ford Coupe for sale.—Belmond Motor Sales Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Claas Symens were callers at Latimer on Monday afternoon.

GOODELL NEWS

1921 Ford Coupe for sale.—Belmond Motor Sales Co.

Miss Clara Johnson returned home Wednesday from a visit with her sisters in Minnesota.

Miss Mary Sullivan returned home Friday from Des Moines, where she spent three weeks with her brother and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schlichting and Bill Tell spent Sunday at the Sandberg home.

Miss Maude Griggs spent a few days at the Jewel Cook home, helping Mrs. Cook with the housework.

Miss Eliza Cashman is spending some time in Hayfield caring for her farm interests.

The Matson family autoed to Ames Friday.

C. H. Tomkins and family of Garner drove thru our city Sunday afternoon.

The John Hughes family from Garner spent Sunday afternoon with relatives and friends here.

Mr. ad Mrs. Lewis Johnson are at New Richland, Minn., visiting their three daughters.

The Kenseth and Bier families were Sunday guests at the Avery home.

Mr. Matson and son were at Garner having dental work done last week.

Rev. H. T. Miller left for Holloway, Minn., Wednesday evening, to spend a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Benson from Kanawha spent Sunday afternoon at the Sandberg home.

Mrs. Albert Whitaker returned to her home in Garner, Saturday.

Morris Ahrenkeil, who has spent a week with his grandmother in this place, returned to his home Sunday.

John Miller spent several days at the Okrueg farm during the threshing season.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hanson from Hartland, Minn., Mrs. Eric Hanson and two children of Vinett, Montana, visited Sunday at the Sandberg home.

The ladies of the Missionary society enjoyed a quiet picnic on the school grounds Friday afternoon. A few visitors present, and all report a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Houghton, Sundayed in Goodell.

The Conwell family and Mrs. T. R. Burgess autoed to Mason City Thursday.

Earl Clark spent Sunday with his family.

Mrs. Christensen, who has improved very much, returned with her daughter, Miss Hughes, of Garner.

Ethel Hughes returned to her home in Garner Sunday, after spending a week at the Louise Ahrenkeil home.

Mr. and Mrs. Donahue of Lakota are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Finn.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Butts, daughter Bernice and son Edward were Goodell callers Thursday.

Mrs. Amos Hanson and Miss Edith Sandberg drove to Garner, Thursday where the former is having dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCorkle from Kanawha Sundayed at the Graeber home.

Harvey Hubbard, Selwyn Houghton Louisa Mason and Edith Halfpop autoed to Cedar Falls to visit Margaret Kearney, who is attending summer school there.

Tony Boller and wife. Harvey Christensen and family drove to Clear Lake. Sunday.

Otto Kemp and family of Fort Dodge are visiting at the Will Schlichting home.

A large crowd enjoyed the free movies Saturday evening.

Ed. Mellum spent Sunday with his family.

Mrs. Iva Tracy is at her mother's home, Mrs. Archie Christie, during her mother's absence.

The Missionary program was well rendered at the U. B. church Sunday morning, the pastor being absent.

The farmers are very busy with threshing, and a good crop is being reported.

The many friends of the A. C. Carpenter family are hearing of their fine trip and sight seeing in Wisconsin and other localities.

A FIVE DOLLAR BILL

Crinkle, crinkle, little bill,
Goodness, gracious, you look ill.
Are you losing all your power?
You seem weaker every hour.
"Now that prices are so high
I'm so tired that I could die.
I just circulate all day,
No one dares put me away.
When the evening board is set
With the fruit of father's sweat
My small voice is hushed and still.
I am in the butcher's till.
And no matter where I go
People disregard me so.
I don't seem to count for much
Mong'st the profiteers and such."
Bill, take heart, your day may change,
I'll admit the times are strange.
Tho you're weak, I love you still,
Crinkle, crinkle, little bill.
—Selected.

When you think you are becoming great it is time to take heroic measures to prevent shrinking.

He who gets rich quick is apt to go broke in a hurry.

No man approves of flirting—unless he's in the deal.

Your friend will smile if you let your money talk.

Money may help the man who helps himself.

No man is so illiterate that he can not teach others something.

Before raising the dust with a touring car it is necessary to raise the "dust" for one.

Marriage often means dollars for a woman and doughnuts for the poor man.

USCO Users Stick

United States Tires are Good Tires

YOU can switch ordinary tire buyers from brand to brand.

But try to switch an Usco user. He *knows*. Usco Fabrics settle the tire question wherever they are tried.

Built to absorb punishment —*and they do.*

The big, rugged Usco Fabric is honest all the way through—no bargain streaks under the surface.

At the new prices especially—they are a great money's worth.

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Jones Harness Company

Belmond, Iowa

Harvest Time, Blistering Heat—

IT is in these times of pressure that the farmer thanks his lucky stars he chose an Allis-Chalmers tractor!

For in the Allis-Chalmers you find the ability to work as efficiently in hot weather as in the dead of winter! An oversize copper fin-and-tube type radiator positively prevents overheating, even though motor be held at full-rated horse power, hour after hour.

Cuts 40 Acres in 10-Hour Day

Hitched to two 8-foot binders, the A-C 15-25 holds a steady four-acres-an-hour gait. You forget about the weather—take the field and cut before the grain is over-ripe. The Allis-Chalmers water air-washer always gives plenty of cool, moist air—keeps the motor running smoothly even on scorching, dust-heavy days.

Operates 24-Inch Separator

Irregular feeding, matted bundles—of course you need an Allis-Chalmers tractor with its tremendous reserve! Equipped with automobile-type steering, the A-C 15-25 can be easily "lined-up" for belt work. Should it be necessary to stop thresher for a moment you don't have to "throw the belt"—just disengage the pulley clutch and motor runs idle.

The A-C 15-25 motor holds a constant speed, too. As the load varies, an automatic governor advances or retards the throttle—keeps belt travel the same at all times.

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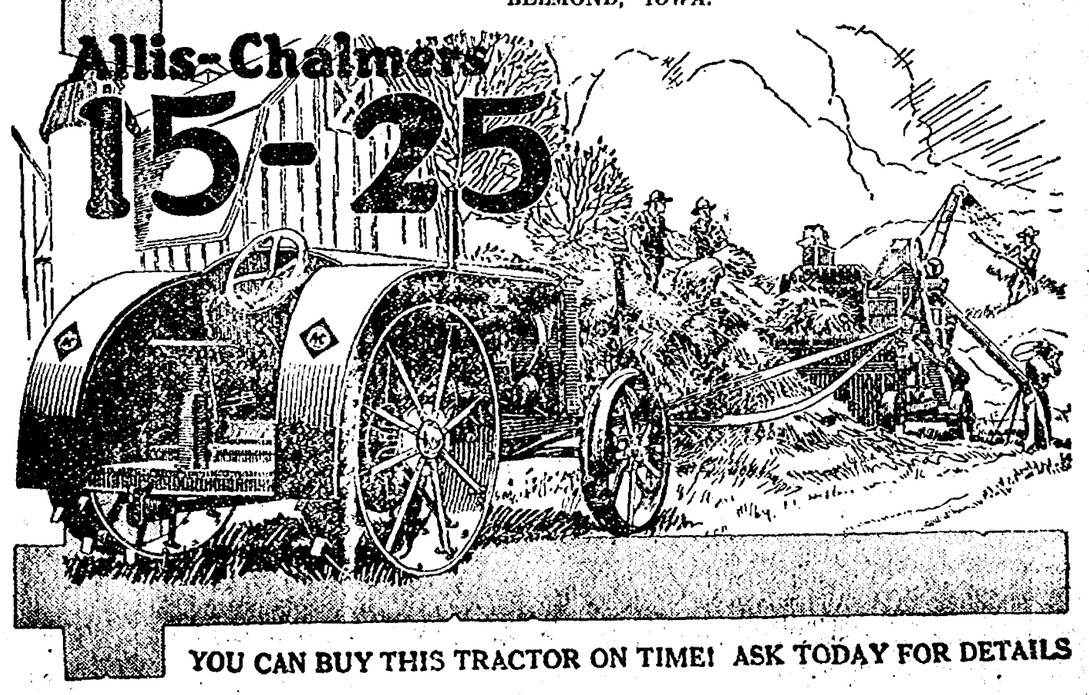

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NOW NATION'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE

COOLIDGE TAKES OATH OF OFFICE

Sworn In by Father at His Home in Vermont.

GOES AT ONCE TO CAPITAL

Statement Issued Indicates That Present Cabinet Will Be Asked to Retain Office—Has Short Conference With Leaders.

Washington, Aug. 3.—Calvin Coolidge took the oath as President of the United States at Plymouth, Vt., at 2:47 a. m. today.

The ceremony took place in the living room of the residence of the new President's father, John C. Coolidge.

The oath of office was administered by the father, who is a notary public.

The text of the presidential oath had been telephoned to Mr. Coolidge at Plymouth from the White House.

How Coolidge Received News.

Plymouth, Vt., Aug. 3.—President Calvin Coolidge received the news of the death of President Harding and of his own elevation to the presidency at ten minutes before midnight, standard time.

Mr. Coolidge received the first news through telegrams from George C. Christian, Jr., secretary to President Harding, and from the New York Times, whose telegram reached him at the same moment as the notification from Mr. Christian.

Statement by New Chief.

Mr. Coolidge issued the following statement:

"Reports have reached me, which I fear are correct, that President Harding is gone. The world has lost a good man. I mourn his loss. He was my chief and my friend. It will be my purpose to carry out the policies which he has begun for the service of the American people and for meeting their responsibilities wherever they may arise.

"For this purpose, I shall seek the co-operation of all those who have been associated with the President during his term of office. Those who have given their efforts to assist him I wish to remain in office, that they may assist me.

"I have faith that God will direct the destinies of our nation."

The following telegram was sent to Mrs. Harding:

"Plymouth, Vt., Aug. 3, 1923.

"Mrs. Warren G. Harding, San Francisco, Cal.: We offer you our depest sympathy. May God bless you and keep you.

"CALVIN COOLIDGE,
"GRACE COOLIDGE."

PRESIDENT AT WASHINGTON.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Calvin Coolidge grasped the helm of the ship of state as it fell from the lifeless hand of his captain, Warren G. Harding. Quietly he took upon himself the duties of pilot.

Up practically all night after receiving the news of his chief's sudden death, he had taken the oath to perform the duties of the thirtieth President of the United States.

Visits Mother's Grave.

Then a visit to his mother's grave and he was off to Washington. He arrived in the capital, after an all-day journey, at 9:10 p. m., accompanied by Mrs. Coolidge, to be met at the railway station by an official party including Secretary of State Hughes and Postmaster General New. Before retiring he conferred with Secretary Hughes and Senator Curtis of Kansas, Republican whip.

The new Chief Executive intends to remain in Washington until the body of Mr. Harding arrives from San Francisco Tuesday, and go to Marion, Ohio, for the burial.

President Coolidge went directly to his suite in the Willard Hotel, where he and Mrs. Coolidge will remain until Mrs. Harding, at her convenience, moves from the White House.

MILESTONES IN LIFE OF CALVIN COOLIDGE, 30TH U. S. PRESIDENT

Born July 4, 1872, at Plymouth, Vermont.

Graduated from Amherst college, 1895. Studied law at Northampton, Mass.

Married Grace A. Goodhue, Burlington, Vt., 1905.

Councilman of Northampton; city solicitor; clerk of courts; chairman Republican city committee, 1899 to 1904.

Member General Court of Massachusetts, 1907-'08.

Mayor of Northampton, 1910-'11.

Member of state senate, 1912-'15. President of senate, 1914-'15.

Lieutenant governor of Massachusetts, 1916-'17-'18.

Governor of Massachusetts, 1919-'20.

Elected vice president of United States, 1920.

Harding Fifth President to Be Buried in Ohio

Washington, Aug. 4. — President Harding is the fifth Chief Executive whose body has found a last resting place in the soil of Ohio.

William Henry Harrison, the ninth President, was the first to be buried in that state, interment being made at North Bend. Hayes was buried at Fremont; Garfield at Cleveland, and McKinley at Canton.

Four of the five died in office, Garfield and McKinley falling before assassins' bullets and Harrison dying from bilious pleurisy after serving only one month of his term.

HUMAN NATURE

Omar—Fifteen Indianapolis mothers agreed to decide by ballot which had the handsomest baby.

Heiny—What was the result?

Omar—Each baby got one vote.

IMPORTANT NEWS ITEMS

Oil refiners meeting at Kansas City refused to take concerted action to close down plants.

The German newspapers are asking insistently why the United States cannot be induced to send its surplus grain to Germany on easy terms.

The former crown princess of Germany traveled from Holland after a visit with her exiled husband, in a crowded train compartment.

The Navy department announced that Yerba Buena island (known as Goat island) has been abandoned as a training station for naval recruits.

Additional equipment which will total nearly $1,000,000 is being installed in the Standard Oil company plant at Whiting, Ind.

Diamonds valued at $80,000 were stolen from a safe on the steamship Boswell of the Lamport & Holt line, which arrived at New York from South America.

A terrific wind and rain storm did damage of about $75,000 near Glendale, Ariz. Crops were leveled, buildings demolished and trees, telephone poles and telegraph poles torn down.

J. P. Morgan & Co. announced that a $20,000,000 Swiss loan would be floated in this country. A public offering of three-year notes has been made.

High winds fanned the fire which has covered more than 2,500 acres near the Magee ranger station, Idaho. Lightning is believed to have caused the blaze.

French troops occupied five coal mines in the town of Dortsfeld. The miners immediately quit work and the French forbade them to re-enter the premises.

The United States must recognize the Russian government if peace is to be established in Europe, Senator Borah said in an address at Twin Falls, Idaho.

Prison sentences ranging up to life imprisonment were imposed upon four Germans by the French court-martial at Werden for listening in on French military telephone lines.

Two hundred cases of choice cognac valued at $40,000, were confiscated at New York when the crew of the coast guard cutter Seminole took into custody the speedster Martha II a 40-foot motor launch.

The Farmers and Merchants' bank of Tolu, Ky., was destroyed by fire after yeggmen blew up the vault doors and escaped with loot thought to aggregate $20,000 in cash and Liberty bonds.

Farm lands and property in Illinois and all territory west of the Mississippi increased in value by approximately $44,000,000,000 during the last twenty years, according to figures published by the Railway Age.

A cloudburst and electrical storm, during which 7.26 inches of rain fell, caused thousands of dollars' worth of damage in Richmond, Va., and vicinity. The water reached a depth of fifteen feet. Many persons were rendered homeless.

Alfred Merian, Jr., of New York and his chum, Gaston Dallendsch of Switzerland, who lost their way on Mount Katahdin, Maine, were found near the monument of stones at the highest peak of the mountain, in fair physical condition.

DRIVE ON, JAMES!

The Ford taxi suddenly came to a halt in the middle of the street.

"What's the matter?" called the man on the back seat.

"I thought the young lady said 'stop'", answered the chauffeur.

"Well, she wasn't speaking to you, was she?"

Wise is he who selects an obedient daughter of a good mother for his wife.

SAYS IOWA COURTS TOO EASY ON BOOTLEGGERS

"Iowa's courts seem to be much more lenient with the violator of the prohibition law than are the courts of many of the states further west," declared William L. Wade, former superintendent of the Iowa League in a statement in which he compared Iowa Officials unfavorably with Wyaming law enforcers.

"The solution of a dangerous prohibition enforcement situation in Iowa rests in heavy jail and penitentiary sentences," says Sup't. Wade.

Wade calls attention to the fact that in Iowa the sentence for bootlegging is often a light fine while in Wyoming and other western states $200 is the minimum sentence for first offenses with possibilities of a term in prison. For second and all subsequent offenses jail sentences are compulsory. The Federal judge at Chyenne habitually imposes one year and one day in the Federal penitentiary on all second offenders. As a result liquor law violation is much less flagrant in Wyoming than in Iowa according to Wade's observation.

"I think the time should arrive when Iowa should recognize that bootlegging is as bad as any other crime and that its extermination rests in jail and penitentiary sentences for bootleggers.

"Personally I am in favor of generous jail sentences with sufficient extra fine to cover all expenses of prosecution. I am also in favor of punishing the purchaser as well as the bootlegger. He is no less an offender. With no demand there can be no supply."

Wade, who became superintendent of the Iowa League July 1 returns on September 1 to the superintendency of the combined Anti-Saloon leagues of Wyoming and Montana. His resignation from the Iowa post was made necessary by the illness of his daughter who is advised by physicians to make her home in a western climate.

GOVERNMENT MARKET REPORT

Washington.—For the week ending Aug. 2.—FRUITS AND VEGETABLES—Virginia and Maryland Irish cobbler potatoes, $5.00@5.75 per bbl. in city markets, $4.65@4.85 f. o. b. usual terms; Kentucky sacked Irish cobblers, $2.65@3.00 in midwestern cities. Georgia, North and South Carolina Tom Watson watermelons, 22-30-lb. average, $200.00@400.00 bulk per car, $115.00@350.00 f. o. b. cash track; Texas stock, $340.00@360.00 at Chicago. North Carolina cantaloupes, standard 45's, green meats, $2.25@2.50 few city markets. Georgia peaches, Elbertas and Belles, $2.25@3.25 per 6-basket carrier, reaching $3.50 in midwestern markets, $2.25@2.75 f. o. b. usual terms.

LIVE STOCK—Chicago prices: Hogs, top, $8.15; bulk of sales, $8.60@8.00; medium and good beef steers, $8.25@11.25; butcher cows and heifers, $3.50@10.50; feeder steers, $4.15@8.00; light and medium weight veal calves, $9.50@11.50; fat lambs, $10.50@13.00; feeding lambs, $10.50@12.50; yearlings, $7.75@11.00; fat ewes, $3.50@7.50.

HAY—No. 1 timothy, $20.00 Cincinnati, $21.00 Chicago, $17.00 Minneapolis, $18.50 St. Louis; No. 1 prairie, $14.50 Minneapolis, $15.50 St. Louis, $10.75 Kansas City; No. 1 alfalfa, $20.50 Kansas City.

FEED—Minneapolis bran $20.00; middlings, $25.00; flour middlings, $28.50; red-dog, $32.00; gluten feed, $31.15 Chicago; white hominy feed, $31.00 St. Louis, $32.00 Chicago; 32 per cent linseed meal, $42.00 Minneapolis.

GRAIN—Chicago cash market: No. 2 red wintor wheat, 99c; No. 2 hard winter wheat, 95c; No. 2 mixed corn, 87c; No. 2 yellow corn, 88c; No. 3 white oats, 33c. Average farm prices: No. 2 mixed corn in central Iowa, 75c; No. 2 hard winter wheat in central Kansas, 78c; No. 1 dark northern wheat in central North Dakota, 92c.

DAIRY PRODUCTS—Butter, 92 score, 41½c Chicago. Cheese prices at Wisconsin primary markets: Flats, 21¼c; single dai ies, 21¼c; double daisies, 21c; young Americas, 23¼c; longhorns, 22¾c square prints, 23c.

WELCOME STRANGER

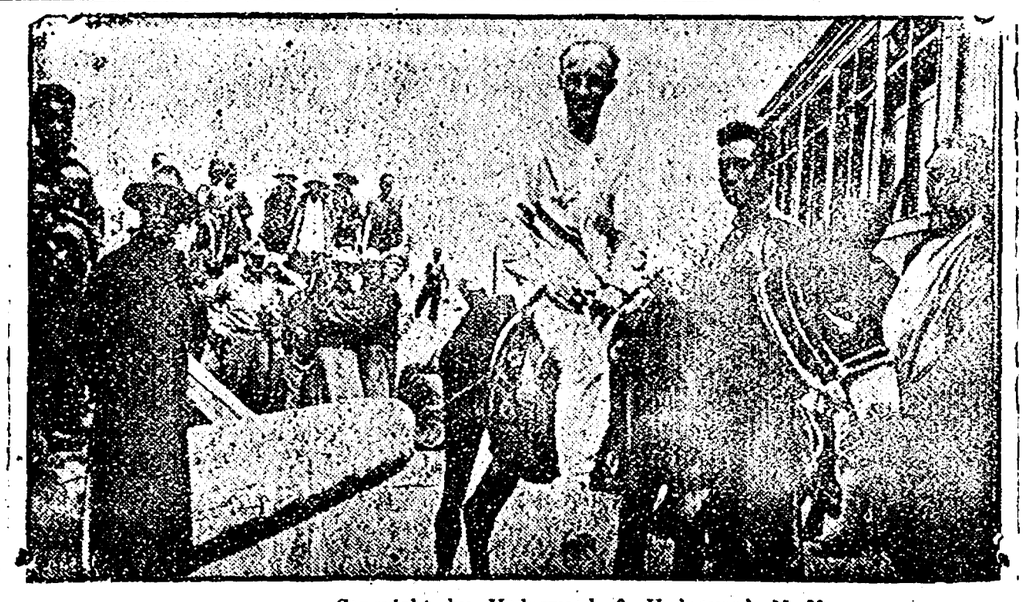
The Nurse—A little boy has just arrived.

The Father (who is an absent-minded office manager)—Take his name and address and put him to work at once. We need help badly.

A TEAR STOPPER

Bride: "Oh, Jerry boy, I made you the necest chicken pie today, and the cat ate it."

Hubby: "There, there, Queenie dear, don't cry. I'll get you another cat."



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JEROME A. HENLEY ARRIVING AT RELIEF CAMP AFTER CHINESE BANDIT STRUGGLE.

An unusual photo of the bandit region in China, showing Jerome A. Henley, and American captive, on his arrival at the relief camp after the struggle to free himself from Chinese bandits. The man holding the donkey is a brigand guide and the other Chinese was a captive who had obtained his freedom.

Kinseth's Store News

Now is the time to get your peaches to can. We have them, the best on the market for canning. And the sugar too. So be sure to see us when you get ready to can.

—K—

That Peerless flour at $1.78 for a 49 pound sack is an honest to goodness bargain, and you certainly should take advantage of it. It is a real bread flour, as good for all kinds of pastries, and every sack is guaranteed.

—K—

Men's dress hose, brown and black are a special this week at 18 cents.

—K—

And ladies' hose at 18 cents too.

Then there are men's army socks which are really wool at only 30c a pair. Army blankets for $3.95, and Navy blankets of the heavy kind at $4.75. It isn't cold yet, but it is going to be, so why not get a pair now while the price is so low?

—K—

Of course we have all kinds of the best groceries, at prices that are in reason. When you need anything to eat this is the place to get them, because this is the place to learn how to be a wise one. You should do it for goodness' sake.

—K—

We're open every evening. Follow the crowds to the Store on the Corner.

Your Red Crown Guarantee

When you see a Red Crown Sign—no matter where—you may be sure that only Red Crown Gasoline flows from that particular pump.

The Standard Oil Company (Indiana) is very proud of the quality and uniformity of Red Crown Gasoline.

Red Crown has won its way against the field. The man at home uses it and the tourist demands it.

Red Crown Gasoline Everywhere and Everywhere the Same

It starts instantly; it enables your car to get away quickly; to pick up smoothly without effort; it delivers to your rear wheels all the power your engine can develop—and tremendous speed, for Red Crown is fast gas.

Look for the Red Crown Sign.

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The BRANDING IRON

by Katharine Newlin Burt

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Next to the impulses to satisfy hunger and thirst, and to rest when tired, the most elemental is to possess something; to acquire property. With possession comes the thought of protecting and so marking the property as to distinguish it from that belonging to others. The branding iron is only an improvement upon crude methods of marking in vogue since the beginnings of the human race. The brand has been put to many strange uses in its history, but in all probability, never to such an unusual one as forms the chief incident in this story.

This is a romance of the cattle country which presents to mind very vividly the natural characteristics and strong human types of that section. Primarily it is a love story in which the passions of virile, strong-willed, danger-defying people are realistically and powerfully revealed. Jealousy and revenge work havoc in the lives of certain of these people, who ultimately are redeemed by the effects of a great purifying love.

Katharine Newlin Burt is an authoress born in the state of New York, who has had much experience of the West and who finds great inspiration for her work in the life and characters of that region. Her novels are vigorous, but she does not treat so much of the adventurous side of western existence as do other writers. She deals more directly with the people themselves and evolves powerful stories out of their problems and their loves. Besides "The Branding Iron," her best known books are "Hidden Creek," "The Red Lady" and "Snow Blind." There are few writers who equal her in ability to make readers feel the emotions of her characters and the effects of life spent in close conjunction with wild nature.

Book One: The Two-Bar Brand

CHAPTER I

Joan Reads by Firelight.

There is no silence so fearful, so breathless, so searching as the night silence of a wild country buried five feet deep in snow. For thirty miles or so, north, south, east and west of the small, half-smothered speck of gold in Pierre Landis' cabin window, there lay, on a certain December night, this silence, bathed in moonlight. The cold was intense: below the bench where Pierre's homestead lay there rose from the twisted, rapid river a cloud of steam above which the hoar-frosted tops of cottonwood trees were perfectly distinct, trunk, branch and twig, against a sky the color of iris petals. The stars flared brilliantly, hardly dimmed by the full moon, and over the vast surface of the snow minute crystals kept up a steady shining of their own. The range of sharp, wind-scraped mountains, uplifted fourteen thousand feet, rode across the country, northeast, southwest, dazzling in white armor, spears up to the sky, a sight, seen suddenly, to take the breath, like the crashing march of archangels militant.

In the center of this ring of silent crystal Pierre Landis' logs shut in a little square of warm and ruddy human darkness. Joan, his wife, made the heart of this defiant space—Joan, the one mind living in this ghostly area of night. She had put out the lamp, for Pierre, starting townward two days before, had warned her with a certain threatening sharpness not to waste oil, and she lay on the hearth, her rough head almost in the ashes, reading a book by the unsteady light of the flames. She followed the printed lines with a strong, dark forefinger and her lips framed the words with slow, whispering motions. It was a long, strong woman's body stretched there across the floor, heavily if not sluggishly built, dressed rudely in warm stuffs and clumsy boots, and it was a heavy face, too, unlit from within, but built on lines of perfect animal beauty. The head and throat had the massive look of a marble fragment stained to one even tone and dug up from Attic earth. And she was reading thus heavily and slowly, by firelight in the midst of this tremendous northern night, Keats' version of Boccaccio's "Tale of Isabella and the Pot of Basil."

She Followed the Printed Lines With a Strong, Dark Finger.

The story for some reason interested her. She felt that she could understand the love of young Lorenzo and of Isabella, the hatred of those two brothers and Isabella's horrible tenderness for that young murdered head. There were even things in her own life that she compared with those; in fact, at every phrase she stopped, and, staring ahead, crudely and ignorantly visualized, after her own experience, what she had just read; and, in doing so, she pictured her own life.

Her love and Pierre's—her life before Pierre came—to put herself in Isabella's place, she felt back to the days before her love, when she had lived in a desolation of bleak poverty, up and away along Lone river in her father's shack. This log house of Pierre's was a castle by contrast. John Carver and his daughter had shared one room between them; Joan's bed curtained off with gunny-sacking in a corner. She slept on hides and rolled herself up in old dingy patchwork quilts and worn blankets. On winter mornings she would wake covered with the snow that had sifted in between the ill-matched logs. There had been a stove, one leg gone and substituted for by a huge cobblestone; there had been two chairs, a long box, a table, shelves—all rudely made by John; there had been guns and traps and snowshoes, hides, skins, the wings of birds, a couple of fishing-rods—John made his living by legal and illegal trapping and killing. He had looked like a trapped or hunted creature himself, small, furtive, very dark, with long fingers always working over his mouth, a great crooked nose—a hideous man, surely a hideous father. He hardly ever spoke, but sometimes, coming home from the town which he visited several times a year, but to which he had never taken Joan, he would sit down over the stove and go over heavily, for Joan's benefit, the story of his crime and his escape.

Joan always told herself that she would not listen, whatever he said she would stop her ears, but always the story fascinated her, held her, eyes widened on the figure by the stove. He had sat huddled in his chair, gnomelike, his face contorting with the emotions of the story, his own brilliant eyes fixed on the round red mouth of the stove. The reflection of this scarlet circle was hideously noticeable in his pupils.

"A man's a right to kill his woman if she ain't honest with him," so the story began; "if he finds out she's ben trickin' of him, playin' him off fer another man. That was yer mother, gel; she was a bad woman." There followed a coarse and vivid description of her badness and the manner of it. "That kinder thing no man can let pass by in his wife. I found her"—again the rude details of his discovery—"an' I found him, an' I let him go for the white-livered coward he was, but her I killed. I shot her dead after she'd said her prayers an' asked God's mercy on her soul. Then I walked off, but they kotched me an' I was tried. They didn't swing me. Out in them parts they knowed I was in my rights; so the boys held, but 'twas a life sentence. They tuk me by rail down to Dawson an' I give 'em the slip, handcuffs an' all. Perhaps 'twas only a half-hearted chase they made fer me. Some of them fellers mebbe had wives of their own." He always stopped to laugh at this point. "An' I cut off up country till I come to a smithy at the edge of a town. I hung round for a spell till the smith hed gone off an' I got into his place an' rid me of the handcuffs. 'Twas a job, but I wasn't kotched at it an' I made myself free." Followed the story of his wanderings and his hardships and his coming to Lone river and setting out his traps. "In them days there weren't no law ag'in' trappin' beaver. A man could make a honest livin'. Now they've tuk an' made laws ag'in' a man's bread an' butter. I ask ye, if 'tain't wrong on a Tuesday to trap yer beaver, why, 'tain't wrong the follerin' Tuesday. I don't see it, jes becos some fellers back there has made a law ag'in' it to suit themselves. Anyway, the market fer beaver hides is still prime. Mebbe I'll leave you a fortin, gel. I've saved you from badness, anyhow. I risked a lot to go back an' git you, but I done it. You was playin' out in front of yer aunt's house an' I come fer you. You was a three-year-old an' a big youngster. Says I, 'What's yer name?' Says you, 'Joan Carver'; an' I knowed you by yer likeness to her. By G—d! I swore I'd save ya. I tuk you off with me, though you put up a fight an' I hed to use you rough to silence you. 'There ain't a-goin' to be no man in yer life, Joan Carver,' says I; 'you an' yer big eyes is a-goin' to be fer me, to do my work an' to look after my comforts. No pretty boys fer you an' no husbands either to go a-shootin' of you down fer yer sins.'" He shivered and shook his head. "No, here you stays with yer father an' grows up a good gel. There ain't a-goin' to be no man in yer life, Joan."

But youth was stronger than the man's half-crazy will, and when she was seventeen Joan ran away.

She found her way easily enough to the town, for she was wise in the tracks of the wild country, and John's trail townwards, though so rarely used, was to her eyes plain enough; and very coolly she walked into the hotel, past the group of loungers around the stove, and asked at the desk, where Mrs. Upper sat, if she could get a job. Mrs. Upper and the loungers stared, for there were few women in this frontier country and those few were well known. This great, strong girl, heavily graceful in her heavily awkward clothes, bareheaded, shod like a man, her face and throat purely classic, her eyes gray and wide and as secret in expression as an untamed beast's—no one had ever seen the like of her before.

"What's yer name?" asked Mrs. Upper suspiciously. It was Mormon day in the town; there were celebrations and her house was full; she needed extra hands, but where this wild creature was concerned she was doubtful.

"Joan. I'm John Carver's daughter," answered the girl.

At once comprehension dawned; heads were nodded, then craned for a better look. Yes, the town, the whole country even, had heard of John Carver's imprisoned daughter. Sober and drunk, he had boasted of her and of how there was to be "no man" in her life. It was like dangling ripe fruit above the mouths of hungry boys to make such a boast in such a land.

"Your father sent you down here fer a job?" asked Mrs. Upper incredulously.

"No. I come." Joan's grave gaze was unchanging. "I'm tired of it up there. I ain't a-goin' back. I'm most eighteen now an' I kinder want a change."

She had not meant to be funny, but a gust of laughter rattled the room. She shrank back. It was more terrifying to her than any cruelty she had fancied meeting her in the town. These were the men her father had forbidden, these loud-laughing, crinkled faces. She had turned to brave them, a great surge of color in her brows.

"Don't mind the boys, dear," spoke Mrs. Upper. "They will laff, joke or none. We ain't none of us blamin' you. It's a wonder you ain't run off long afore now. I can give you a job an' welcome, but you'll be green an' unhandy. Well, sir, we kin learn ye. You kin turn yer hand to chamber-work an' mebbe help at the table. Maud will show you. But, Joan, what will dad do to you? He'll be takin' after you hot-foot, I reckon, an' be fer gettin' you back home as soon as he can."

Joan did not change her look.

"I'll not be goin' back with him," she said.

Her slow, deep voice, chest notes of a musical vibration, stirred the room. The men were hers and gruffly said so. A sudden warmth enveloped her from heart to foot. She followed Mrs. Upper to the initiation in her service, clothed for the first time in human sympathies.

CHAPTER II

Pierre Lays His Hand on a Heart.

Maud Upper was the first girl of her own age that Joan had ever seen. Joan went in terror of her and Maud knew this and enjoyed her ascendancy over an untamed creature twice her size. There was the crack of a lion-tamer's whip in the tone of her instructions. That was after a day or two. At first Maud had been horribly afraid of Joan. "A wild thing like her, livin' off there in the hills with that man; why, ma, there's no tellin' what she might be doin' to me."

"She won't hurt ye," laughed Mrs. Upper, who had lived in the wilds herself, having been a frontierman's wife before the days even of this frontier town and having married the hotel-keeper as a second venture. She knew that civilization—this rude place being civilization to Joan—would cow the girl, and she knew that Maud's self-assertive buoyancy would frighten the soul of her. Maud was large-hipped, high-bosomed, with a small, round waist much compressed. She taught Joan impatiently and laughed loudly but not unkindly at her ways.

"Gee, she's awkward, ain't she?" she would say to the men; "trail like a bull moose!"

The men grinned, but their eyes followed Joan's movements. As a matter of fact she was not awkward. Through her clumsy clothes, the heaviness of her early youth, in spite of all the fetters of her ignorance, her wonderful long bones and her wonderful strength asserted themselves. And she never hurried. At first this apparent sluggishness infuriated Maud. "Get a gait on ye, Joan Carver!" she would scream above the din of the rough meals, but soon she found that Joan's slow movements accomplished a tremendous amount of work in an amazingly short time. There was no pause in the girl's activity. She poured out her strength as a python pours his, noiselessly, evenly, steadily, no haste, no waste. And the men's eyes brooded upon her.

If Joan had stayed long at Mrs. Upper's, she would have begun inevitably to model herself on Maud, who was, in her eyes, a marvelous thing of beauty. But, just a week after her arrival, there came to the inn Pierre Landis and for Joan began the strange and terrible history of love.

In the lives of most women, of the vast majority, the clatter and clash of housewifery preludé and postlude the spring song of their years. And the rattle of dishes, of busy knives and forks, the quick tapping of Maud's attendant feet, the sound of young and ravenous jaws at work: these sounds were in Joan's bewildered ears, and the sights which they accompanied in her bewildered eyes, just before she heard Pierre's voice, just before she saw his face.

It was dinner hour at the hotel, an hour most dreadful to Joan because of the hurry, the strangeness and the crowd, because of the responsibility of her work, but chiefly because at that hour she expected the appearance of her father. Her eyes were often on the door. It opened to admit the young men, the riders and ranchers who hung up their hats, swaggered with a little jingle of spurs to their chairs; clean-faced, clean-handed, wet-haired, and lifting to the faces of the waiting girls now and again their strange, young, brooding eyes, bold, laughing and afraid, hungry, pathetic, arrogant, as the eyes of young men are, tameless and untamable, but full of the pathos of the untamed. Joan's heart shook a little under their looks, but when Pierre lifted his eyes to her, her heart stood still. She had not seen them following her progress around the room. He had come in late, and finding no place at the long, central table sat apart at a smaller one under a high, uncurtained window. By the time she met his eyes they were charged with light; smoky-blue eyes they were, the iris heavily ringed with black, the pupils dilated a little. For the first time it occurred to Joan, looking down with a still heart into his eyes, that a man might be beautiful. The blood came up from her heart to her face. Her eyes struggled away from his.

"What's yer name, gel?" murmured Pierre.

"Joan Carver."

"You run away from home?" He too had heard of her.

"Yes."

"Will your father be takin' you back?"

"I won't be goin' with him."

She was about to pass on. Pierre cast a swift look about the table—bent heads and busy hands, eyes cast down, ears, he knew, alert. It was a land of few women and of many men. He must leave in the morning early and for months he would not be back. He put out a long, hard hand, caught Joan's wrist and gave it

"Will You Be Comin' Home With Me, Gel?"

a queer, urgent shake, the gesture of an impatient and beseeching child.

"Will you be comin' home with me, gel?" asked Pierre hurriedly.

She looked at him, her lips apart, and she shook her head.

Maud's voice screamed at her from the kitchen door. Pierre let her go. She went on, very white.

She did not sleep at all that night. Her father's face, Pierre's face, looked at her. In the morning Pierre would be gone. She had heard Maud say that the "queer Landis feller would be makin' tracks back to that ranch of his acrost the river." Yes, he would be gone. She might have been going with him. She felt the urgent pressure of his hand on her arm, in her heart. It shook her with such a longing for love, for all the unknown largesse of love, that she cried. The next morning, pale, she came down and went about her work. Pierre was not at breakfast, and she felt a sinking of heart, though she had not known that she had built upon seeing him again. Then, as she stepped out at the back to empty a bucket, there he was!

Not even the beauty of dawn could lend mystery to the hideous, littered yard, untidy as the yards of frontier towns invariably are, to the board fence, to the trampled half-acre of dirt, known as "The Square," and to the ugly frame buildings straggled about it; but it could and did give an unearthly look of blessedness to the bare, gray-brown buttes that ringed the town and a glory to the sky, while upon Pierre, waiting at his pony's head, it shed a magical and tender light. He was dressed in his cowboy's best, a white silk handkerchief knotted under his chin, leather "chaps," bright spurs, a sombrero on his head. His face was grave, excited, wistful. At sight of Joan he moved forward, the pony trailing after him at the full length of its reins; and, stopping before her, Pierre took off the sombrero, slowly stripped the gauntlet from his right hand, and, pressing both hat and glove against his hip with the left hand, held out the free, clean palm to Joan.

"Good-by," said he, "unless—you'll be comin' with me after all?"

Joan felt again that rush of fire to her brows. She took his hand and her fingers closed around it like the frightened, lonely fingers of a little girl. She came near to him and looked up.

"I'll be comin' with you, Pierre," she said, just above her breath.

He shot up a full inch, stiffened, searched her with smoldering eyes, then held her hard against him. "You'll not be sorry, Joan Carver," said he gently and put her away from him. Then, unsmiling, he bade her go in and get her belongings while he got her a horse and told his news to Mrs. Upper.

That ride was dreamlike to Joan. Pierre put her in her saddle and she rode after him across the Square and along a road flanked by the ugly houses of the town.

"Where are we a-goin'?" she asked him timidly.

He stopped at that, turned, and, resting his hand on the cantle of his saddle, smiled at her for the first time.

"Don't you savvy the answer to that question, Joan?"

She shook her head.

The smile faded. "We're goin' to be married," said he sternly, and they rode on.

They were married by the justice, a pleasant, silent fellow, who with western courtesy, asked no more questions than were absolutely needful, and in fifteen minutes Joan mounted her horse again, a ring on the third finger of her left hand.

"Now," said Pierre, standing at her stirrup, his shining, smoke-blue eyes lifted to her, his hand on her boot, "you'll be wantin' some things—some clothes?"

"No," said Joan. "Maud went with me an' helped me buy things with my pay just yesterday. I won't be needin' anything."

"All right," said he. "We're off, then!" And he flung himself with a sudden wild, boyish "Whoopee!" on his pony, gave a clip to Joan's horse and his own, and away they galloped, a pair of young, wild things, out from the town through a straggling street to where the road boldly stretched itself toward a great land of sagebrush, of buttes humping their backs against the brilliant sky. Down the valley they rode, trotting, walking, galloping, till, turning westward, they mounted a sharp slope and came up above the plain. Below, in the heart of the long, narrow valley, the river coiled and wandered, divided and came together again into a swift stream, amongst aspen islands and willow swamps. Beyond this strange, lonely river-bed the cottonwoods began, and, above them, the pine forests massed themselves and strode up the foothills of the gigantic range, that range of iron rocks, sharp, thin and brittle where they scraped the sky.

At the top of the hill, Pierre put out his hand and pulled Joan's rein, drawing her to a stop beside him.

"Over yonder's my ranch," said he.

Joan looked. There was not a sign of house or clearing, but she followed his gesture and nodded.

"Under the mountains?" she said.

"At the foot of Thunder canyon. You can see a gap in the pines. There's a waterfall just above—that white streak. Now you've got it. Where you come from's to the south, away yonder."

Joan would not turn her head. "Yes," said she, "I know."

Suddenly tears rushed to her eyes. She had a moment of unbearable longing and regret. Pierre said nothing; he was not watching her.

"Come on," said he, "or your father will be takin' after us."

They rode at a gallop down the hill.

CHAPTER III

Two Pictures in the Fire.

The period which followed had a quality of breathless, almost unearthly happiness. They were young, savage, simple, and their love, unanalyzed, was as joyous as the loves of animals: joyous with that clear gravity characteristic of the boy and girl. Pierre had been terribly alone before Joan came, and the building-up of his ranch had occupied his mind day and night except now and again, for dreams. Yet he was of a passionate nature. Joan felt in him sometimes a savage possibility of violence. Two incidents of this time blazed themselves especially on her memory: the one, her father's visit, the other, an irrelevant enough picture until after events threw back a glare upon it.

They had been at Pierre's ranch for a fortnight before John Carver found them. Then, one morning, as Pierre opened the door to go out to work, Joan saw a thin, red pony tied to the fence and a small figure walking toward the cabin.

"Pierre, it's father!" she said. And Pierre stopped in his tracks, drew himself up and waited, hands on his cartridge belt.

How mean and old and furtive her father looked in contrast to this beautiful young husband! Joan was entirely unafraid. She leaned against the side of the door and watched, as silent and unconsulted as any squaw, while the two men settled their property rights in her.

"So you've took my gel," said John Carver, stopping a foot or two in front of Pierre, his eyes shifting up and down, one long hand fingering his lips.

Pierre answered courteously, "Some man was bound to hev her, Mr. Carver, soon or late. You can't set your face ag'in' the laws of natur'. Will you be steppin' in? Joan will give you some breakfast."

Carver paid no heed to the invitation. "Hev you married her?" said he.

The blood rose to Pierre's brown face. "Sure I hev."

"Well, sir, you hev married the darter of a—" Carver used a brutal word. "Look out for her. If you see her eyes lookin' an' lookin' at another man, you kin know what's to come." Pierre was white. "I've done with her. She kin never come to me fer bite or bed. Shoot her if you hev to, Pierre Landis, but when she's kotched at her mother's game don't send her back to me. That's all I come to say."

He turned with limber agility and went back to his horse. He was on it and off, galloping madly across the sagebrush flat. Pierre turned and walked into the house past Joan without a word.

She still leaned against the door, but her head was bent.

Presently she went about her housework. Every now and then she shot a wistful look at Pierre. All morning long he sat there, his hands hanging between his knees, his eyes full of a brooding trouble. At noon he shook his head, got up, and, still without word or caress, he strode out and did not come back till dark. Joan suffered heartache and terror. When he came she ran into his arms. He kissed her, seemed quite himself again, and the strange interview was never mentioned by either of them. They were silent people, given to feelings and to action rather than to thoughts and words.

The other memory was of a certain sunset hour when she came at Pierre's call out to the shed he had built at one side of their cabin. Its open side faced the west, and as Joan came her shadow went before her and fell across Pierre at work. The flame of the west gave a weird pallor to the flames over which he bent. He was whistling and hammering at a long piece of iron. Joan came and stood beside him.

Suddenly he straightened up and held in the air a bar of metal, the shaped end white hot. Joan blinked.

"That's our brand, gel," said Pierre. "Don't you fergit it. When I've made

"That's Our Brand, Gel," Said Pierre. "Don't You Fergit It."

my fortune there'll be stock all over the country marked with them two bars. That'll be famous—the Two-Bar brand. Don't you fergit it, Joan."

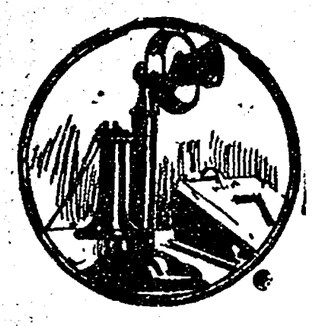
And he brought the white iron close so that she felt its heat on her face and drew back, flinching. He laughed, let it fall, and kissed her. Joan was very glad and proud.

CHAPTER IV

The Sin-Buster.

In the fall, when the whole country had turned to a great cup of gold, purple-rimmed under the sky, Pierre went out into the hills after his winter meat. Joan was left alone. She spent her time cleaning and arranging the two-room cabin and tidying up outdoors, and in "grubbing sagebrush," a gigantic task, for the one hundred and fifty acres of Pierre's homestead were covered for the most part by the sturdy, spicy growth, and every bush had to be dug out and burnt to clear the way for plowing and planting. Joan worked with the deliberateness and intentness of a man. She enjoyed the wholesome drudgery. She was proud every sundown of the little clearing she had made, and stood, tired and content, to watch the piled brush burn, sending up aromatic smoke and curious, dull flames very high into the still air.

She was so standing, hands folded on her rake, when, on the other side of her conflagration, she perceived a man. He was steadily regarding her, and when her eyes fell upon him, he smiled and stepped forward—a tall, broad, very fair young man in a shooting coat, khaki riding-breeches and puttees. He had a wide brow, clear blue eyes and an eager, sensitive, clean-shaven mouth and chin. He held out a big white hand.



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LOCALS

For Sale—A 14 in. P & O gang plow, in good condition. All complete with 5-horse hitch. Phone 3318. 38tfc.

Mrs. George Norris, Jr., has been laid up the past week or so with a sprained ankle.

Mr. O. H. Thompson, wife and daughter, of Ottowa, Ill., are visiting at the Wm. Rabey home. Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Rabey are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Baker and family motored to Manly, Sunday, to visit friends.

Mrs. E. J. Baker, Mrs. T. E. Bayliss, Mrs. Harry Larson, Miss Della Bayliss and Miss Alphia Bayliss were recent Mason City shoppers.

Mrs. Orville N. Cook and daughter Margie of Kanawha were in town last week, enroute to Fort Dodge where they were called by the serious illness of Mrs. Cook's father.

NOTICE!

My office will be closed for two weeks, beginning Monday, July 30.—Dr. L. R. Parsons.

Mrs. Chris Enger returned Wednesday of last week from Minot, North Dakota, where she has been visiting relatives and friends for the past two months.

M. J. Thoe and father left last Thursday morning by car on a trip to South Dakota and North Dakota to look after farming interests. They will be gone about a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe White drove to Ames, Sunday, and spent the day with relatives. Monday morning they drove to Boone to view the funeral train.

The free school held last Friday evening at the Nordschow garage by Johnson & Wright, attracted quite an attendance and is reported to have been good.

AUTO DRIVERS NOTICE!

All automobiles hereafter must have head and tail lights according to law, and cut out closed inside the city limits.

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For Gasoline, Kerosene and Lubricating oil, call phone 39½.—Belmond Deep Rock oil Co. 32tfc

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Leo and Loretta Barry were week end visitors at Forest City. Leo returned home Monday, but Loretta will go for an outing with friends the last of the week.

Miss Helen DeHilt of Chicago was a guest of her friend, Miss Marjorie Purcell, last week.

George Heginger was a visitor at Charles City, Sunday, with some of his friends.

Atty. Jensen has moved his offices from the rooms over the Candy Kitchen to quarters at the rear of the First National bank building.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Fitts are enjoying a trip thru South Dakota this week. They left last Thursday and are expected home today.

Lester Johnson left Monday for Wightman, Ia., to take charge of the Moore elevator.

O. L. Varland, Jacob Thompson, Austin Nelson, and H. O. Stockseth motored to Des Moines, Saturday, to witness the opening of the Pyramid Portland Cement Co.

Mrs. E. F. Bailey and Doris returned from Nebraska, yesterday.

Johnson & Wright are starting an advertising campaign on Allis-Chalmers tractors and their opening ad will be found on page five. Several of these tractors are being used for threshing, among them being a 15-25 and a 30-35 by C. C. Johnson, west of Alexander, and a 30-35 by Cyrus Brooks east of Klemme. Both men are enthusiastic over their performance.

Fred Meacham brought the Independent a sample of his apple crop this year, which consisted of 13—count 'em— Duchess apples on one twig. He says his trees are loaded to breaking this year, altho the apples are not quite as large as they were last season.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stacy drove to Hampton on Thursday afternoon, to attend a Royal Neighbor picnic and gathering held that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dibble, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lathrop, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lathrop, and Dennis Delaney and family were among the visitors Sunday at West Bend, to see the famous grotto.

Mrs. Wm. Leonard came down from Swaledale, Sunday, to attend the chicken culling demonstration at the J. J. Sloan farm on Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Rosecrans was quite ill last week, being confined to her home. She is now at Clear Lake enjoying a rest.

A number of base ball fans from Belmond have been attending the tournament at Garner this week. Today is the last day.

J. A. Harlow the division passenger agent of the Wabash Railway Co., was in town last week arranging for the return of sugar beet workers to their homes in Texas and Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Gowdy returned last Thursday from their trip to points in Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Klemme and Miss Ruth Klemme returned Monday of this week from their western trip.

J. P. Larsen & Sons have sold their meat market at Garner., and will devote their attention to the market at Belmond and Klemme.

The Young and Russell families returned Thursday last from their trip to South Dakota.

Ed. Bailey, Thayne and wife and Miss Marie Johnson drove to Boone, Monday, to be present when the funeral train of President Harding went thru.

Raymond Walton and a friend of Iowa Falls were visiting relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolle and daughter Bernetas, drove to Boone, Sunday, to visit Carl Wolle and family, and to witness the presidential funeral train.

Mrs. Birdsall and children and Mrs Wolf and son, of Hampton, were visitors at the Snyder and Bailey homes Saturday.

Mr. an Mrs. Will Weigle an son, of Fox Lake, Wisconsin, are guests at the J. H. Nourse home. The two ladies are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Christie are visiting this week at Stillwater, Minn. They were accompanied on the trip by Mr. and Mrs. Oren Bamford, of Kanawha.

Rev. Wilkinson and family are enjoying a vacation at Spirit Lake this week.

The Standard Bearers met Monday evening at the home of their president Mrs. Wilkinson.

Robert William Bickett is the new boy who arrived at the E. E. Boughton home Monday. The mother, Mrs. Lester Bickett, is the daughter of Mr and Mrs. Boughton.

Mrs. Irene Bailey of Minneapolis is making a two weeks' visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harley Goslin.—Monitor.

For Sale—Two Tractors, with plows. Priced right.—Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond, Iowa. 35tfc

N. M. Wolcott stopped in town last Thursday, enroute to his home in Des Moines from the Dakotas, where he had been on business. He says Dakota crops this year are good in almost everything.

BELMOND TRAIN SCHEDULES

(Corrected to date.)

ROCK ISLAND

Going North

Passenger, daily	8:15 a. m.
Freight, daily	11:46 a m.
Combination, daily	2:15 p. m.

Going South

Passenger, daily	6:28 p. m.
Freight, daily	1:10 p. m.
Combination, daily	11:46 a. m.

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Going West.

Combination, daily	8:30 a. m

Going East

Combination, daily	8:35 p. m.

GREAT WESTERN

Going North

Motor, daily	10:03 a. m.
No. 16, pass., D & S	1:30 p. m.
No. 12, pass., D & S	1:26 a. m.
Local Freight	7:55 a. m.

Going South

No. 11, pass., D & S	1:24 a. m.
No. 15, pass., D & S	3:15 p. m.
Motor	5:19 p. m.
Local Freight	8:20 p. m.

WANT ADS

Two cents per word first insertion; one cent per word ensuing insertions.

FOR SALE

For Sale—1921 Ford Touring; 1923 4-door Ford Sedan; 1923 2-door Sedan. Several other cars at reasonable prices. —Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond, Iowa.

For Sale—5-room cottage, six blocks north of Main Street, on the Wilson Highway. Electric lights, furnace and basement. Inquire of A. J. Nihoof, Phone 176 1-3, Belmond, Iowa.

For Sale—Check protector, good as new. Inquire at Independent. tf

For Sale—Jersey bull, registered, 5 years old. Nice and gentle. Chas. Gealow. Phone 2712. 372

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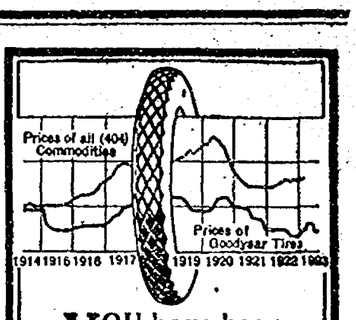

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OVERLAND Leads In Sales

During the month of June there were delivered to actual retail purchasers of Toledo, Ohio— 290 Overlands
119 Willys-Knights

A total of 409 Willys-Overland Cars.

For the same period the County Clerk's records show the following number of new cars registered up to July 3—the only reliable record of sales of other makes available to us:

Buick	41	Hupmobile	12
Chevrolet	119	Jewett	10
Columbia	26	Maxwell	33
Dodge	38	Nash	12
Durant	15	Star	11
Ford	227	Studebaker	23

All others recorded (less than 10 each), 91.

In other words, Toledo bought 409 Overland and Willys-Knights in June as against 667 new cars of all other makes combined, as recorded by the County Clerk during June and to July 3.

Similar outstanding sales records in all parts of the country are conclusive proof of the public's increasing realization of greater dollar for dollar value in Overland and Willys-Knight cars.

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Tourist Camp Moved From Tyrrell Park

City Council Takes Action To Change Location At Meeting Monday Night.

WILL BE ON NORTH SIDE

Belmond's tourists' camp will be changed from Tyrrell Park to the City Park. The city council, at their meeting Monday night of last week, officially took action to this effect.

The new tourist camp will occupy the north side of the City Park between the sidewalks. The walks come in at an angle from the northeast corner and the northwest corner. The ground between will be the new camping grounds.

Not much change in the City Park will be made this year, but next season it is planned to make a number of improvements and changes.

It is claimed that tourists are avoiding Tyrrell Park because it is so far from town, and inadequately supplied with conveniences. To fix it up it is claimed would require several thousand dollars, inasmuch as a state law requires that a man be stationed at the Park to look after it. This would require that the city build a house, it is said, which, with his salary, would be more than the town could afford. Hans Hanson is the present caretaker of the City Park, and will, it is presumed, continue as caretaker of the tourist camp, also.

Sentiment among the people is divided on the question, some favoring the change, and others declaring that Belmond should not ignore the gift of Cap. Tyrrell but should take measures to remedy any existing deficiencies for tourist use.

FOUR ARRESTED AT FALLS FOR SHOOTING PHEASANTS

Four Chicago sportsmen were arrested near Iowa Falls, recently, for shotting pheasants. The arrest was made by state fish and game warden Greimer, of Blairsburg. Each man of the four had four birds in his possession, and under the charges that were filed against them they can be fined $500 each. Pheasants are protected by law. The four men were charged with shooting pheasants, hunting on the public highway, and hunting without the required non resident license. They gave bonds for a future hearing, but the chances are they will never appear.

THIEVES MAKE GOOD HAUL AT BLAIRSBURG WEDNESDAY

Unknown thieves made a thoro visit to the town of Blairsburg last Wednesday night, entering nearly all the business places in the town. Cash seems to have been their desire, for nothing else was taken. The post office lost the most, $78.34 being taken. The pool hall, McComb motor company, Cooper grocery, Gardner hardware, Merryman drug store, implement company store, were all entered and at most of them sums of money were taken. An attempt was made to enter the elevator but the attempt failed. It is thought local talent was responsible. Blairsburg has no night police protection.

ROAD WORK TO BE PAID FOR BY CERTIFICATES

Wright county will issue $42,000 worth of anticipation certificates to pay for this year's work on the county's primary road system. This action was decided upon Monday by the board of supervisors, in their regular meeting.

The certificates will be issued against the 1924 automobile fund of the county. The money they represent will be used for the improvements being made on the two stretches of road east and west from Clarion, each one mile long, and on the road leading south from Eagle Grove.

Bids for the certificates were received by telegraph, the lowest bid being entered by Ballard, Hassett & Bey, of Des Moines. The certificates will be sold for par, plus the accrued interest, and $190 was the bid accepted for the work of handling them.

After voting to issue these certificates, the supervisors turned their attention to their routine duties, principally the allowing of monthly bills and claims. Nothing else of importance was transacted.—News.

ST. OLAF CHURCH

Service next Sunday in the Norwegian language. No evening service. But all young and old are welcome and should not without good reason be absent from the services. Come and bring someone with you.

FOREIGNERS TO VISIT DAIRY CONGRESS IN U. S.

Acceptance from three foreign delegates in Switzerland, England and Scotland to the invitation extended by the management of the Waterloo Dairy Cattle Congress and International Belgian Horse Show, Sept. 24-30, was received recently. Many more acceptances will probably be received in the near future from the dairy experts, agriculturists and sanitation workers in the foreign countries.

The party of foreign delegates will inspect the show on September 26-27 and from Waterloo will go to Ames to officially close their visit in the middlewest. Prior to coming to Waterloo, the party will visit the great dairy producing regions of Minnesota and Wisconsin.

FUSS OVER TOURISTS PARK

Hampton, thru the columns of the Des Moines Register, has been defending its reputation for hospitality. Seems a couple of agents who were taking subscriptions to some magazines and taking chickens in payment, made the tourist park their headquarters for a week or longer. Their presence and their poultry becoming objectionable, they were requested to move on. They promptly wrote the Register, criticising Hampton's hospitality. Hampton's commercial secretary and T. W. Purcell, editor of the Chronicle, as promptly replied. Judging from all the evidence, Hampton was perfectly right. A tourist park is no place for permanent quarters, either for agents or poultry.

NEW BUILDINGS MAKE FINE IMPROVEMENT TO STREET

Folks from adjacent towns who view the new buildings erected on our business streets all comment upon the vast improvement they make in the appearance of our city. Local people probably do not notice it so much. The completed buildings of the Belmond Auto Company and C. Schmelz, and the rapidly finishing buildings of C. N. Reese and A. W. Hill certainly have changed the appearance of Belmond's business section, and no mistake. But we can stand a lot of improvement in that line yet.

THRESHING YIELDS GOOD

Threshing operations have been going forward the past week, and reports of yields are good. Some pieces of oats have run away ahead of others. The Slining boys secured around 60 bushels to the acre, while McLaughlin threshed around 80. The general average seems to be in the neighborhood of 50 bushels per acre. This wouldn't be half bad if the farmer could get something for his grain, but at 28 cents for oats how can you figure any profit?

A COMPARISON OF PRICES

An exchange carries a comparison of prices that will be of interest. It says:

Plumbers are now receiving $1.50 an hour in Des Moines, or $12 for an eight-hour day. That is what the master plumber must pay and he passes the service to the customer for $15 a day. A farmer has been doing a little figuring and here is the result: It requires 18 bushels of wheat to pay a bricklayer for a day's work, and he is limited by the unions to lay only 800 bricks a day. It requires 80 dozen eggs to pay a plasterer for an eight-hour day. A master plumber will exact the proceeds from the sale of 20 bushels of corn for one day's work, or 40 pounds of butter, the output from 14 cows for 24 hours. An humble carpenter will knock down the price of a 175 pound hog that has required eight months' feeding and care.

MESERVEY MAN'S IDEA PRACTICAL FOR FARMERS

Henry H. Pals, a practical "dirt" farmer near Meservey, has invented and now has on the market the "Iowa Automatic Hog Door." The writer inspected one of these doors last week, and to us it appears like a mighty practical article for every farmer. The door is automatic, self-closing. Big hogs or little ones can open it, and upon passage of the animal the door closes. Thus the hog house is always closed, keeping out drafts, and preventing chickens from entering. It should make a big difference in the comfort of the hogs, and in their feed bill, too. We predict that Mr. Pals will ultimately have a large sale on his invention.

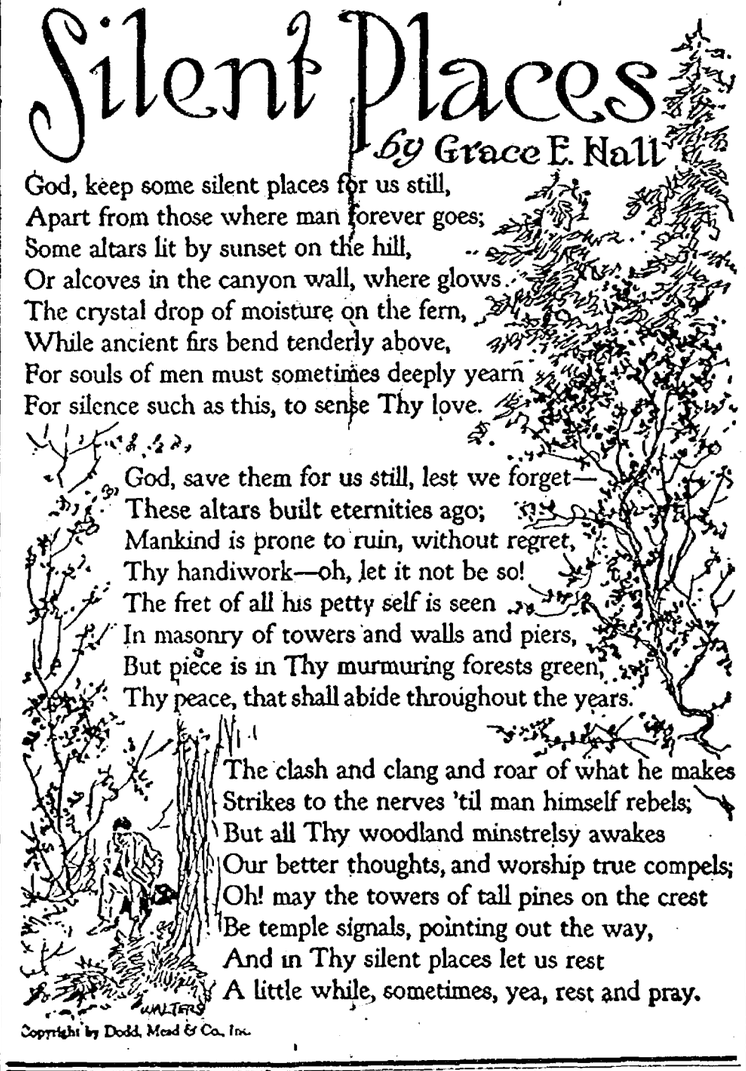
TRINITY CHURCH

Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock the Class meets at the church.

Sunday school at 10:00 next Sunday. Evening service in the English language at 8:00 o'clock.

Silent Places

by Grace E. Hall



God, keep some silent places for us still,
Apart from those where man forever goes;
Some altars lit by sunset on the hill,
Or alcoves in the canyon wall, where glows
The crystal drop of moisture on the fern,
While ancient firs bend tenderly above,
For souls of men must sometimes deeply yearn
For silence such as this, to sense Thy love.

God, save them for us still, lest we forget—
These altars built eternities ago;
Mankind is prone to ruin, without regret,
Thy handiwork—oh, let it not be so!
The fret of all his petty self is seen
In masonry of towers and walls and piers,
But piece is in Thy murmuring forests green,
Thy peace, that shall abide throughout the years.

The clash and clang and roar of what he makes
Strikes to the nerves 'til man himself rebels;
But all Thy woodland minstrelsy awakes
Our better thoughts, and worship true compels;
Oh! may the towers of tall pines on the crest
Be temple signals, pointing out the way,
And in Thy silent places let us rest
A little while, sometimes, yea, rest and pray.

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Farm Bureau Picnic Next Week Wednesday

Annual Event Of Farmers' Organization To Be Feature Of Next Week's Events.

CLUB EXHIBIT IS FEATURE

Plans are practically completed for the county Farm Bureau picnic-club exhibit which is to be held at Greenwood park in Eagle Grove, August 22. The committee in charge of the livestock has arranged for a big tent about 120 feet in length to house all livestock exhibits.

John W. Coverdale, secretary of the American Farm Bureau Federation will give the address of the occasion. Mr. Coverdale, who has been in close touch with the inner workings of the national organization, will give out information which should be heard by every member as well as by every farmer interested in the welfare of agriculture.

Exhibits of the boys' and girls' clubs of the county will be one of the most interesting parts of the day's events. Fancy work, garments, poultry, baby beef, and dozens of other interests of the farm boys and girls will be featured.

The program as arranged at present is as follows:

9:00 Music by Eagle Grove band.
9:30 Judging Boys' and Girls' club exhibits.
15 Head of baby beeves, Prof. E. L. Quaife, Judge.
22 Head of Purebred Gilts, Prof. E. L. Quaife, Judge.
150 Birds in Poultry Exhibit. Prof. L. E. Heifner, Judge.
300 Girls' Club Exhibits, Miss Elizabeth Storms, Judge.
Picnic Dinner At Noon.
1:00 Music by Eagle Grove band.
Address of Welcome, Representative of Eagle Grove.
Male Quartette Selection, An Eagle Grove Quartette.
1:30 Short Address, J. E. Kirstein, Pres., Wright County Farm Bureau.
Bass Solo.
Address, John W. Coverdale, Secretary American Farm Bureau Federation.
Movies for all Club Members at movie theatre while grown-ups hear the address.
3:00 Athletic Program, Full line of Athletic Sports.
3:30 Base Ball Game, Woolstock vs. Wall Lake Township.

EAGLE GROVE TO IMPROVE SCHOOL BUILDING SOON

The old high school building at Eagle Grove is getting into pretty bad condition, and the board has decided to make some improvements to it rather than build a new school. Des Moines architects, brought there to look it over, advised that the entire top story be removed and a roof of less weight put on. This the board has decided to do before school opens this fall.

School Opens Here On September Third

Only Two More Weeks Before Johnny Will Be Back At The Hateful Studies.

STUDENTS TO ENROLL NOW

The Belmond Public Schools will open for the new school year Monday, September 3. Superintendent W. J. Guthrie will be in his office every day from 9:00 o'clock until noon and in the afternoon from 2:00 until 5:00. All new grade pupils are expected to enroll with him.

Miss Thomas, principal of the high school, will also be in her office every day beginning Monday, August 20. All new high school students are expected to enroll with her.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The services of last Sunday were well attended and full of interest. The meeting at Mr. Henry Groen's in the evening was delightful and well attended. Next Sunday night the services will be held at the home of Mr. Wm. Eckersley. Sabbath school at 10:00 a. m. and the morning worship at 11:00.

Only two more evening services outdoors. Do not miss either of them.

FAMILY REUNION

Sunday, August 12th, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hanson with their families, gathered at the parental home for a family reunion.

At twelve o'clock the party, all with well filled baskets, drove to Tyrrell Park, where all partook of a bounteous dinner.

The afternoon was spent in a social way and as this was the first family gathering in sixteen years it proved a very happy one.

Those present were Mrs. Thos. Thompon, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Mr. and Mrs. Severt Lanning and family of Crystal Lake, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. White and Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Gardalen and family, of Dows, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Gudvel Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Swan, Ole Hanson and families, of Kanawha, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Bamford and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson, of Belmond. There were twenty-three grandchildren and one great grand child present.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday school at 10 a. m. It looked good to see so many at this organization in hot weather.

Regular preaching service at 11 a. m. We will try and interest all who come.

Evening service at 8. Let us get back to normal as soon as possible.

The Algona district conference meets at Garner on Monday, August 20th, for a business session to last just one day.

John W. Coverdale.

Who will deliver the address at the Wright County Farm Bureau picnic at Eagle Grove next Wednesday afternoon.

GARNER MAN LOSES 26 HOGS

A farmer near Garner, Lou Schleusner, recently lost 26 big fat hogs by heat. The animals averaged 275 pounds each. They had a runway into pasture from a smaller yard, and had been there all summer. Schleusner threshed last Monday, and someone closed the gate to the pasture, shutting the hogs in the small runway. They had not shelter from the sun, and when the farmer went to the yard late in the day, the entire herd were dead. A rendering plant from Mason City bought the carcasses, but the loss to Schleusner was about $500.

HUMBOLDT WANTS COURT HOUSE, BUT DON'T WANT IT

Over at Humboldt a pretty little fuss is going on over a new court house. The present court house is located at Dakota City, and is an old, unsafe structure of antique design and a veritable fire trap. Some Humboldt folks want a new one, but they don't want it at Humboldt. They say there is no place for it there. You often read of one town trying to move the court house to another, but we never heard of one town agitating to build a new one in another town. No one in Humboldt seems willing to have the county jail located next to their property.

THORNTON MAN SUES FOR $25,000

Two gentlemen of Thornton have been having an argument thru the columns of the Thornton Enterprise over the good roads question, nationalities, schools, the right way to part the hair and the proper color of neckties. Said argument has reached a warm stage; so warm, in fact, that Marius Floy has filed suit against Soren Peterson for the sum of $25,000 damages, alleging malicious slander on the part of Peterson in some remarks printed in last week's Enterprise. The gentlemen became real personal in their writings, which have been spread over several weeks.

WE HAVE A LITTLE TRAFFIC

Have you ever stopped to think that there is a lot of traffic on our Main street? Just for the fun of it, the writer counted the cars going by the Independent office for an hour, the hour being from 4:30 to 5:30 p. m. During that time a total of 92 cars and trucks passed, of these 15 were foreign cars, cars of other counties, and other states. It is safe to say that during one day, close to 1,500 cars will pass a given point on Main street. That's a lot of pounding on our pavement every day.

THE ROAD TO WEST BEND

Belmond folks going to West Bend to see the grotto will find the following road the shortest: Go west of town to the St. Olaf church, then west of church across river; winding road west and north a short distance to school house. Take road at left to consolidated school on south side of road. Turn right 1 mile, west to end of road. Jog south, then west to Livermore, keeping thru town on the road you enter on, west to Bode. Turn north at road going past church to second corner north of town (1½ miles), turn left going past Otteson and keep straight ahead until south of West Bend.

Legion To Stage A Celebration Next Month

Big Day Filled With Variety Of Entertainment Is Planned For Belmond.

AUGUST 30TH IS THE DAY

The American Legion will stage a celebration in Belmond on August 30th. The affair will be a big one, with the day filled with events of all kinds. Automobile races, horse racing, a big ball game, and attractions of various kinds are planned.

The Legion at a special meeting last Friday completed arrangements for the big day, and appointed committees for the various branches of its activities. Very probably this will be the biggest day Belmond has had for some time, and a large crowd is expected to attend.

Full details of the day have not been completed as yet, but will be announced later. Plan to be in Belmond Wednesday, August 30th, and enjoy the entertainment to be provided.

RADIO SERVICES FOR HARDING

Altho no memorial services for President Harding were held in Belmond, radio owners had their choice of several good services broadcasted Friday afternoon. Listeners at the Independent heard a good service sent out by the Minneapolis station Friday afternoon, and in the evening several other services were heard. The news of Harding's death was spread to almost every town in the nation by radio far ahead of any other notice, and the nation heard memorial services for him on his funeral day. Perhaps no other event has brought so graphically before the country the range and usefullness of the radio.

HAMPTON MAN STRUCK BY LIGHTNING LAST WEEK

Herman Stellhorn, of Hampton, is thanking his lucky stars that he got off as easy as he did when a bolt of lightning struck him during the storm last Tuesday. Stellhorn was kneeling by an open window in his home, when, as he described it, a ball of fire burst in front of him. The bolt struck him in the left shoulder and went thru him to his feet, knocking him to the floor where he was so numbed that he could not call for help. Aside from the shock and a slight laceration to one little toe he is O. K.

COMMISSIONS IN OFFICERS RESERVE CORPS, U. S. ARMY

The Independent is requested to announce that those persons who hold grants of commissioned officers or enlisted rank above that of Sergeant during the world war and who now desire to secure a commission in the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States Army, should call upon Captain N. V. Brunson, U. S. Army, at Eagle Grove, not later than August 24th. Captain Brunson has been authorized by the Commanding General, 7th Corps Area, to forward applications from qualified eligibles.

WHAT'S A POTATO BALL?

Garner Signal: Marion Fell is the Luther Burbank, of Garner. He is always bringing in some vegetable or fruit that is worthy of note. Monday morning he brought to this office two apples that grew on one stem. They are of the Wealthy variety and are perfect apples, except that they are joined together. They may be seen in the Signal office window. Mr. Fell also tells us that while digging his potatoes this year he found seven or eight potato balls, and unless he sells them, he will plant them another year.

Probably many of our readers do not know what a potato ball is, and possibly we do not either. But we have read of potato balls, and have also inquired of some who should know such things. The ball forms in the top of the vine where the blossom has been, and ripens. In this ball is small seed, resembling ground cherry seed, and these seeds when planted, are said to bring forth a new variety of potatoes.

AUTO PLATES BLACK AND WHITE FOR NEXT YEAR

The auto plates for 1924 are to be black and white, it is announced, a black background with white figures. The contrast is said to be much greater than on the 1923 plates. Each plate will cost the state a little over 17 cents.

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Editorials

THE GASOLINE WAR

Gov. McMasters, of South Dakota, seems to have started something when he ordered the State of South Dakota to sell gasoline at 16 cents a gallon. The Governor, after investigating the gasoline business there, found that gasoline could be laid down in South Dakota for 13 cents a gallon. Every cent over that he claimed was profit. Gasoline was selling there at 23 and 24 cents.

His attack on the Standard Oil interests came as a complete surprise, and the Standard for the moment seemed to be stunned, accepting the gage of battle. However, Standard gasoline Saturday was reported selling at 15 1-2 cents a gallon in South Dakota.

Immediately the Governor of North Dakota demanded that, if gas was to sell at 15 1-2 cents in South Dakota, it should sell proportionately in North Dakota, otherwise the Standard Oil Company was discriminating, a serious offense. Governor Kendall, of Iowa, and the Nebraska governor are investigating with a view of forcing down the prices in these two states.

Automobile clubs, commercial organizations, highway associations and the like are backing up the Dakota governor, who appears to have blood in his eye.

There is no question in the minds of most people but what gasoline is selling at an unholy price. If, as McMasters is claimed to have said, gasoline can be laid down in South Dakota for 13 cents, it can certainly be laid down in Iowa for less than that. Ten cents then, would seem to be about a dime too high.

Gasoline is high, we all think, and we miss our guess if Rockefeller, Rockefeller, however, is not the Standard Oil Co. He and his family together do not hold even a majority interest in Standard Oil. They hold about 20 per cent. But probably they do control sufficient shares to largely dictate its policies. It is not, however, Rockefeller, it is Standard Oil, the Institution. It is the policy behind the company. And the Standard Oil policy seems to be all the traffic will bear. Wherever possible they buy out the competition, or drive it out, leaving them a monopoly. Perhaps the state can battle to a finish.

Tuesday gasoline began selling in Belmond at 16 1-2 cents a gallon. The fight is on! Where it will end no man knoweth. That this is to be a bitter battle seems to be assured. All stations, Standard, Community and Deep Rock, are selling at the new price. How long this will last, or whether, in the end, the price will remain down, is merely a guess. Just so long as the state sells for 16 cents gasoline will doubtless remain down. But it takes a mighty cheerful optimist to believe that the public will enjoy the cut for very long.

Meanwhile, fill your tanks!

BEWARE THE AGENTS!

An agent came along to a farm house not far from Belmond recently, and wheedled the farmer's wife into letting him dope her chicken house for lice and mites. As payment he would take old hens. He doped the hennery all right, and collected ten dollars' worth of hens in payment. The lice and mites are still there, but the chickens are gone. The moral is: Sell your chickens and buy your dope at home. It's cheaper and more effective.

Agents going thru the country selling this or that article or magazine are reaping a rich harvest. Almost invariably they take the poultry at a low price, and their goods do not always come up to standard. A couple of such agents at Hampton recently made a nice clean-up, it is said. Similar tactics have been and are being worked around Belmond. The best way is to tell them there is "nothing doing;" you will likely be money ahead if you do.

Since the farmer became too wise to invest in gold bricks, the smooth-tongued fellows have had to think up something different, and in taking chickens as payment at an outrageous price they seem to have originated a good one. A dozen chickens doesn't seem like parting with eight or ten dollars. If you really want something they have, pay them cash. Keep your chickens. You might just as well make the profit on them as the agents. You will at least be sure you received their full value.

THINK RIGHT, FOLKS!

If a man thinks every one is against him, he will soon begin to treat them so they will be. If he thinks every one is his friend, he will treat them right, unconsciously, and they will soon be his friends. The man who lives his daily life according to this formula has in his make-up a spark of sound and true philosophy that will make his home life brighter. If we put into all the relations with our fellows a full measure of friendliness and good will we are pretty sure to get it back, full and overflowing. On the other hand if a man is suspicious of everybody, every one will be suspicious of him. The man who goes about looking for a fight is sure to get licked some day, good and plenty.

True friendliness is founded on sincerity. And sincerity is about the only thing in this world that can't be counterfeited. The impulse toward friendliness springs from the very soul of man.

The world needs friendliness, and kindness, and good-will. Not Sundays only, but every day in the week and every hour of the day. Think friendly thoughts. If you've got a soul, don't be ashamed of it. Bring it into the office with you. For the soul is the source and fountain-head of every good and worthy impulse. Put your faith in men. Believe they are your friends and they will be.—Parry's Pickings.

SOME HOT WEATHER DRINKS

Fruit juices make excellent drinks. The following receipes from The Farm Journal, August number, are good: Orange and pineapple juices added to a rich lemonade improve it for many people.

Currant jelly dissolved in either hot or cold water makes a refreshing drink. So do many other jellies. Chilled blackberry or raspberry juice diluted to taste and served with or without a slice of lemon touches the spot.

Fruit punch is made by adding to lemonade small pieces of sliced pineapple, orange, muskmelon, cherries, and a sprig of mint leaves. Use the lemon squeezer on oranges, just as on lemons, and pour the juice on finely cracked ice.

Milk drinks are good. Use about two tablespoonfuls of fruit sirup with threequarters of a glass of milk. Sugar may be added to suit the taste, but it is generally unnecessary. Add the flavoring rather than the flavoring to the milk. A small stream of charged water is an addition to these drinks. All mixtures should be well shaken or whipped. A little nutmeg or cinnamon sprinkled over the top of these drinks makes them even more appetizing.

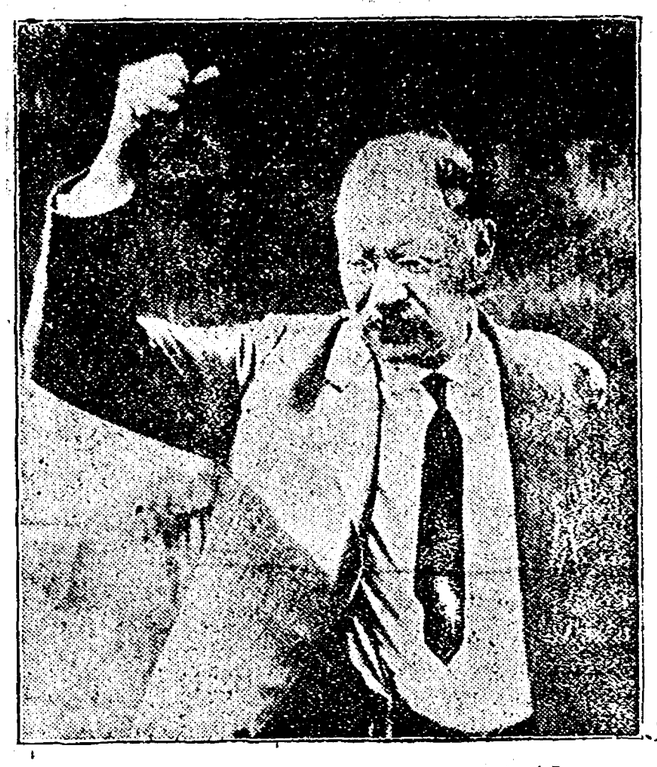
Macaroon milk is made by sifting crushed macaroons over the top of themilk. V anilla, root beer, maple, chocolate, strawberry, pineapple, grape, orange, raspberry, or cherry sirup may be used as flavoring. To make milk juleps, add two-thirds of a glassful of milk to about two tablespoonsful of sirup, then break an egg into the glass, shake thoroly, and add charged water if available. Use a whole egg with cherry, root beer, chocolate, strawberry, or pineapple sirup.

SOME DIFFERENCE

"I wonder is my little boy knows how many seconds there are in a minute?"

"Do you mean a real minute, mamma, or one of those great big wait-a-minutes?"

Don't rush into anger when people criticise you. It is barely possible they may be right.



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SENATOR-ELECT MAGNUS JOHNSON OF MINNESOTA.
Magnus Johnson, Farmer-Laborite for the Republicans, defeated Gov. J. A. Preus for a seat in the U. S. Senate—to succeed the late Senator Knute Nelson of Minnesota. Someone said that Magnus Johnson resembled Roosevelt. Here he is in a Roosevelt pose.

Here and There

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shipley of Belmond arrived Saturday and remained over the Sabbath, guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Richards. Mr. Shipley and Mrs. Richards are brother and sister. Mr. and Mrs. Shipley are landlord and landlady of the Case hotel at Belmond, and are prospering.—Garner Leader.

Druggist E. S. D. Kahrs and wife, of Klemme, and Druggist Adams and wife of Belmond, were entertained by Druggist Wm. Lamer and wife at their home in Goodell, Sunday, for dinner. Kahrs said it was a regular convention of druggists.—Times.

Harry Rosecrans and wife and Carl Rosecrans and wife of Dubuque, Dr. and Mrs. Clack of Clear Lake, C. G. Pritchard and Mrs. W. I. Rosecrans were guests at the C. E. Barnes home Sunday afternoon.—Signal.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carlston and son Leroy and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Carlston and daughter Margaret of Belmond returned Thursday from the home of their father and other relatives at Galesburg, Ill., the occasion being a family reunion of the Carlston family, the first in fourteen years. They also stopped at Davenport for a visit with their grandmother who is aged 93 years—Reporter.

Just as we go to press we learn of a very serious accident that occured this morning at nine o'clock, when Robert, five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Townsen, west of Britt, was run over by an auto, getting both legs and his left arm broken. The car had slowed up for a dog and the child, who had just gotten the mail ran across the road in front of the car. He was taken to the St. Luke's hospital at Mason City immediately The names of the party in the car, who were from Algona, we hear, were not learned.—Britt News-Tribune.

Mr. and Mrs. Heinish and son, of Belmond were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lewis, Saturday evening.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nelson and family were visiting at the Thomas Brooks home in Belmond, Sunday.—Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. LuVerne Smith were visiting at Belmond and at Clarion on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Luick were in charge of the cafe during their absence.—Times.

Ye editor wants a big stalk of good old Iowa corn. The bigger the stalk the better as we are going to Nebraska next week and we want to advertise the state "Where the tall corn grows." So will some farmer please bring us the tallest stalk he can find? Everywhere we go the corn will go too, and that is a long ways as we will go way out into the western part of Nebraska, almost six hundred miles from Klemme. Bring in the big ones!—Times.

Mrs. Frank Baldridge of Belmond, accompanied by Miss Bail Thomas of Lewistown, Mont., and little Chas. Baldridge of Cedar Rapids, autoed here Friday and spent the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Baldridge. Charles remained for a longer visit.—Reporter.

The Pritchard family came home from Clear Lake last Wednesday after spending a month in a cottage. They are now keeping house on the A. E. Martin farm near Belmond while the Martins are off on a trip to International Falls, with some people from Des Moines and Cambridge. "Bud" Pritchard has been staying with the Martins this summer and working on the farm, and he accompanied them on the trip. The Mayor intended to stay in Garner and look after business, but the second day after the folks went down to Belmond he went too. He says he was sick, but we believe he was more homesick than anything else.—Garner Signal.

Devere Braga, of Belmond, was a week-end visitor with his uncle, Joseph Courtney, and his aunt, Mrs. Jesse Brogan.—Enterprise.

Walter and James Courtney, together with their families and their families and their mother, from Belmond, spent Sunday at the Joseph Courtney home.—Enterprise.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Johnson, of Goodell, Iowa, are guests since Saturday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. John Hagen. They will visit other relatives in the vicinity before returning to their home.—New Richland (Minn.) Star.

Miss Minnie Johnson, of Belmond, Iowa, arrived Wednesday and is a guest at the home of her cousin, T. J. Rikansrud. New Richland (Minn.) Star.

PEOPLE DON'T BELIEVE IT.

What Cheer Patriot: While Brookhart never had a firmer supporter than this paper yet he is human and there are some things he must change his views on if the people of Iowa re-elect him to the United States senate and one of them is his view on Russia. The Russian officials evidently showed him what they wanted him to see and not what they didn't want him to see for on his arrival home he said Lenine was a man like Woodrow Wilson and suffering from the same cause. The great Lord pity us if Wilson is to be compared with Lenine who was once a soap box orator in New York City till trouble broke out in Russia when he immediately went over and set himself up as dictator and has caused the death and destruction of nearly the entire country. He has had wives and mothers murdered and others left to starve, he has confiscated property, not alone of Russia but of America. He said not long ago that Russia owed no country a cent when the United States loaned them a huge sum which has never been paid.

And now old man Gompers wants us to recognize Russia, but Secretary Hughes says no, nothing doing, and the American people will Amen. In his article answering Gompers, Secretary Huges says:

He quoted from recent speeches of Lenine and Trotsky to show that a world revolution was still their goal. Trotsky's most recent utterance, dated last October was, "That means, comrades that revolution is coming to Europe as well as in America, systematically, step by step stubbornly and with gnashing teeth in both camps. It will be long, protracted, cruel and sanguinary."

This country will never recognize such brutes. A country that declared a man must not have his own wife but that women were the property of the state and other equally revolutionary ideas. Brookhart must get away from the idea that he is backing Russia by saying they have the most stable government in the world outside of ours. If this is true why have we been sending ship loads of goods over there to feed the starving women and children and then to have the officials grab it? No we don't want to hear anyone praising Russia as it now stands in this great state of Iowa for it won't go and our junior senator better cut the comedy if he expects any votes next year.

How Are Your Hogs?

Are they doing well---as well as you would like? Are they getting the necessary mineral in their rations?

Completion of the mineral feeding experiments at the Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station show that all the hogs which were fed minerals in their rations made better gains than the hogs in the check lots fed only on a cornbelt ration. The experiment also showed that the pigs fed minerals made quicker gains and were in better shape physically than the no mineral pigs.

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Will make your hogs grow and gain. You haven't fed the best until you have tried Occo-Mineral Mixtures. They increase your profits.

OCCO DRY DIP does not wet the nest, and will positively keep lice from the hogs, mites from chickens, and bugs from plants.

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You might call it luck, but have you ever noticed how often the systematic savers succeed--and how often the steady spenders fail?

In fact, did you ever know a man or woman who spent every dollar as fast as they earned it who ever amounted to much?

And did you ever know a successful man or woman who did not follow the practice of spending less than they earned and saving the difference?

Look about town---think of the spenders you know---think of the dull future that lies before them in the years to come.

Then think of the savers you are acquainted with---those who live comfortably but save systematically---a fixed sum each week or month. Think of the bright, comfortable, sun-shiny future that lies before them.

Then, think about yourself! Think about your financial position a year, ten years or twenty years from today. Then decide upon the amount you should save each month, come down to this bank and

OPEN A SAVINGS ACCOUNT TODAY AND

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$1.00---WILL START IT---$1.00

STATE BANK OF BELMOND
BELMOND IOWA

FARM BUREAU NOTES

By County Agent Edwards

Champion Club Member To International

Word has just been received by the county agent from the extension service at Ames that a special prize of an amount equal to the railroad fare to Chicago and return at the time of the International Livestock Exposition is being offered by the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Company to the champion club boy or girl of Wright county. This special prize is being awarded to every county in the state which is touched by this particular line of railroad.

The Extension Service at Ames requires that the winner shall furnish a record of the work done in his club, results obtained and something of a story about himself or herself. This record will be used by the Extension Service in a publicity way in promoting the club work throughout the state.

The selection of the champion club boy or girl in Wright county will be made by a county club committee and in placing this special prize the committee will probably take into consideration the amount of work done by the club member, the quality of the work accomplished, the winnings made at the Eagle Grove and state fair exhibits and a complete report of the year's work.

Every boy and girl in Wright county who is a member of any of the clubs is eligible to this special prize, which is being offered by the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Company. The winnings at the Eagle Grove club exhibit and at the state fair at Des Moines, also the club reports will, no doubt, determine in a large measure which club member will enjoy the trip to the International Livestock Show at Chicago through this special prize which is being offered.

Bradfute States Farm Bureau Wheat Policy

"The Farm Bureau proposal that farmers withhold 200,000,000 bushels of wheat from the market is an emergency measure, seeking immediate relief of the present market situation," according to O. E. Bradfut, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation. "This does not mean indefinite storage," continued Mr. Bradfute.

"We are urging farmers to hold their wheat for orderly distribution over the entire consumptive period instead of dumping it on the present low market.

"In doing this the American Farm Bureau Federation is counseling sound business policy. Storage will have a tendency to relieve the present situation and if a considerable portion of grain remains in the farmer's had as daily reminder of unprofitable surplus, plans for next season's planting will more likely be curtailed. Adjustment of acreage in line with world supply and demand is the permanent solution ad our proposal is aimed toward that objective."

Ames To Have Field Week

Instead of the farm crops and soils "field day" which has been held at Iowa state college early in September for the past five years, a "field week" offering the latest information on Iowa crop and soil problems, has been scheduled for the period from September 10 to 15. H. D. Hughes, head of the farm crops section at Ames, says that a larger number of farmers will find it possible to visit Ames and take home new ideas by this arrangement.

Among the experiments that will be given publicity at that time is the large number that has to do with soy beans. More work has been done at the Iowa station than at any other in the country according to the U. S. Deparment of Agriculture. In the variety test 136 distinct kinds of soy beans have been tried out.

"An attempt is being made to find a legume for each of the soil types in Iowa," says Mr. Hughes. Many of them, including dalea, lespedeza, Cherokee clover, velvet and mung beans, are not commonly grown in the middle west. In addition, something new on the use of lime, phosphorus and legumes in different rotations is expected from the soils department. Experiments running over a series of years will be discussed.

"The farm crops and soils staff and experiment station officials at Ames will be ready to give every possible assistance in getting to Iowa farmers the results of the experiment it has under way," states Mr. Hughes. "Groups may come any day. They can choose good weather days when heretofore only one day was available."

Progressive Cooperative Marketing

Two years ago the farmer was debating the idea of organizing in a national way to market his livestock. The enemies of cooperative marketing filled the papers with progaganda that said it could not be done, that the farmer's job was to produce and let someone else do the selling. Who, if not the producer of a product, has the right to follow that product as far as he possible can on its road to the consumer.

The producers' commission companies which have been organized during the past two years are certainly aiding the producer of livestock in his effort to render the consuming public a more efficient service.

During the week of July 7th to July 13th, the various producer agencies did a good business. Chicago, Buffalo and St. Louis ranked second in their respective markets. The Peoria and Indianapolis companies stood first among the commission companies at those markets. The Kansas City firm, tho youngest of the lot, ranked seventh. At Sioux City and Sioux Falls the producers were third, while at Fort Worth they ranked well up toward the top.

The total number of cars of stock handled by these nine producer owned and controlled companies was 1288 cars. Not bad for a bunch of farmers that everybody said would go broke.

AUGUST CROP REPORTS

CORN: The Iowa corn crop with a condition of 90 per cent of normal on August 1, 1923 is two points better than the 10-year average condition of 88 per cent according to reports received from correspondents of State and Federal Crop Reporting Service. This condition of 90 per cent forecasts a yield of 39.6 bushels per acre and a State production for this year of 412,909,000 bushels. This is only slightly above the July 1 estimate of 412,713,000 bushels and about 53 million bushels less than last year. The heavy rains over the state since the first of the month will undoubtedly increase our prospects for another bumper corn crop in Iowa.

The August 1 condition of corn of 84 per cent for the United States, as compared with a 10-year average condition of 80 per cent, forecasts a production of 2,981,752,000 bushels for 1923 as compared with 2,891,000,000 bushels in 1922 and the July 1 estimate of 2,877,000,000 bushels for this year.

WHEAT: The yield of winter wheat, in owa is reported on August 1, 1923 as 19 bushels per acre as compared with a yield of 23.3 bushels last year and a 10-year average yield of 20.3 bushels. This yield of 19 bushels per acre indicates a state production of 13,946,000 bushels as compared with 15,621,000 bushels last year. The quality of Iowa wheat, reported as 93 per cent, is slightly better than the 10-year average quality of 92 per cent.

Iowa spring wheat with a condition of 79 per cent of normal forecasts a yield of 14.8 bushels per acre and a state production of 798,000 bushels as compared with 814,000 bushels in 1922.

The total production of wheat for the United States in 1923 is estimated at 568,386,000 bushels of winter wheat and 224,990,000 bushels of spring wheat or a total of 793,376,000 bushels as compared with 817,000,000 bushels in 1922. Juality of winter wheat for the United States is reported as 89 per cent as compared with a 10-year average of 90.1 per cent.

OATS: Iowa oats on August 1, 1923 show a condition of 88 per cent of normal which is somewhat better than the 10-year average condition of 85 per cent. This condition of 88 per cent forecasts a yield of about 37 bushels per acre or a state production of 202,596,000 bushels. This is a gain over the July 1, 1923 estimate which was 197,829,000 bushels but less than last year's production of 218,000,000 bushels.

The United States condition of oats is 82 per cent as compared with a 10-year average condition of 80 per cent. This condition forecasts a crop of 1,315,843,000 bushels as compared with 1,201,000,000 bushels in 1922.

Oat stocks on farms August 1, 1923 are reported as 15,902,000 bushels as compared with 14,721,000 bushels a year ago. For the United States 70,082,000 bushels are reported as compared with 73,204,000 bushels a year ago.

BARLEY: With a condition of 87 per cent of normal on August 1 forecasts a yield of about 28.3 bushels per acre and a state production of 4,245,000 bushels as compared with the July 1, 1923 forecast of 4 132,000 bushels, and a production of 4.604,000 bushels in 1922. RYE with an estimated yield of 17 bushels per acre on August 1 indicates a state crop of 1,020,000 bushels as compared with 1,088,000 bushels in 1922. The yield of rye in 1922 was 19.7 bushels per acre and the 10-year average yield 18.4 bushels. The quality of rye is reported as 94 per cent.

TAME HAY with a condition of 80 per cent on August 1 forecasts a state production of 4,256,000 tons as compared with 4,700,000 tons produced in 1922. WILD HAY, condition 84, forecasts 492,000 tons as compared with 487,000 tons last year. The condition of TIMOTHY HAY is reported as 81 per cent of normal, CLOVER 84, ALFALFA 94, MILLET 86, PASTURE 75, FLAXSEED condition of 88 per cent with an acreage of 8,000 indicates a yield of 81,000 bushels, GRAIN SORGHUM 88, SOY BEANS 93, BUCKWHEAT 83, SORGHUM CANE for syrup 88 per cent.

The reported condition of fruits and vegetables on August 1 is as follows: WHITE POTATOES 82 indicates a yield of 7,790,000 bushels as compared with 7,287,000 bushels in 1922. SWEET POTATOES 87, TOMATOES 87, CABBAGES 83, ONIONS 87, PEACHES 50, GRAPES 90, PEARS 69, WATERMELONS 85 and APPLES 75 per cent of normal. The 10-year average condition of apples for Iowa on August 1 is 55, pears 50 and grapes 79. The production of blackberries and raspberries is estimated as 75 per cent of last year. On August 1, corn, oats, barley, spring wheat, onions and pears show an increased production over the July 1 forecast for Iowa.

Belmond Local News

We don't want to "kid" Ed Webb at all, but just ask him what he thinks of bobbed haired auto drivers. We understand he met a couple last week, in fact chased six miles in order to meet 'em.

Theodore Ziska and daughter, of Jewell, were visitors here Sunday at the home of his mother and brother.

Mrs. W. H. White and son, Claire, and wife, of Fort Dodge, are spending a few days at the White Cottage at Clear Lake.

Determined not to be bothered by a shortage of ice, the City Market this week insalled a new artificial ice making machine, which makes a fine improvement to their already well equipped shop.

"Horse Shoe Camp" was moved Monday evening to a more exclusive section in the City Park, where the ringers are now being tried for. This set was the Club's, and another set has been placed at the old stand for the use of the public.

A jury trial was held in Justice Purdy's court, Monday, at which Atty. Jensen, representing a cement company, sued Rich Thompson for a $49.50 account. The jury found for the defendant, and the case was appealed to district court.

No band concert was held Saturday evening owing to the rain. Quite a crowd was in town regardless of the weather.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Hanson drove to Iowa City last week with their son, Verdell, where the latter underwent an examination at the State Hospital. Verdell's friends will be glad to lear that he is improving nigely.

Chris Floy and family, and Marcus Floy and family, of Thornton, visited friends in Belmond, Sunday.

Clarence "Pug" Obrecht, of Thornton, was calling on some old friends in Belmond last Saturday.

C. O. Fitts was a business caller at Des Moines last week Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Haupt returned last Friday from their Illinois trip, which they made by auto.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Busman, of St. Paul, are guests at the R. D. Box and Chas: Leonard homes. Mrs. Busman is a daughter of George Leonard, a former resident of this community, and she and her husband are on their wedding trip.

The historical pageant held at Hampton last week was reported to have been very good, with some very unusual scenes and action. The pageant was staged by the American Legion Post of Hampton, and occupied the evenings of two days. A Latimer girl was voted queen of the Pageant. Business places of Hampton had a variety of objects historical of Franklin county, their window displays being one of the best features of the event.

Griesy's Store News

Vol. 2 BELMOND, IOWA, AUGUST 16, 1923. No. 21.

In previous issues of Griesy's Store News we have told you briefly of the service it is our desire to render. We have told you of the friendly spirit that is back of all our dealings. Fully realizing our shortcomings we are open to any suggestions from our friends for the betterment of our service.

In this issue we wish to tell you just a little of the history of our firm and show you that from the very beginning the policy of this store has been: MERCHANDISE AT PRICES CONSISTENT WITH GOOD QUALITY AND A DOLLAR'S WORTH OF SERVICE FOR EVERY DOLLAR SPENT.

In the year 1889 Mr. Val Griesy purchased the hardware business of Mr. D. L. Cuppett. A few years later an implement stock was added and this part of the business carried on in the location that is now the Belmond Furniture Company. Shortly after the big fire of 1899 the implement stock was moved to our own building located just west of the present home of Mrs. Val Griesy. Increasing business made it necessary to increase our storage room and in 1900 the implement stock and buildings of Mr. Harry Tyrrell (formerly the D. L. Cuppett Co.) was purchased. At this time Mr. George Lieuwen purchased a share in the firm which was known as Val Griesy and Company. In 1915 the present owner purchased an interest in the busiess which was then known as Val Griesy and Son until 1919 w hen the writer purchased the complete business. Since that time we have enlarged our quarters and have endeavored to build up our institution upon the sound basis of good business always advocated by the founder of Griesy's—my father, who was always encouraged and helped by my mother. If we fail to do business on these teachings we are violating a sacred trust.

In line with the above we wish to give you just a brief list of the standard lines carried by us to show that we purchase only from companies who will stand back of their merchandise and give us the service we expect to pass on to you. The following lines will stand comparison with anything sold in the hardware and implement industry and Griesy sells them:

Majestic, Round Oak, Acorn and Cole's stoves and ranges.

Minnesota paints, Dutch Boy lead and Minnesota varnishes.

Community, Rogers, Henry Sears and Remington cutlery.

Remington and Winchester fire arms.

Perfection oil stoves.

Goodyear belting and rubber hose.

I. H. C., Cushman and Sandwich engines.

Primrose and Iowa cream separators.

Schroeder and Sandwich farm elevators.

McCormick, Deering, Moline, Emerson Brantingham, Hayes and Pattee full line implements.

Remember—not the best looking building in town but merchandise inside that merits your consideration when buying hardware and implements.

AW, THEY AIN'T THAT BAD!

The Humboldt Republican is responsible for this piece, and we don't really believe it's all so. The Republican says:

Last spring, while the roads leading into Emmetsburg were in such bad condition, a couple, accompanied by three small children, drove up to the court house square, climbed out of their mud-bespattered rig and sought the clerk's office, where they asked for a marriage license. The clerk was shocked. Said he: "You ought to be ashamed of yourselves, asking for a marriage license at this date with three children with you." Said the lady: "You see, mister it's this way. We started all right. But the roads were so bad—". She got no further; the marriage license was produced with no further delay.

You can always tell a strong minded woman, but you can't tell her much.

TAKING NO CHANCES!

Ronnie, age four, had grown tired of blowing bubbles, so he asked his mother to read him the story in the Bible about the city with the golden streets.

"Very well, dear, but have you taken the soap out of the water?" she asked.

"I'm pwetty sure I have," said Ronnie, who was a little short tongued.

When she reached the words: "And there shall in no wise enter into it any that . . . . maketh a lie," he slid from her knees and said: "I fink I'll go and thee about that thoap."

SOUND REASON

Herbert, aged four, was irritated by the crying of sister Harriet, aged two. "Why don't you stop crying?" he asked his sister with great seriousness. "You must be sick. You don't look well and you don't sound well."

IDENTIFIED!

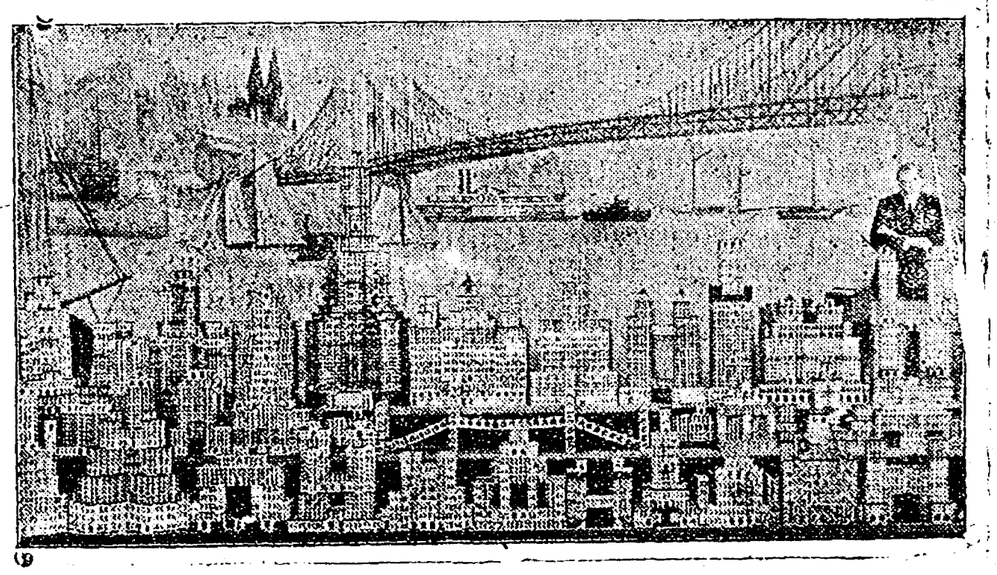
Rastas, newly up from Alabama, had secured a job as waiter in a Kansas City restaurant. He felt out of place and moped around, every day getting more and more desolate. One afternoon a customer arrived and ordered bacon and eggs, but when they appeared they didn't suit.

"Look here!" roared the newcomer, "what the wah-hoo-wah do you mean by serving by blink-blank bacon in such a zig-bazzled way? I've a good mind to rip your mp-tra-la-la hide off, you ding-dang-dong!"

"Deed, boss," he ejaculated, "It sho' seems good to wait on a true southerner gempum agin."

When you get thoroly mad at some business associate or firm, the correct way to write them of the fact is as follows:

"Sir: My typist, being a lady, cannot take down what I think of you. I, being a gentleman, cannot write it. You, being neither, can guess it all."



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ARCHITECTS PLAN SKY SCRAPERS WITH TOY.

This is not a skyline of a large city which has been built or is about to be erected but it is the astounding toy, Bilt E Z, brought out recently by the Scott Mfg. Co. of Chicago.

The toy was first intended to amuse children, but architects have found it so helpful that they are now using the blocks to assist them in their work, and several large municipal enterprises or improvements have been visualized by the use of the parts. Our photo shows a skyline recently erected by one of the inventors.

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MASON CITY, IOWA

So. Delaware Ave. At 1st St.

MESERVEY SECTION

K. C. Ruigh and Frank Ostendorf were callers at Hampton on Wednesday afternoon of last week.

L. B. Hulsebus and wife, of Clear Lake were calling in town last Wednesday evening.

Wm. Larson and Ferdinand Halfpop were Mason City callers last Thursday.

For sale or rent, a 4-room house. See W. F. Larson, Meservey, Iowa. 35tfc.

OUR MOTTO---"QUALITY FIRST"

August News

Now that Threshing time is here, we are prepared to fill your orders.

We have Cream and Brick Cheese and Butter, always on ice.

A good supply of Dried and Canned Fruits, Pickles, Pork and Beans, Salmon, and everything that goes to make up a good threshers' dinner.

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A. E. Muller. Proprietor

Meservey, Iowa

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We Need the Money!

Meservey Garage

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MESERVEY, IOWA

Rev. and Mrs. Eilert Dirks had the stork visit them Sunday forenoon, who left a nice baby girl. The young lady arrived a little late to attend Sunday School. All concerned are doing nicely, including the father.

Mrs. M. S. Jackson and son, Kenneth, of Clarion, came last Wednesday for several days' visit at the Henry Friesleben home.

Rev. and Mrs. Schlesselman and children, Dorothy and Paul and Bonita Muller attended the Bible Conference at Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, from Wednesday until Saturday of last week.

C. J. Wendell, Mrs. Theo Wendell, Mrs. Reif and Harm Groen motored to the county seat last Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Viola Lauster was a motor passenger to Mason City Wednesday of last week, where she had dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. W. Paul, accompanied by Fred Enabnit, Mrs. Simon Fischer and Gladys motored to Mason City last Thursday to spend the day.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Fischer and three children motored to Cedar Falls on Wednesday of last week to attend the Bible Conference that day and Thursday. They returned Thursday evening accompanied by Miss Margaret Schoenweiss, of Waverly, who visited several days at their home.

Mrs. J. W. Nissen and children, Mrs. A. Kolb, Mrs. A. J. Nissen and Marjory and Neva Muller were Klemme callers Thursday afternoon.

John Knapp, of near Hampton, was in town one day last week. His last visit was 32 years ago. We trust he will shorten the intervals.

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Meservey Barber Shop

H. F. REIF, Prop.

Laundry Dry Cleaning

Billy Larson and family departed from this place last Thursday for Parkersburg where they will make their future home. Billy will have charge of a medicine route.

The Helping Hand Society will meet with Mrs. U. J. Cooper on Thursday afternoon, August 16, for their regular meeting. All requested to be present.

Mr. Fred Lehman, son and a nephew, of Polk county, spent a few days last week at Clear Lake, returning Thursday to their home after calling for Mrs. Lehman, who had visited with Mr. and Mrs. C.. Mayers during their outing. They also visited at the A. Kolb home, being old friends of them.

Rev. H. Raecker Sr. returned home last Friday after spending several weeks at Colfax for the benefit of his health.

Miss Bonnie Brogan, of Garner, visited with Neva Muller last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Thomas and daughters Thelma and Lois motored to Cedar Falls last Saturday morning to visit Viola and Evelyn, and they also planned to take in part of the Bible Conference at Riverview Park.

We are iformed that the Stone farms north of Meservey have been sold to Woods Bros., of Omaha, the tract containing some over 3,200 acres and has been held by the Stone family over 30 years.

Gasoline dropped to 16½ cents at this place Tuesday morning. Either some one is selling at a loss or they were profiteering before. We rather think it is the latter.

The hours from 2:00 to 4:00 p. m. were observed here last Friday in honor of our late President Harding. Mr. Harding surely was a beloved President.

Mrs. Lehman, of Alliman, this state, visited several days last week with her old friends, Mr. and Mrs. C. Mayers. They had not met in 40 years, and they enjoyed their meeting to the utmost relating past experiences. They immigrated to this country together from Switzerland years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Sprau and daughter, Rozelle were callers at Mason City last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Langlitz and son, Irvin were calling on relatives in Goodell last Thursday evening.

Mr. Geo. Waddingham, of Milton, Oregon, arrived last Wednesday on the midnight to spend several weeks with his sons, Chas. and Ralph and with other of his children who live in the surrounding vicinity. Mr. Waddingham was a resident of this place for many years prior to his removal to the present home.

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NOTICE FOR BIDS

The Board of Directors of the Consolidated Independent School District of Meservey will receive bids at the office of the Secretary of the Board for janitor and bus drivers until 8 p. m. Saturday, August 18, 1923.

Bids should state the number of the route for which application is made and the amount asked per month of 20 school days. Bids for janitor should state the amount asked per school month. The Board reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all bids.

K. Clarence Ruigh, Secretary.

Clark Shove has filed a petition asking for a divorce from his wife. In his petition he alleges that she threw a clock and lamp at him some time during the month of July. He also claims cruelty.

Nothing is said in the petition about Beecher, Leone and Tabby, but no doubt these will go to the plaintiff.

Marius Floy has filed a petition in the district court asking $25,000.00 damages from Soren Peterson for alleged slander in an article written by Peterson several weeks ago and printed in the Thornton Enterprise. These two gentlemen have been throwing more or less mud at each other for some time past, and the outcome could hardly have been expected to be other than something of the above nature, or worse. There is a rumor that Peterson will file a $50,000 suit against Floy. Some fine picking for the attorneys as both parties are reported well to do.

A. E. Muller and family are spending the week visiting their old home at Harlan and Defiance. Billy Loats and Mrs. A. J. Nissen are the chief egg counters at the store during their absence.

The City Fathers and officials of the C. G. W. R. R. met at the city hall Tuesday relative to opening the crossing on Third street. It is the same old story, "nothing doing until force is used." The council feels that they have waited many years in an effort to get a crossing with nice words and waiting, and their patience is exhausted. J. C. Williams, Attorney, is assisting the council and unless we miss our guess there will be a crossing.

O. L. Varland, of the State Bank of Belmond, was a business visitor here last Monday.

Threshing is progressing nicely since the weather has cleared up. This week will finish up most of the shock threshing.

Mrs. Mary Butz returned from her visit to Dumont.

Jacob Nissen motored to Mason City, Saturday with some fruit exhibits for the North Iowa Fair.

Rev. Pannkuk, Rev. Johnson, of Chapin, Ben Gruis and Klaas Gruis motored to Rochester early Monday morning where Rev. Johnson and Klaas Gruis expect to pass thru the Mayo Bros. clinic.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Thomas visited their daughters at Cedar Falls Saturday and Sunday.

Most people have habits and faults which are better known to their friends than to themselves. The same is true of their conversation—some talk on all subjects and say very little, others have certain subjects on which they are better posted. Take Heinie for instance. He tells you about radio frequency, audio frequency, W. D. 11, W. D. 12, fading, static, super regenerative, how well the Unique cleans clothes and what Jack Gerhard said

Little Heinie most always has a smile and seldom frowns unless the juice happens to be off when he has the cooler full of fresh meats.

Jack talks about the White Socks, Cubs, Red Rocks, Babe Ruth and is the best posted ball fan in town, always happy in spite of his weight.

Gar tells what speed the old "Cad" has and how economical the Chevrolet is on gasoline.

Hutch is somewhat quiet but does warm up on a fish or duck story.

Fischer loves his family and delights to tell about the farm he used to own on an Island in the Mississippi river. He awoke one morning to find that he only had a boat left and $400 in debts. We understand however that the $400 has long since been paid.

Fred Menzel seldom frowns, but one day last week he did, for when he met the train and his sweetie did not come, but a letter came instead, which informed him that she had a slight attack of appendicitis and might not be able to come until the troublesome member was removed.

Muller seldom complains in spite of the condition of the shingles on his head, talks about prunes and radio and lets it go at that.

Harm is such a joker that it is hard to tell if he is in earnest or not. If you complain about the high price of coal he will inform you that he has a car on track this week on which the freight is $6.00 per ton so what can the poor fellow do about it?

Anderson seldom smiles and attends strictly to business.

Cap says he is not sure that the Co-Operative movement will work out, but he is sure that he has a letter which says that he can write accident insurance.

C. J. is most always busy and if you ask him about business he will tell you that it is growing and that he is putting up windmills 10 miles from home.

Hi tells about the speeders and the new hog door factory that is soon to be built here.

Smithy says that if the government would furnish the coal his place of business would be more comfortable on cold days.

E. G. talks abut his new animal (Ford) about the quality of milk that his cow gives, and how many gaits Fox has.

Harry T. says collections are rotten, and to prove it he will turn his pockets inside out and hold the palms of his hands up.

Crow has little to say and is usually busy with the broom or a dust cloth. his frown usually comes with the rain on Saturday night when he has a big supply of ice cream on hand.

Our brick building is somewhat of a cold affair, cold cash, past due paper, and security is the main subject.

Note—If any one has been missed please call our attention to the fact and we will write you up next week.

J. G. Herbster is moving into the Jones house this week.

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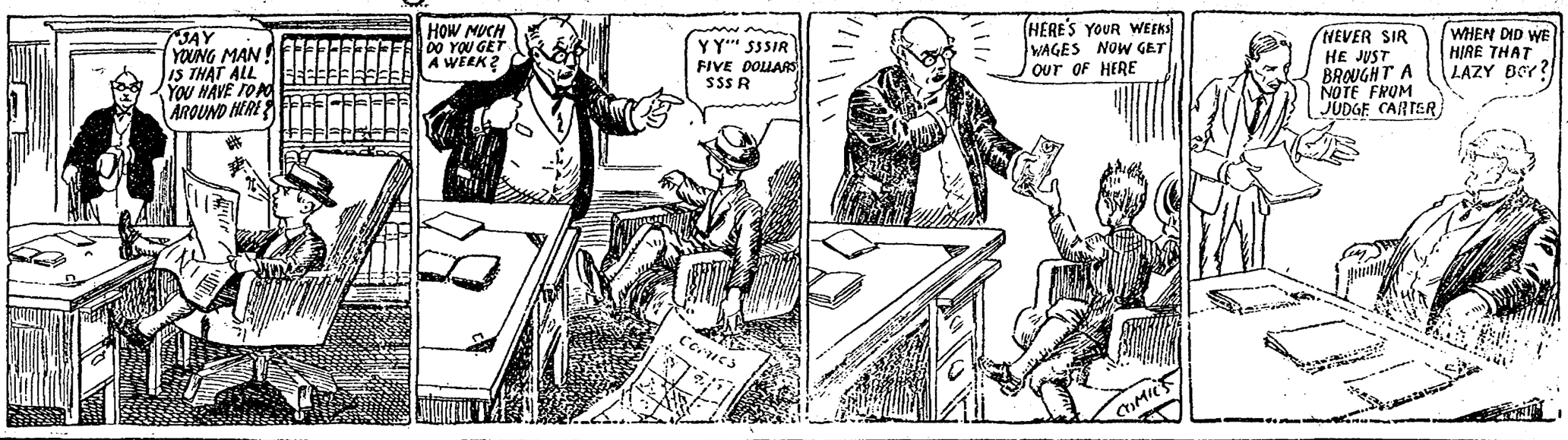

ROWAN NEWS

1921 Ford Coupe for sale.—Belmond Motor Sales Co.

For Sale—1921 Ford Touring; 1923 4-door Ford Sedan; 1923 2-door Sedan. Several other [illegible] at reasonable prices. —Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond, Iowa.

For Sale—Two Tractors, with plows. Priced right.—Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond, Iowa. 35tfc

Rowan Methodist Church Notes

Don't stay away because the church is not perfect. How lonesome you would feel in a perfect church.

Class meeting at 9:30 a. m. Sunday school at 10. The attendance is increasing. Come thou with us and we will do thee good.

Divine worship at 11 a. m. Morning theme, Victory Over the World.

Epworth League at 7 p. m.

Evening services at 8. This is the last one of the union services of this summer. Let us fill the church. Rev. Halbert will preach.

Prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening.

The Methodist church invites you to join its friendly people.

Mrs. C. C Lucas and Maxine of Kanawha, Mrs Hanson and daughters from Montana, and Mrs. Fritz and daughters of Clarion were callers at the Rev. G. A. Osborn home Sunday.

Rev. Wm. H. Welch and wife and daughter stopped Thursday afternoon for a brief visit with the Osborns, and to see the Methodist church, which has been built since Rev. Welch was a resident of our vicinity. Rev. Welch is pastor of the Methodwist church at Lehigh, where he is doing a fine piece of work. They were returning by way of our city from a trip thru Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan, having traveled over 1,600 miles.

Mr. Osborn was a caller in Hampton last Thursday.

Miss Elsie Keith who has been in Goldfield visiting, arrived at the R. H. Keith home Thursday for a short visit.

Mrs. Melissa Osborn, of Okaloosa, is visiting her son, Rev. Osborn, until the latter part of this week, when she will go to Farnhamville on business and to visit with friends.

The Methodist Ladies Aid are to have a work meeting and supper in the church basement on Thursday afternoon and evening.

Mesdames L. A. McCallum, Oscar Isenberger, Dan Whitten, Wm. Tresidder, John Farran, L. W. Stevenson, Oscar Myers and R. H. Keith attended the county W. C. T. U. in Clarion last Thursday. Mrs. R. H. Keith was elected superintendent of Child Welfare.

The following were entertained at the Fred Brooks home Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Peterson and daughters Mildren and Veone, and niece Viola, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hildebrand, Walter Peterson and Paul Davis of Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brooks, Miss Orle Brooks and Ida Anderson of Belmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ballou and little daughter of Parkersburg spent Thursday and Friday at the O. E. Ballou home. Misses LaVonne Ballou and Faye Bingham drove over to Galt after them Thursday.

The Bluebird class were entertained last Friday afternoon at Evelyn Whitten's.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Fasset from St. Paul, and Mrs. Basset's mother, Mrs. James Parsons, of Galt, were visitors last Saturday at the O. E. Ballou home.

Fleming Evans, wife and daughter of Dows were Rowan callers Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harris and son from Thornton spent Sunday at the parental Stevenson home. They have recently purchased a new Chevrolet Sedan.

Tom Ross took some live stock to the No. Iowa Fair at Mason City which is on this week. Mrs. Ross and Marladene expect to go up on Thursday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kercheval were Hampton callers last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fetrow and Mrs. N. F. Easton of Belmond were Sunday guests at the Fred Kercheval home.

Mrs. L. R. Fitz returned from Churdan Friday, where she had been attending the funeral of a sister-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanton Agnew and family of Kansas City were guests at the Ray Azeltine home the last of the week. They were enroute to Clear Lake.

Mrs. Mary Braden was a guest at the J. H. Brannon home near Dows over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Heath entertained at 6 o'clock dinner Thursday in honor of Mrs. Susan Bixler. The following guests were present: Mrs. James Allen and Alta, Mrs. Howard Box and son.

Mrs. Oscar Johnson of Dows was a guest part of last week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Cliff Steffens.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lindsay were Hampton visitors last Thursday.

Mrs. R. H. Keith, Kenneth, Margaret and Miss Elsie Keith were Hampton business callers last Saturday.

Carl Steffens and wife returned last Tuesday from their Minnesota trip. They enjoyed their outing immensely.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Whitten autoed to Minnesota, Saturday, and spent Sunday with their uncle, Art. Walker, and family.

Herb Ketchum had the misfortune of having nine head of young cattle run into and killed by passenger No. 6 on the Great Western last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Hannah Whitten received the sad news from Perry, Okla., that her brother, H. W. Baines, has been found dead Saturday. She departed Monday evening for Oklahoma.

Miss Eva Hackley and a friend of Sioux Falls spent last week with her folks. They departed Sunday on their return, accompanied by Miss Nellie Hackley and Mrs. Elsie Gaulke from Dows.

Lou Richards and family and Dick Andrews of Cuba City, Wisconsin, arrived last Wednesday at the Chas. Richards home. Mr. Richards is a brother of John Richards, Sr.

John Richards, Jr., and family of Iowa City arrived Saturday for a visit with relatives here.

The Misses Amy and Clara Azeitine went to Iowa Falls, Thursday, to spend the week end at their sister, Lillian's, who is attending school at that place.

Mrs. James Rowen has been quite ill the past week. Her mother, Mrs. Griffin, of Clarion, has been caring for her.

Dr. S. F. Osborne and wife from Waterville, Minn., and Dr. T. C. Osborne and wife of LeSuer, Minn., arrived Monday at the home of their brother, Rev. Osborne. Another brother, Dr. O. H. Osborne had planned to come but was detained at home on account of sickness.

Mrs. Louise Letts of Webster City and her daughter, Mrs. Blanche Petty of Waterloo visited last week at the Kercheval and Ballou homes.

Wilbur Utz and Miss Marie Hinckley were united in marriage Thursday, August 9th, at the M. E. parsonage in Clarion by Rev. Walker. They departed Friday by auto for a short honeymoon at Dixon, Illinois, after which they will be at home to their friends at the home of his mother Mrs. James Langdon.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Hinckley near Dows. She was a graduate of the Rowan high school in the class of 1922-23. The groom is one of the successful young farmers of this vicinity.

Their many friends join in wishing them a long and happy married life.

The following is the program to be given at the Congregational church August 17 at 8 p. m. by Miss Charter and her pupils:

At Dusk, Nina Rietz.
Minuet in G, Robert Smith.
Sing, Robin, Sing, Mariam Sellers.
Nearer My God to Thee, Hazel Utz.
Slumber Song, Dolly Duffy.
Reading, Faith Porter.
Star of Hope, Alec. Smith.
Gondolier: Margaret and Kenneth Keith, Esther Emerson, Anna Rietz Viola Charter.
In the Swing, Mabel Fanselow.
March, Doris and Pearl Hiams.
Reading, Faith Porter.
In the Sweet Long Ago, Nina Rietz.
Falling Waters, Edith Hill.
Reading, Faith Porter.
Traumerei, Anna Rietz.
Piano Duet, Gladys Whitten.

GOODELL NEWS

1921 Ford Coupe for sale.—Belmond Motor Sales Co.

Mrs. Robert McNutt spent two days with her sister last week, assisting her with her work.

Miss Hill was in town a part of last week lining up her work for the coming school year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth were Belmond callers Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. L. G. Avery on Tuesday of last week entertained a number of friends. Her daughter, Mrs. Kinseth, of Belmond, was present.

On Wednesday afternoon of last week Mrs. John Ahrenkiel entertained the Matson family.

Mrs. Blum, of Cedar Rapids came last Friday and is visiting at Mrs. John Ahrenkiel's.

Mrs. Dan Miller made a business trip to Belmond on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. White visited their daughter, Mrs. Ed Hughes on Thursday last.

Mrs. Wm. Bier visited her brother who is in the hospital at Mason City. She reports her brother some better.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beiers are visiting at Mr. Beier's parents this week.

Mr. Anton Boller on last Thursday while driving a team for Mr. Lackore was thrown from the wagon and his shoulder was put out of joint. It was necessary to have two doctors to put it back.

Dr. Missman, of Klemme was in town on last Thursday on professional business.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beier and Mrs. Wm. Beier drove to Mason City Sunday afternoon to see Mrs. Wm. Beier's brother.

Miss Maude Griggs helped at the Julius Cook home last week.

There was a fine attendance at the Rosary on Thursday. A very pleasant time was had by all who attended.

Mrs. Orlanda Sandberg assisted her daughter, Mrs. Jenison during threshing last week.

Mrs. Benson, of Gladbrook, Iowa, is visiting at the H. T. Miller's.

The United Brethren Sunday School will hold their annual picnic on Thursday, August 16. Bring a well filled basket and enjoy the day at West Lake.

Mrs. Graham, of Klemme, visited her mother, Mrs. Gee, on Wednesday of last week.

On Monday J. W. Griggs unloaded a car load of cement for the dam that is to be put in at East Lake this fall.

The "Wantano" Club met with Miss Mildred Borne last Thursday.

The Twin Lake Farm Bureau met last Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Luick. It is reported that attendance was very large.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hanson and Miss Clara Johnson visited at the Schlichting home Sunday afternoon.

Rev. H. T. Miller returned from his Minnesota trip, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jenison visited at the Jay Buchanan home, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donahue who have been visiting Mrs. Donahue's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Finn, returned to their home in Lakota, Saturday.

Mrs. Africa enjoyed a visit from a brother who live in Des Moines.

Mr. Savogue spent Monday in Osage.

Toge Matson returned to his work after a visit with his parents.

Mrs. Julius Cook was in Hampton last week for treatment.

Dan Miller is hauling sand for the new dam at East Lake.

The Wan-to-no Club met at the home of Miss Mildred Beier, Thursday, August 9. The program was very much enjoyed by all. Eleven members were present. Nettie Chase talkd on "Care of Hair," Viola Finn on "Health Habits," Dorothy Lackore played an instrumental piece, and Edith Halfpop talked on "Care of Feet." Mrs. Chas. Conklin and Mrs. F. R. Chase were there to look after sewing affairs. After the meeting fine refreshments were served.

The spoon is an insignificant little utensil, yet it creates a stir in every home.

MICKIE SAYS—

ANNOUNCEMENT!

The White Produce Company

will not be closed during the absence of J. S. White.

Lateer Bros,, who have been assisting the management the last two years, will have complete charge.

Your continued patronage is solicited.

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Goodell Phone 21 — Earnest F. Lateer

COURT HOUSE NOTES

W. C. Halsey of Eagle Grove brings suit against R. S. and Mary Woodard to recover the sum of $3,829.52 alleged to be due on two promissory notes. The defendants made and executed these notes in favor of the Clarion Savings Bank and for value received were later transferred to the plaintiff, who alleges defendants have or are about to dispose of their property.

William R. Lambert of Clarion seeks a divorce from his wife, Hattie Frances, whom he married at Perry in November 1919. The husband alleges wilful desertion without cause and that the wife has absented herself from him for more than two years.

During one of the hot days last week janitor McGrath "snowed" away a fifty-ton car of lump coal in the court house basement.

Judge Clock of Hampton will convene court on Monday next to dispose of the unfinished busines remaining on hand from the April term.

The salary of the county attorney was increased by the last general assembly from $1,400 to $1,600. This change in the new law was accidently discovered only last week in the auditor's office.

Preliminary steps have been taken and unless "the man in the case" mends his ways another divorce case from a neighboring town will probably be a matter of record.

The Bankers Life Company ask judgment against R. W. Healey and wife, formerly of Belmond, now living in California, in the sum of $7,650, alleged to be due on a promissory note executed December 1st, 1920.—Monitor.

ON PRESIDENT HARDING

He has gone, he has left us lonely,
Burdened with tears and sighs.
How nobly he struggled onward
To join Them in the skies!
With crowns of national glory,
Gained thru struggle and strife
His spirit has left us, only;
To awake to a greater life.
Oh God, Thou didst safely guide him,
He who managed the helm and sail
And now You have taken him from us—
From the struggles of life's long trail.

Tom French, Iowa Falls, Ia

THE SONG OF THE FARMER

Most ev'ry day we read about some one who has his life knocked out because, before the train goes by, he tries to get across in high. He doesn't want to stop and wait until some passenger or freight has rumbled by and cleared the way, he hasn't got no time to stay and so he steps upon the gas, he won't wait for the train to pass. The chances are he learns too late it's safer for to stop and wait, the engine strikes and knocks him hence, his auto's straddle of the fence, while he is lucky at, by heck, he hasn't got a broken neck.

When I come to a railroad track I look down it both ways and back and if the limited's in sight I stop the motor and sit tight until the train has hurried by, for I ain't in a rush to die. A moment's waiting, more or less won't hurt me very much, I guess, I'd rather be alive and late than knocked to pieces by a freight. I'd rather stand for some delay than to smear up the right-of-way. I'd rather wait awhile, by gee, than have a funeral with me the guest of honor, while gee whiz, they say "How natural he is." When my time comes and life shall cease, I want to go all in one piece, so when the bell begins to ring I stop my car and wait, by jing!—The Prairie Farmer.

A NEW VERSION

Teacher—Once there was a very bad boy and he took his knife and cut off a cat's tail. Now what verse in the Bible does that remind you of?

Johnnie—What God has joined together let no man put asunder.

When you expect an opportunity it usually misses the train.

It takes a rousing demonstration to get a small boy out of bed in the early morn.

THE FARMER'S WIFE

Canning Chicken. Kill, dress and cut chicken into usual pieces. Cook until the meat can be removed from the bones; cut into small pieces or run thru food chopper and season to taste. Pack into half-pint jars, pouring in enough of the broth left from the boiling to fill air spaces. Put rubber and cap into position and sterilize one and a half hours in hot water bath or 45 minutes in steam pressure cooker at 20 pounds pressure. This makes excellent sandwich filling or chicken salad.

2. Place pieces of raw chicken in jars. Season, add water if desired, or let juices from the broth. Place rubber and cap in position and sterilize for three hours in hot water bath or one and a half hours in steam cooker at 20 pounds pressure.

3. Season. Fry pieces of chicken as for table use, until nicely browned. Pack into jars and pour in the fat used for frying. Do not add water. Place rubber and cap in position; sterilize one and a half hours in hot water bath or 45 minutes under 20 pounds pressure in steam cooker.

Make Your Own Candied Fruit

Fruit which is to be candied should be washed, peeled and pared, then cut or slice into small pieces. Drop fruit into boiling water for two or three minutes, drain well and cover with syrup made by boiling together one pound of sugar for each pound of fruit, with one cup of water. Boil fruit rapidly in this syrup for 15 minutes. Remove from fire and let stand over night. Repeat heating and cooling for four to six days, according to how rapidly the water is drawn out and the syrup absorbed. When the fruit is transparent and bright, lift from syrup and dry in sun or in cool oven.

BUNDY'S GOT A CARBURETOR

Rube McFerren of Webster City recently received a letter from Henry Ford asking him to come to the Ford plant at Detroit and demonstrate the Bundy Developement company carburctor. This carburetor is made especially for Ford cars and is claimed to effect a saving of from a third to a half in gasoline. A good many of them have been sold in this part of the state and Mr. Ford is now anxious to have a demonstration which may lead to it becoming a part of the regular Ford car equipment. Mr. McFerren, who was the republican candidate for senator from this district at the last election, plans to make the trip to Detroit soon.—Webster City Journal.

"Levine," said the manager of a bank, "there'll be a vacancy at the head office shortly, and I'm thinking of nominating your twin brother for the job."

"My twin brother!" exclaimed Levine. "But—"

"I mean the one I saw watching a ball game yesterday while you were at your aunt's funeral," said the manager.

"Oh—yes," said Levine. "I'll go and get him!"

"Good!" said the manager. "And don't come back until you've found him."

"Safety first" is a good motto, but too many people wait until it's too late to be careful.

A pessimist likes a thing he can't enjoy, and an optimist enjoys a thing he can't like.

A lot of foolish birds must pass for wise owls if they would only refrain from talking.

A fat girl ought to be insulted if you offer her candy, but generally she isn't.

"Politics is politics," and that is about the best and the worst that you can say of it.

Keep your temper. Nobody wants it.

Don't worry over the criticism of others. It is often caused by envy.

Never climb over the obstacles in the pathway of life. Remove them, instead.

COMING

To Cornelia, Iowa, beginning with Sunday, August 19th

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IT LOOKED THAT WAY

Two miners had never seen golf played before. They stood watching a fat, unskilled player at work in a bunker. The sand flew up but the ball remained. Seven agonizing shots had been played. The player made his eighth attempt. The ball was lobbed up, dropped on the green, and rolling to the pin, settled in the hole.

"By gum, Bill!" said one miner to the other, "He's got a duece of a job on, now!"

A LITTLE LIVER CURE

We usually try out all the remedies friends suggest to us, but occasionally it is necessary to balk. An editorial friend tells us how to cure a sluggish liver, which we now have. Says he: "Take one spade, one hoe and one rake, twice a day, and dig a cure out of the garden."—Honey Grove Signal.

No, we will not relent. We don't like winter any better because of the excesses of summer.

After a rough lie has been polished it is called hypocrisy.

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T. B. tested cows. Why take a chance? We deliver, or you can buy at Robinson's or the Cash Market.

LOCALS

The Dorcas Society of the Immanuel Reformed church will hold their social tonight. Refreshments will be served, and the girls will sell their fancy work.

All business places in Belmond closed last Friday afternoon, from one to four, in honor of President Harding, whose funeral was held at Marion, Ohio, that afternoon.

The Spencer base ball team won the tournament last week, defeating Dows 10 to 3 in the last game. Spencer has a fast team, one of the best in Iowa, and if the Legion secures them for a game on their big day in September local fans should see a real game.

M. J. Thoe returned the first of the week from his trip to points in South Dakota. He was accompanied on the trip by his father, of Lake Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. White expect to leave next Sunday on their trip to Washington state. They will go by way of Yellowstone Park, and expect to be gone about a month and a half. Earl Lateer will have charge of the White Produce Station during Mr. White's absence. Ernest Lateer will have charge of the Goodell station.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Jacobson and family returned last Thursday from their trip to points in Minnesota, where they visited relatives and enjoyed an outing.

Two more rains, one last Friday and another Saturday night, have freshened the growing things considerably, and as a result prospects for a big corn crop now depend upon the frost staying away another month.

HER WAY OUT

"A man came in the other day," said the medium to an acquaintance in the same business, "and asked me to get into communication with the shade of Julius Caesar right away. He wanted to know what Caesar really said when Brutus stabbed him."

"That was easy."

"Of course. But for a moment I forgot the stock line we always use, so I had to clutch at the air three or four times and tell my client that as I was a lady I couldn't repeat such language."

WHERE LIGHT WAS NEEDED!

The stingy farmer was scoring the hired man for carrying a lighted lantern to call on his best girl.

"The idea," he exclaimed. "When I was courtin' I never carried no lantern. I went in the dark."

"Yes," said the hired man sadly. "and look what you got."

SIGNS OF WEAR

"What do you think of your new mama, Elsie?"

"Well, papa, if you took her for new, I think you got cheated."

The boy who once wished his dad had a candy store now has a son who wishes his dad had a filling station.—

With the delights of summer only fairly upon us we are confronted with the perplexities of another winter's supply of coal.

You can not expect others to see the justice of your position unless you are able to see it yourself.

Kinseth's Store News

We're full of prunes. An odd remark to make in an ad, isn't it? But we aim to be truthful first of all in our advertising, and so we have to say that we're full of prunes.

We mean by that, we are ready

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to sell you some Italian Prunes. We have a fresh shipment of them, and we want to say right here that they are some prunes! If you haven't had a dish of Italian Prunes, you don't know what prunes can be like. They make the finest desert dish on the table, and we want you to try a small order of them to begin with. The large order will come as soon as you have tried them.

—K—

And of course we have all kinds of good groceries to go along with the prunes. Our goods are good goods, if you get any that aren't it will be a favor to us if you will just send them right back. We consider that a satisfied customer is better than the money in bad goods.

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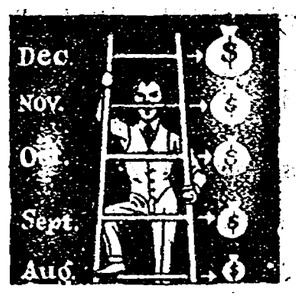

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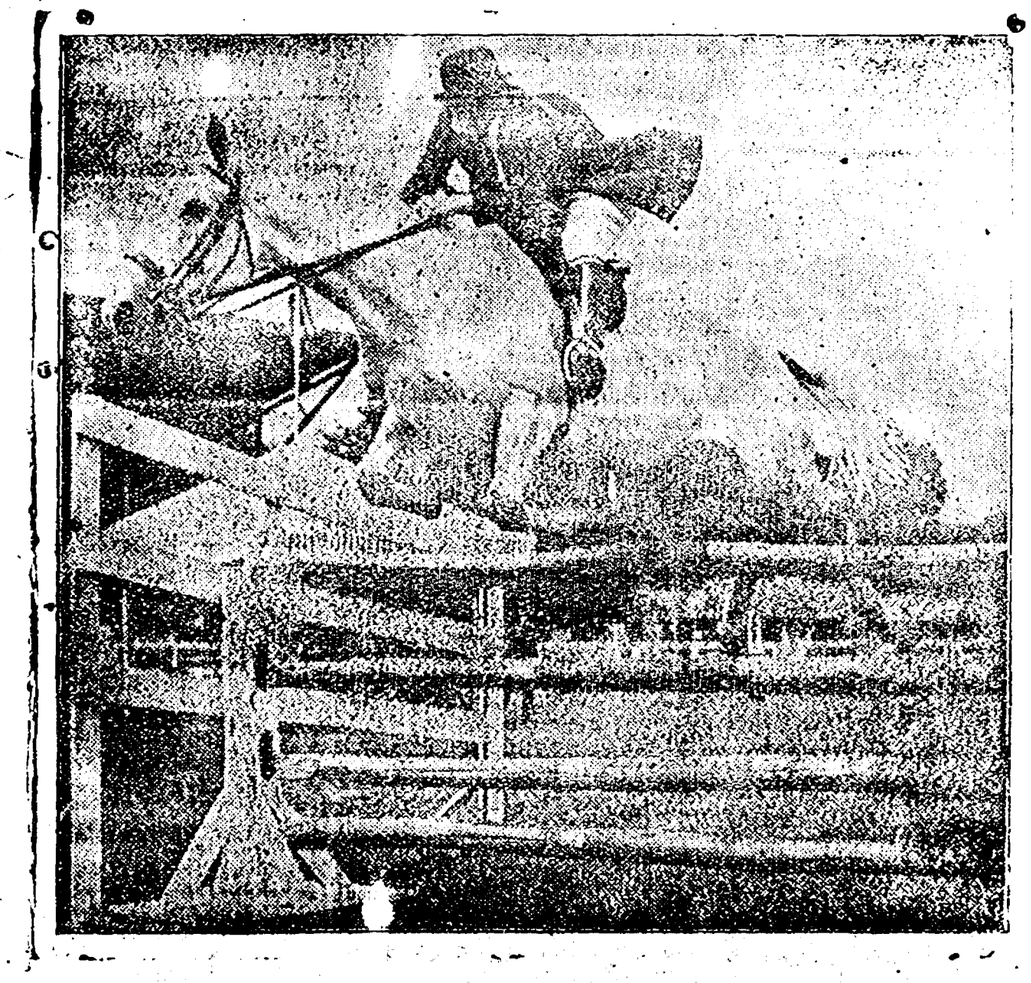

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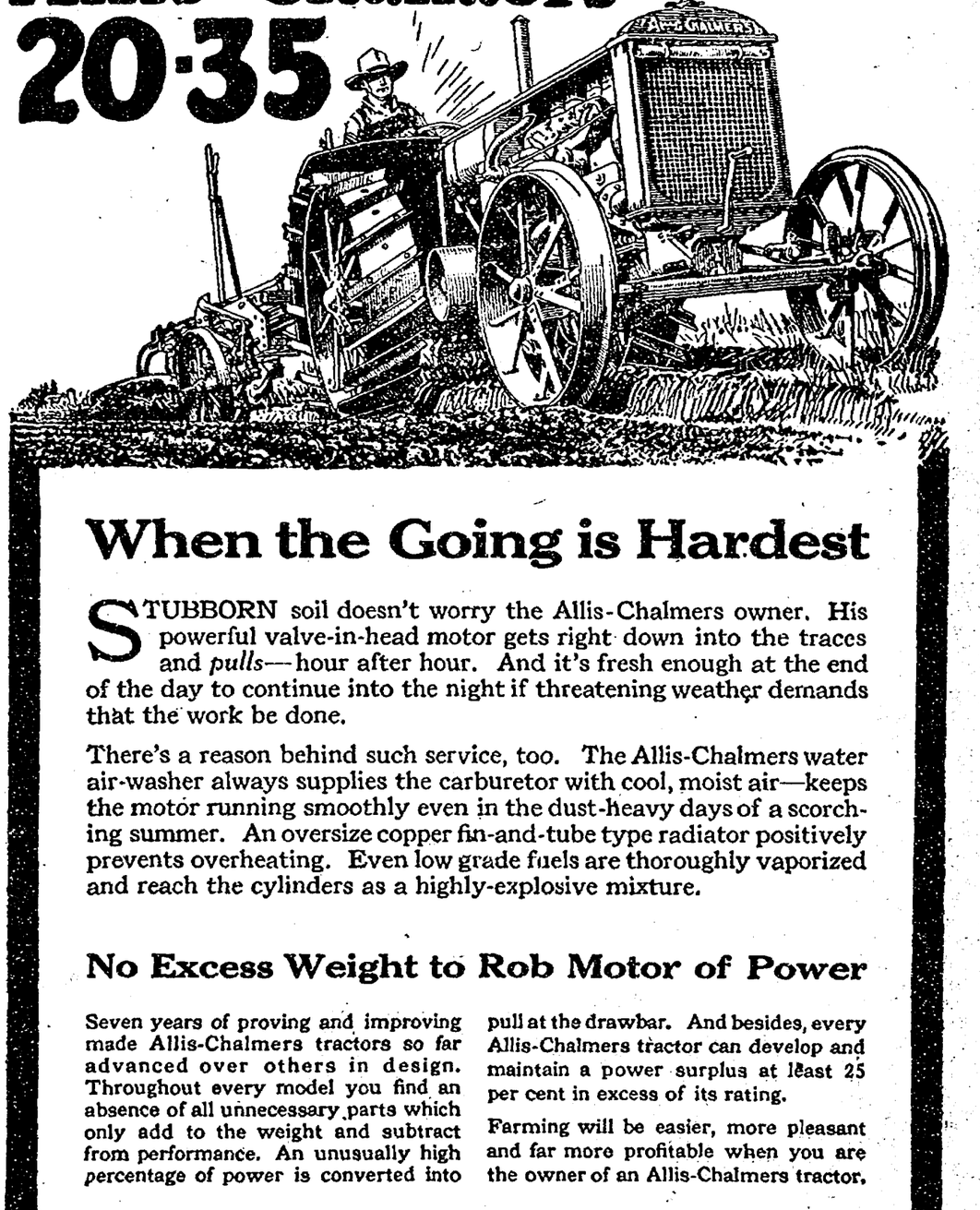

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SYNOPSIS

Book One.

CHAPTER I.—Joan Landis, eighteen years old, wife of Pierre, is the daughter of John Carver, who murdered her mother for adultery. Her lonely life, with her father, in a Wyoming cabin, unbearable, Joan leaves him, to work in a hotel in a nearby town.

CHAPTER II.—Joan meets Pierre, and the two, mutually attracted, are married.

CHAPTER III.—Carver tells Pierre the story of Joan's mother. Days afterward, Pierre, seemingly for no reason, forges a cattle brand, telling Joan it's their brand, the Two-Bar.

CHAPTER IV.—In Pierre's absence Frank Holliwell, young minister, asks shelter for the night. Joan interests him, and finding she is anxious to learn he offers to bring her books.

"Mrs. Landis," he said, in a crisp voice of an accent and finish strange to the girl, "I wonder if you and your husband can put me up for the night. I'm Frank Holliwell. I'm on a round of parish visits, and, as my parish is about sixty miles square my poor old pony has gone lame. I know you are not my parishioners, though, no doubt, you should be, but I'm going to lay claim to your hospitality, for all that, if I may?"

Joan had moved her rake into the grasp of her left hand and had taken the proffered palm into her other, all warm and fragrantly stained.

"You're the new sin-buster, ain't you?" she asked gravely.

The young man opened his blue and friendly eyes.

"Oh, that's what I am, eh? That's a new one to me. Yes. I suppose I am. It's rather a fine name to go by—sin-buster," and he laughed very low and very amusedly.

Joan looked him over and slowly smiled. "You look like you could bust anything you'd a mind to," she said, and led the way toward the house, her rake across her shoulder.

"Pierre," she told him when they were in the shining, clean log house, "is off in the hills after his elk, but I can make you up a bed in the sittin'-room an' serve you a supper an' welcome."

"Oh, thanks," he rather doubtfully accepted.

Evidently he did not know the ways and proprieties of this new "parish" of his. But Joan seemed to take the situation with an enormous, calm impersonality. He modeled his manner upon hers. They sat at the table together, Joan silent, save when he forced her to speak, and entirely untroubled by her silence, Frank Holliwell, eating heartily, helping her serve and talking a great deal. By the end of dish-washing he had her history and more of her opinions, probably, than any other creature she had met.

"What do you do when Landis is away?"

She told him.

"But in the evenings, I mean, after work. Have you books?"

"No," said Joan; "it's right hard labor, readin'. Pa learned me my letters an' I can spell out bits from papers an' advertisements an' what not, but I ain't never read a book straight out. I dunno," she added presently, "but as I'd like to. Pierre can read," she told him proudly.

"I'm sure you'd like to." He considered her through the smoke of his pipe. He was sitting by the hearth now, and she, just through with clearing up, stood by the corner of the mantel shelf, arranging the logs. The firelight danced over her face, so beautiful, so unlighted from within.

"How old are you, Joan Landis?" he asked suddenly, using her name without title for the first time.

"Eighteen."

"Is that all? You must read books, you know. There's so much empty space there back of your brows."

She looked up smiling a little, her wide gray eyes puzzled.

"Yes, Joan. You must read. Will you—if I lend you some books."

She considered. "Yes," she said, "I'd read them if you'd be lendin' me some. In the evenings when Pierre's away, I'm right lonesome. I never was lonesome before, not to know it. It'll take me a long time to read one book, though," she added with an engaging mournfulness.

"What do you like—stories, poetry, magazines?"

"I'd like real books in stiff covers," said Joan, "an' I don't like pictures."

This surprised the clergyman. "Why not?" said he.

"I like to notion how the folks look myself. I like pictures of real places, that has got to be like they are"—Joan was talking a great deal and having trouble with her few simple words—"but I like folks in stories to look like I want 'em to look."

"Not the way the writer describes them?"

"Yes, sir. But you can make up a whole lot on what the writer describes. If he says 'her eyes is blue,' you can see 'em dark blue or light blue or jest blue. An' you can see 'em shaped round or what not, the way you think about folks that you've heard of an' have never met."

It was extraordinary how this effort at self-expression excited Joan. She was rarely self-conscious, but she was usually passive or stolid; now there was a brilliant flush in her face and her large eyes deepened and glowed. "I heerd tell of you, Mr. Holliwell. Fellers come up here to see Pierre onct in a while an' one or two of 'em spoke your name. An' I kinder figured out you was a weedy feller, awful solemn-like, an' of course you ain't, but it's real hard for me to notion that there ain't two Mr. Holliwells, you an' the weedy sin-buster I've ben picturin'. Like as not I'll get to thinkin' of you like two fellers." Joan sighed. "Seems like when I onct get a notion in my head it jest sticks there some way."

"Then the more wise notions you get the better. I'll ride up here in a couple of weeks' time with some books. You may keep them as long as you will. All winter, if you like. When I can get up here, we can talk them over, you and Landis and I. I'll try to choose some without pictures. There will be stories and some poetry, too."

"I ain't never read but one pome," said Joan.

"And that was?"

She sat down on the floor by the hearth, her head thrown back to lean against the cobbles of the chimney-piece, her knees locked in her hands. That magnificent long throat of hers ran up to the black coils of hair which had slipped heavily down over her ears. The light edged her round chin and her strongly modeled, regular features; the full, firm mouth so savagely pure and sensuous and self-contained. The eyes were mysterious under their thick lashes and dark, long brows. This throat and face and these strong hands were picked out in their full value of line and texture from the dark cotton dress she was wearing.

"It's a pome on a card what father had, stuck ag'in' the wall." She began to recite, her eyes fixed upon him with childlike gravity. "'He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. . . . Yea, though I walk through the valley of shadows, Thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.'"

Holliwell had taken the pipe from between his teeth, had straightened up. Her deep voice, the slight swinging of her body to the rhythm she had unconsciously given to her lines, the strange glow in her eyes . . . Holliwell wondered why these things, this brief, sing-song recitation, had given a light thrill to the surface of his skin, had sent a tingling to his finger-tips. He was the first person to wonder at that effect of Joan's cadenced music. "The valley of the shadow—" she had missed a familiar phrase and added value to a too often repeated line.

"Joan! Joan!" said the "sin-buster," an exclamation drawn from him on a deep breath, "what an extraordinary girl you are! What a marvelous woman you are going to be!"

Joan looked at him in a silence of pure astonishment and that was the end of their real talk.

CHAPTER V

Pierre Becomes Alarmed About His Property.

The next time Holliwell came he brought the books, and, finding Pierre at home, he sat with his host after supper and talked men's talk of the country; of game, of ranching, a little gossip, stories of travel, humorous experiences, and Joan sat in her place, the books in her lap, looking and listening.

John Carver had used a phrase, "When you see her eyes lookin' an' lookin' at another man—" and this phrase had stuck in Pierre's sensitive and jealous memory. What Joan felt for Holliwell was a sort of ignorant and respectful tenderness, the excitement of an intelligent child first moved to a knowledge of its own intelligence; the gratitude of savage loneliness toward the beautiful feet of exploration. A consciousness of her clean mind, a consciousness of her young, untamed spirit, had come slowly to life in her since her talk with Holliwell. Joan was peculiarly a woman—that is, the passive and receptive being. Pierre had laid his hand on her heart and she had followed him; now this young parson had put a curious finger on her brain, it followed him. Her husband saw the admiration, the gratitude, the tender excitement in her frank eyes, and the poison seed sown by John Carver's hand shot out roots and tiny, deadly branches.

But Joan and Holliwell were unaware. Pierre smoked rapidly, rolling cigarette after cigarette; he listened with a courteous air, he told stories in his soft, slow voice; once he went out to bring in a fresh log and, coming back on noiseless feet, saw Joan and her instructor bent over one of the books and Joan's face was almost that of a stranger, so eager, so flushed, with sparkles in the usually still gray eyes.

It was not till a week or two after this second visit from the clergyman that Pierre's smoldering jealousy broke into flame. After clearing away the supper things with an absent air of eager expectation, Joan would dry her hands on her apron, and, taking down one of her books from their place in a shelf corner, she would draw her chair close to the lamp and begin to read, forgetful of Pierre. These had been the happiest hours for him; he would tell Joan about his day's work, about his plans, about his past life; wonderful it was to him, after his loneliness, that she should be sitting there drinking in every word and loving him with her dumb, wild eyes. Now, there was no talk and no listening. Joan's absorbed face was turned from him and bent over her book, her lips moved, she would stop and stare before her. After a long while he would get up and got to bed, but she would stay with her books till a restless movement from him would make her aware of the lamplight shining wakefulness upon him through the chinks in the partition wall. Then she would get up reluctantly, sighing, and come to bed.

For ten evenings this went on, Pierre's heart slowly heating itself, until, all at once, the flame leaped.

Joan had untied her apron and reached up for her book. Pierre had been waiting, hoping that of her free will she might prefer his company to the "parson feller's"—for in his ignorance those books were jealousy personified—but, without a glance in his direction, she had turned as usual to the shelf.

"You goin' to read?" asked Pierre hoarsely. It was a painful effort to speak.

She turned with a childish look of astonishment. "Yes, Pierre."

He stood up with one of his lithe, swift movements, all in one rippling piece. "By G—d, you're not, though!" said he, strode over to her, snatched the volume from her, threw it back into its place and pointed her to her chair.

"You set down an' give heed to me fer a change, Joan Carver," he said, his smoke-colored eyes smoldering. "I didn't fetch you up here to read parsons' books an' waste oil. I fetched you up here—to—" He stopped, choked with a sudden, enormous hurt tenderness and sat down and fell to smoking and staring, hot-eyed, into the fire.

And Joan sat silent in her place, puzzled, wistful, wounded, her idle hands folded, looking at him for a while, then absently before her, and he knew that her mind was busy again with the preacher feller's books. If he had known better how to explain his heart, if she had known how to show him the impersonal eagerness of her awakening mind—! But, savage and silent, they sat there, loving each other, hurt, but locked each into his own impenetrable life.

After that Joan changed the hours of her study and neglected housework and sagebrush-grubbing, but nonetheless were Pierre's evenings spoiled. When he talked he could not escape

"I Didn't Fetch You Up Here to Read Parsons' Books an' Waste Oil."

the consciousness of having constrained his audience; she could not escape her knowledge of his jealousy, the remembrance of his mysterious outbreak, the irrepressible tug of the story she was reading. So it went on till snow came and they were shut in, man and wife, with only each other to watch, a tremendous test of good-fellowship. This searching intimacy came at a bad time, just after Holliwell's third visit, when he had brought a fresh supply of books.

"There's poetry this time," he said. "Get Pierre to read it aloud to you."

The suggestion was met by a rude laugh from Pierre.

"I wouldn't be wastin' my time," he jeered.

It was the first rift in his courtesy. Holliwell looked up in sharp surprise. He saw a flash of the truth, a little wriggle of the green serpent in Pierre's eyes before they fell. He flushed and glanced at Joan. She wore an almost timorous air, accepted his remarks in silence, shot doubtful looks at Pierre before she answered questions, was an entirely different Joan. Now Holliwell was angry and he stiffened toward his host and hostess, dropped all his talk about the books and smoked haughtily. He was young and over-sensitive, no more master of himself in this instance than Pierre and Joan. But before he left after supper, refusing a bed, though Pierre conquered his dislike sufficiently to urge it, Holliwell had a moment with Joan. It was very touching. He would tell about it afterward, but for a long time he could not bear to remember it.

She tried to return his books, coming with her arms full of them and lifting up eyes that were almost tragic with renunciation.

"I can't be taking time to read them, Mr. Holliwell," she said, that extraordinary, over-expressive voice of hers running an octave of regret; "an' someway Pierre don't like that I should spend my evenin's on them. Seems like he thinks I was settin' myself up to be knowin' more than him." She laughed ruefully. "Me—knowin' more'n Pierre! It's laughable. But anyways I don't want him to be thinkin' that. So take the books, please. I like them." She paused. "I love them," she said hungrily, and blinking, thrust them into his hands.

He put them down on the table. "You're wrong, Joan," he said quickly. "You mustn't give in to such a foolish idea. You have rights of your own, a life of your own. Pierre mustn't stand in the way of your learning. You mustn't let him. I'll speak to him."

"Oh, no!" Some intuition warned her of the danger in his doing this.

"Well, then, keep your books and talk to Pierre about them. Try to persuade him to read aloud to you. I shan't be back now till spring, but I want you to read this winter, read all the stuff that's there. Come, Joan, to please me," and he smiled coaxingly.

"I ain't afraid of Pierre," said Joan slowly. Her pride was stung by the suggestion. "I'll keep the books." She sighed. "Good-by. When I see you in the spring, I'll be a right learned schoolmarm."

She held out her hand and he took and held it, pressing it in his own. He felt troubled about her, unwilling to leave her in the snowbound wilderness with that young savage of the smoldering eyes.

"Good-by," said Pierre behind him. His soft voice had a click.

Holliwell turned to him. "Good-by, Landis. I shan't see either of you till the spring. I wish you a good winter and I hope—" He broke off and held out his hand. "Well," said he, "you're pretty far out of everybody's way here. Be good to each other."

"D—n your interference!" said Pierre's eyes, but he took the hand and even escorted Holliwell to his horse.

Snow came early and deep that winter. Pierre had cut and stacked his winter wood; he had sent his cows to a richer man's ranch for winter feeding. There was very little for him to do. After he had brought in two buckets of water from the well and had cut for the day's consumption a piece of meat from his elk hanging outside against the wall, he had only to sit and smoke, to read old magazines and papers and to watch Joan. Then the poisonous roots of his jealousy struck deep. Always his brain, falsely interpreting her wistful silence—she was thinking of the parson, hungry to read his books, longing for the open season and his coming again to the ranch.

In December a man came in on snowshoes bringing "the mail"—one letter for Pierre, a communication which brought heat to his face. The Forest service threatened him with a loss of land; it pointed to some flaw in his title; part of his property, the most valuable part, had not yet been surveyed. . . . Pierre looked up with set jaws, every fighting instinct sharpened to hold what was his own.

"I hev put in two years' hard work on them acres," he told his visitor, "an' I'm not plannin' to give them over to the first fool favored by the Service. My title is as clean as my hand. It'll take more'n thievery an' more'n spite to take it away from me."

"You better go to Robinson," advised the bearer of the letter; "can't get after them fellers too soon. It's a country where you can easy come by what you want, but where it ain't so easy to hold onto it. If it ain't yer land it's yer hosses; if it ain't yer hosses it's yer wife." He looked at Joan and laughed.

Pierre went white and dumb; the chance shot had inflamed his wound.

He strapped on his snowshoes and bade a grim good-by to Joan, after the man had left. "Don't you be wastin' oil while I'm away," he told her sharply, standing in the doorway, his head level with the steep wall of snow behind him, and he gave her a threatening look so that the tenderness in her heart was frozen.

After he had gone, "Pierre, say a real good-by, say good-by," she whispered. Her face cramped and tears came.

She heard his steps lightly crunching across the hard, bright surface of the snow; they entered into the terrible frozen silence. Then she turned from the door, dried her eyes with her sleeve like a little village girl, and ran across the room to a certain shelf. Pierre would be gone a week. She would not waste oil, but she would read. It was with the appetite of a starved creature that she fell upon her books.

CHAPTER VI

Pierre Takes Steps to Preserve His Property.

A log fell forward and Joan lifted her head. She had not come to an end of Isabella's tragedy nor of her own memories, but something other than the falling log had startled her: a light, crunching step upon the snow.

She looked toward the window. For an instant the room was almost dark and the white night peered in at her, its gigantic snow-peaks pressing against the long, horizontal window panes, and in that instant she saw a face. Joan came to her feet with pounding pulses. It had been Pierre's face, but at the same time the face of a stranger. He had come back five days too soon and something terrible had happened. Surely his chancing to see her with her book would not make him look like that. Besides, she was not wasting oil. She had stood up, but at first she was incapable of moving forward. For the first time in her life she knew the paralysis of unreasoning fear. Then the door opened and Pierre came in out of the crystal night.

"What brought you back so soon?" asked Joan.

"Too soon for you, eh?" He strode over to the hearth where she had lain, took up the book, struck it with his hand as though it had been a hated face, and flung it into the fire. "I seen you through the window," he said. "So you been happy readin' while I been away?"

"I'll get you supper. I'll light the lamp," Joan stammered.

Pierre's face was pale, his black hair lay in wet streaks on his temples. He must have traveled at furious speed through the bitter cold to be in such a sweat. There was a mysterious, controlled disorder in his look and there arose from him the odor of strong drink. But he was steady and sure in all his movements and his eyes were deadly cool and reasonable—only it was the reasonableness of insanity, reasonableness based on the widest premises of unreason.

"I don't want no supper, nor no light," he said. "Firelight's enough fer you to read parsons' books by; it's enough fer me to do what I oughter done long afore tonight."

She stood in the middle of the small, log-walled room, arrested in the act of lighting a match, and stared at him with troubled eyes. She was no longer afraid. After all, strange as he looked, more strangely as he talked, he was her Pierre, her man. The confidence of her heart had not been seriously shaken by his coldness and his moods during this winter. There had been times of fierce, possessive tenderness. She was his own woman, his property; at this low counting did she rate herself. A sane man does no injury to his own possessions. And Pierre, of course, was sane. He was tired, angry, he had been drinking—her ignorance, her inexperience led her to put little emphasis on the effects of the poison sold at the town saloon. When he was warm and fed and rested he would be quite himself again. She went about preparing a meal in spite of his words.

He did not seem to notice this. He had taken his eyes from her at last and was busy with the fire. She, too, busy and reassured by the familiar occupation, ceased to watch him. Her pulses were quiet now. She was even beginning to be glad of his return. Why had she been so frightened? Of course, after such a terrible journey alone in the bitter cold, he would look strange. Her father, when he came back smelling of liquor, had always been more than usually morose and unlike his every-day self. He would sit over the stove and tell her the story of his crime. They were horrible home-comings, horrible evenings, but the next morning they would seem like dreams. Tomorrow this strangeness of Pierre's would be mistlike and unreal.

"I seen your sin-buster in town," said Pierre. He was squatting on his heels over the fire which he had built up to a great blaze and glow and he spoke in a queer sing-song tone through his teeth. "He asked after you real kind. He wanted to know how you was gettin' on with the edication he's ben handin' out to you. I tell him that you was right satisfied with me an' my ways an' hed quit his books. I didn't know as you was hevin' such a good time durin' my absence."

Joan was cruelly hurt. His words seemed to fall heavily upon her heart. "I wasn't hevin' a good time. I was missin' you, Pierre," said she in a low tremolo of grieving music. "Them books, they seemed like they was all the company I hed."

"You looked like you was missin' me," he sneered. "The sin-buster an' I had words about you, Joan. Yes'm, he give me quite a line of preachin' about you, Joan, as how you hed oughter develop yer own life in yer own way—along the lines laid out by him. I told him as how I knowed best what was right an' fittin' fer my own wife; as how, with a mother like your'n you needed watchin' more'n learnin'; as how you belonged to me an' not to him. An', says he, 'She don't belong to any man, Pierre Landis,' he said, 'neither to you nor to me. She belongs to her own self.' 'I'll see that she belongs to me,' I said. 'I'll fix her so she'll know it an' every other feller will.'"

At that he turned from the fire and straightened to his feet.

Joan moved backward slowly to the door. He had made no threatening sign or movement, but her fear had come overwhelmingly upon her and every instinct urged her to flight. But before she touched the handle of the door, he flung himself with deadly, swift force and silence across the room and took her in his arms. With all her wonderful strength, Joan could not break away from him. He dragged her back to the hearth, tied her elbows behind her with the scarf from his neck, that very scarf he had worn when the dawn had shed a wistful beauty upon him, waiting for her on a morning not so very long ago. Joan went weak.

"Pierre," she cried pitifully, "what are you a-goin' to do to me?"

He roped her to the heavy post of a set of shelves built against the wall. Then he stood away, breathing fast.

"Now whose gel are you, Joan Carver?" he asked her.

"You know I'm yours, Pierre," she sobbed. "You got no need to tie me to make me say that."

"I got to tie you to make you do more'n say it. I got to make sure you

She Turned Her Head, All That She Could Turn.

are it. H—l-fire won't take the sureness out of me after this."

She turned her head, all that she could turn.

He was bending over the fire, and when he straightened she saw that he held something in his hand . . . a long bar of metal, white at the shaped end. At once her memory showed her a broad glow of sunset falling over Pierre at work. "There'll be stock all over the country marked with them two bars," he had said. "The Two-Bar brand, don't you forget it!" She was not likely to forget it now.

She shut her eyes. He stepped close to her and jerked her blouse down from her shoulder. She writhed away from him, silent in her rage and fear and fighting dumbly. She made no appeal. At that moment her heart was so full of hatred that it was hardened to pride. He lifted his brand and set it against the bare flesh of her shoulder.

Then terribly she screamed. Again, when he took the metal away, she screamed. Afterward there was a dreadful silence.

Joan had not lost consciousness. Her healthy nerves stanchly received the anguish and the shock, nor did she make any further outcry. She pressed her forehead against the sharp edge of the shelf, she drove her nails into her hands, and at intervals she writhed from head to foot. Circles of pain spread from the deep burn on her shoulder, spread and shrank. The bones of her shoulder and arm ached terribly; fire still seemed to be eating into her flesh. The air was full of the smell of scorched skin so that she tasted it herself. And hotter than her hurt her heart burned, consuming its own tenderness and love and trust.

When this pain left her, when she was free of her bonds, no force nor fear would hold her to Pierre. She would leave him as she had left her father. She would go away. There was no place for her to go to, but what did that matter so long as she might escape from this horrible place and this infernal tormentor? She did not look about to see the actuality of Pierre's silence. She thought that he had dropped the brand and was sitting near the table with his face hidden. How long the stillness of pain and fury and horror lasted there was no one to reckon. It was most startlingly broken by a voice. "Who screamed for help?" it said, and at the same instant a draft of icy air smote Joan. The door had opened with suddenness and violence. With difficulty she mastered her pain and turned her head.

Pierre had staggered to his feet. Opposite him, framed against the open door filled with the wan whiteness of the snow, stood a spare, tall figure. The man wore his fur collar turned up about his brow, a sharp aquiline nose stood out above frozen mustaches, keen and brilliant eyes searched the room. He carried his gun across his arm in readiness, and snuffed the air like a suspicious hound. Then he advanced a step toward Pierre.

"What devil's work have you been at?" said he, his voice cutting the ear in its sharpness of astonished rage, and his hand slid down along the handle of his gun.

Pierre, watching him like a lynx, side-stepped, crouched, whipped out his gun and fired. At almost the same second the other's gun went off. Pierre dropped.

This time Joan's nerves gave way and the room, with its smell of scorched flesh, of powder and of frost, went out from her horrified senses. For a moment the stranger's stern face and brilliant eyes made the approaching center of a great cloud of darkness, then it, too, went out.

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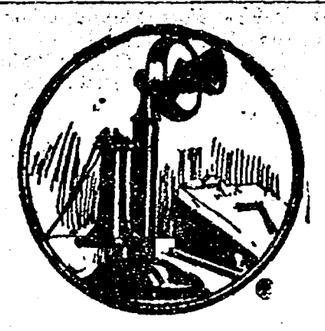


Phone the News to 115.

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Fuller Bailey were visitors, Sunday, with relatives at Rowan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Smith are the parents of a nine-pound baby boy, born to them Monday, August 13th.

1921 Ford Coupe for sale.—Belmond Motor Sales Co.

For Gasoline, Kerosene and Lubricating oil, call phone 39½.—Belmond Deep Rock oil Co. 32tfc

For Sale—Two Tractors, with plows. Priced right.—Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond, Iowa. 35tfc

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peterson, of Hampton, drove over Sunday to spend the day at the home of his mother, Mrs. P. J. Peterson, and with other relatives.

Mrs. Roseerans and Mrs. Finch drove to Garner, Sunday, where they spent the day at the Clarence Barnes home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Papousek are the parents of a baby girl, born Saturday, August 11th.

Mrs. Geo. Hake and daughter, Beryl, are visiting relatives this week at Stephens Point, Wisconsin. They left last Wednesday.

Mrs. Mills and daughter, Marian, of Chicago, are guests at the Ernest and Earl Haupt homes this week.

Mrs. Lyle Hall, of Alexander, was a visitor in Belmond last Wednesday.

Miss Angie Baines, of Rowan, was a caller in town, Monday morning. Miss Baines is the Rowan representative of the Independent.

Miss Minnie Johnson is visiting this week at the home of her cousin, T. I. Rikansrud, at New Richland, Minnesota.

Morris Brogan, of St. James, Minnesota, was a visitor last week at the home of his sister, Mrs. O. Young.

Mrs. E. A. Pierce went to Clarion, Saturday, to visit her daughter, Mrs. R. A. Beckett, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Scott are enjoying a visit this week from relatives of Huxley.

Miss Dorothy Purcell left Tuesday for Crystal Lake, to visit a few days with friends.

Miss Daisy Cameron entertained a number o fher friends at bridge, Monday evening. Dainty refreshmets were served by the hostess. Everyone present spent a most enjoyable evening.

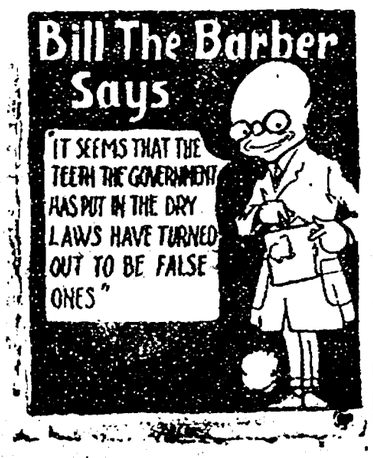
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stacy were West Bend visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Helen Laplont and little daughter, of Crystal Lake, spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Bailey.

Philip McBurney spent the week end at the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. F. McBurney.

The North Iowa Fair is now in full swing at Mason City, beginning Saturday and lasting until Friday. Those from here who have attended state that this year's fair is fully up to the usual standard.

Miss Olive Ashpole and sister, Beulah, of Thompson, passed thru here Saturday enroute to Clarion for a visit with friends.



E. F. Bailey was a visitor at Crystal Lake and Marshalltown last week a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Whittaker are enjoying a visit from his mother and a niece.

D. Bishop and family have been enjoying a visit from his parents of Churdan, Iowa, the past week. The visitors returned home Saturday.

Adam Cline and family, of Freeport, Ill., came Saturday for a visit with relatives here. They are thinking of moving back to Belmond, it is reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Luick and family and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Baker left Saturday by auto for points in Minnesota on a vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Henn and family left Sunday by auto on an outing trip to Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Luick started on a vacation trip yesterday morning. They expect to auto thru different points in Iowa and Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bullis drove to Dows, Sunday, to visit Mrs. Bullis' sister, Mrs. Graves. Andrew returned that evening, Mrs. Bullis remaining for a few days.

Miss Elma Stapley went to Eagle Grove, Saturday, for a couple weeks' visit with friends.

Mr. Fatherman, C. G. W. Superintendent, at Clarion, and W. C. Hines, District Freight and Passenger Agent, of Ft. Dodge, with a party of railroad officials, were in Belmond last week making an inspection trip. The Great Western is offering cash prizes to agents of stations making the best appearance.

NOTICE

The local Sugar Factory is now ready to receive applications from those desiring employment during the operating season.

We expect to employ fifteen or sixteen girls or women in the factory, and preference will be given to all applicants having had experience during the seasons of 1920 or 1922.

Applications to be filed with the Factory Superintendent at the Factory Office.

Iowa Valley Operating Co., Inc. 383c

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Barry drove to Okoboji, Tuesday, where they met Mrs. Barry's brother, L. J. Miltner, of Iowa City, who is studying medicine at the University of Iowa. He returned home with them for a few weeks' visit before returning to his school duties.

Mrs. R. W. Hall, formerly Miss Edna Guest, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Guest, has been visiting in Belmond the past three weeks. She expects to return to her home at Toledo, Ohio, this week Friday. Her brother, Marvin, will accompany her, and will make his home in Toledo for some time.

"Do it electrically." The slogan is famous. When the redman roamed the western prairies his son and daughter were cradled in a rude fashion, practical then, perhaps, but it would not do at all today. They say that a certain papoose in Belmond is to have a wonderful carriage in the near future. It will conform strictly to the slogan, "Do it electrically." An electric motor will furnish the power; no pushing by hand. Set into the top will be an electric fan, for hot weather; underneath the seat an electric heater will drive away the chills when its cold. Little headlights will comply with the laws of traffic. Attached to one side will be an arm, angling up over the edge of the cab, and fastened to the end will be a rattle, operated from the motor. A series of cogs beneath the springs will gently rock the buggy when a switch is thrown in. Above the cab will be a hood, specially constructed, with a series of copper wires interwoven for an aerial, and a tiny pair of headsets will connect to a radio set tuned in to all bedtime stories being broadcasted.

Pass the cigars!

BELMOND TRAIN SCHEDULES

(Corrected to date.)

ROCK ISLAND

Going North

Passenger, daily	8:15 a. m.
Freight, daily	11:46 a. m.
Combination, daily	2:15 p. m.

Going South

Passenger, daily	6:28 p. m.
Freight, daily	1:10 p. m.
Combination, daily	11:46 a. m.

M.& ST. L.

Going West.

Combination, daily	8:30 a. m

Going East

Combination, daily	3:35 p. m.

GREAT WESTERN

Going North

Motor, daily	10:03 a. m.
No. 16, pass., D & S	1:30 p. m.
No. 12, pass., D & S	1:26 a. m.
Local Freight	7:55 a. m.

Going South

No. 11, pass., D & S	1:24 a. m.
No. 15, pass., D & S	3:15 p. m.
Motor	5:19 p. m.
Local Freight	8:20 p. m.

The M. E. Aid will meet at the church this afternoon.

Miss Viola Peterson has been spending a few weeks' vacation with relatives at Hampton.

Miss Ruth Ramsay was pleasantly surprised last Saturday afternoon when five girl friends came in to spend the afternoon in honor of her 15th birthday. Mrs. Ramsay served a dinner at 7 o'clock.

By request, the farewell sermon of Rev. Waalkes of the Immanuel Reformed church, will be given August 26th instead of the 19th as had been planned.

The Pleasant Lassics Garment club met at the Ed. Jenison home Monday afternoon. The next meeting is next Monday at the Geo. Thompson home near Palsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Alden from Sheffield were visiting Monday at the Ed. Jenison home.

Miss Francis Perry, a sister of Mrs. A. A. Keiser, died Tuesday at the John Lieuwen home where she had been staying.

Mrs. Rena Bailey of Superior, Wisconsin, was visiting here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. McBroon of Laurel are guests at the E. E. Boughton home.

H. H. Hawley and son Lyle drove to Sioux City yesterday to bring back Ray, who has been attending summer school there.

Mrs. Edd. Thompson entertained the Peg Away club at her home on Tuesday, August 14th. Ten members were present. The next meeting of the club will be held August 21st at the Ed. Hauge home. An interesting program is being planned for this meeting. Each girl is to bring some article or garment to work on.

P. J. Scarbro and wife are expected in Belmond from their home at Brookings, South Dakota, in the near future. They are enroute to Cedar Rapids by car for a visit with relatives. The Scarbro family were former residents of this place, where Mr. Scarbro was superintendent of our schools for nine years. They are expected to arrive here this evening. The Priscilla club will entertain them as guests Friday afternoon at a picnic dinner. Mrs. Scarbro was a member of this club when she resided here.

WANT ADS

Two cents per word first insertion; one cent per word ensuing insertions.

FOR SALE

For Sale—1921 Ford Touring; 1923 4-door Ford Sedan; 1923 2-door Sedan. Several other cars at reasonable prices. —Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond, Iowa.

For Sale—Nine 14-weeks' old shoats, weighing about 100 lbs. each. A fine lot. Ed Gruis. 391*

For Sale—Check protector, good as new. Inquire at Independent. tf

For Sale—Second-hand lath.—M. O. Crawford. 381c

For Sale—A 14 in. P & O gang plow, in good condition. All complete with 5-horse hitch. Phone 3318. 38tfc.

For Sale—Modern semi-bungalow, oak finish, on North 3rd Ave. M. O. Crawford. 381c

Wanted—Married man to work on farm, close to town. Good wages and groceries furnished. Inquire at the Independent. 392c

For Gasoline, Kerosene and Lubricating oil, call phone 39½.—Belmond Deep Rock oil Co. 32tfc

The annual Mission Festival of the Immanuel Reformed church will be held August 29th, next week Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Collins returned last Wednesday from their Wisconsin trip.

Mrs. Ray Hawley and children of Hayfield are guests at the R. Brooks home this week.

John Chapman was overcome with the heat Tuesday afternoon and for a time was very sick. He is recovering nicely however, and no ill effects are looked for.

FALL TERM SEPT. 4

New catalog just off the press. Write for it.

Fort Dodge Business College
Fort Dodge, Iowa

BELMOND MARKETS
(Subject to change.)

Hens, heavy	15c
Hens, light	12c
Roosters	07c
Springs	23c
Leghorns	08c
Geese	10c
Ducks	12c
Turkeys	25c
Eggs	20c
Cream	37c
Creamery Butter	43c
Oats	28c
Corn	74c

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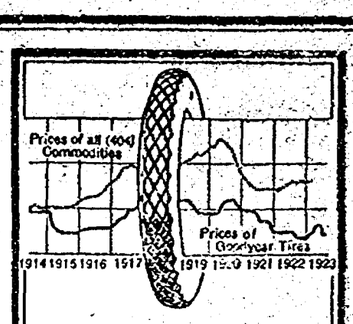
Belmond, Iowa

MONDAY, AUG. 27



IT'S always a good time to buy Goodyear Tires, for, as this chart shows, Goodyears are priced extremely low, year in and year out. But now is the best time, because Goodyears are selling today 30% below 1914 prices, and their quality now is better than ever before.

As Goodyear Service Station Dealers we sell and recommend the new Goodyear Cords with the beveled All-Weather Tread and back them up with standard Goodyear Service

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OVERLAND Leads In Sales

During the month of June there were delivered to actual retail purchasers of Toledo, Ohio— 290 Overlands
119 Willys-Knights

A total of 409 Willys-Overland Cars.

For the same period the County Clerk's records show the following number of new cars registered up to July 3—the only reliable record of sales of other makes available to us:

Buick	41	Hupmobile	12
Chevrolet	119	Jewett	19
Columbia	26	Maxwell	33
Dodge	38	Nash	12
Durant	15	Star	11
Ford	227	Studebaker	23

All others recorded (less than 10 each), 91.

In other words, Toledo bought 409 Overland and Willys-Knights in June as against 667 new cars of all other makes combined, as recorded by the County Clerk during June and to July 3.

Similar outstanding sales records in all parts of the country are conclusive proof of the public's increasing realization of greater dollar for dollar value in Overland and Willys-Knight cars.

THERE'S A REASON—AND WE CAN TELL YOU WHY.

Nordschow Motor Company

Belmond, Iowa

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Alexander Man Dies In Auto Wreck Sun.

Lambert Freeks Dies And Raymond Pals Is Seriously Injured In Accident.

HAPPENS SUNDAY EVE.

One killed and one seriously injured was the toll of an automobile accident at Alexander, Sunday.

Three miles south of the town, Raymond Pals and Lambert Freeks were coming to town Sunday evening about nine o'clock. They were in a Ford car. They caught up with W. P. Aldinger, one of the Alexander merchants, who was driving a Dodge car. He was on the right side of the road.

In attempting to pass Pals and his companion turned out to the right, and as there was not sufficient room their car turned down the side of the road and ran along the ditch for some distance. It appears that when Pals tried to turn back into the road the car upset and turned over. The top was smashed and the radiator broken. The steering wheel was broken off short.

Aldinger stopped and rushed to assist the two men, whom he found on the ground. He spoke to them, but they did not answer. At first he did not know who they were. He got them into his car with the aid of his wife, and was starting for aid when another car came up containing the balance of the party with whom the two men had been for a good time. The injured men were then taken to Dows to a doctor, where Freeks died while the physician was working on him. Pals was badly injured but it is believed he will recover.

The people of Alexander are grief stricken over the tragedy, as the dead man and his companion have many friends there.—Alexander Correspondent.

CHURCH CONVERTED INTO SCHOOL HOUSE

The old M. E. church structure and the one and a half lots of ground was purchased last week by the Kanawha Independent School District board and is now being remodeled for school purposes. Ole Fosen and crew are doing the work and expect to have the building in readiness for the opening of the fall term of school, which will be the first Monday in September.

The purchase price was $2,000. This building will be arranged for the use of the pupils in the first and second grades and will eliminate the over-crowded condition of the main building. Our school was too crowded the past two years and it was up to the school board to do something to secure relief. They did not feel that at the present time the taxpayers should be called upon to pay a heavy tax for an addition to the present building; neither would they harbor thought of turning away the rural pupils who come to Kanawha to finish their school work year after year. The church property, they feel is an investment at the price paid. By securing this building the cost of conducting the school will be but a little more than last year, and the tuition received will take care of the additional cost and pay for it within a short time.

We are informed that the city park, which lies just across the street, will be converted into a playground for the little folks.—Reporter.

SECOND ANNUAL BOONE VALLEY TOURNEY TODAY

The second annual Boone Valley golf tournament starts today at the Clarmond Country club, and will be played today and tomorrow. A championship cup goes to the winner, an a silver cup to the runner-up., with several consolation cups.

ROBBERS HOLD UP STORE OF FORMER BELMOND BOY

The Groh Pharmacy, at St. Paul, owned by Edmund P. Groh, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Groh of Belmond, was held up by two bandits August 8th. Edmund was taking a short vacation, and was not at the pharmacy at the time. The two bandits were unmasked, and entering while the two clerks were serving some customers, drew guns and ordered everyone to put 'em up. They backed the clerks up against the counters, and while one thief covered them and the customers with his gun, the other robbed the cash register. They then made their escape thru the back entrance, and to date no clew has been found to identify them. The loss was covered by insurance.

TEACHERS FOR NEXT YEAR

It is necessary that the high school enrollment be registered early this year, in order that the faculty may know how many for whom to make provision. All high school pupils will e[illegible] Miss Thomas at her office on the third floor, south end. Freshmen are requested to enroll Saturday, August 25; Sophomores, Monday, August 27; Juniors, Tuesday morning, August 28; Seniors, Tuesday afternoon, August 28. If impossible to enroll in person, telephone Miss Thomas at her office, No. 69, or at the house, No. 174.

Corps of Teachers for 1923-1924

Wm. J. Guthrie ---------- Algebra
Miss Hazel V. Thomas, Principal ---------- Normal Training
Miss Adelade Sharon, Asst. Prin. ---------- Latin and Math.
Miss Selma Hill---------- Music In High School and Grades.
Mrs. Martha C. Gibbs---Commercial
Miss Gladys Skouge Home Economics
Miss Katherine Barrow-----English
Miss Mary Brown ---------- History and English
Mr. L. Z. Crozier, Athletics ---------- Science
Mr. Hajo Pals, Athletics ---------- Manual Training

Grade Teachers

Mrs. Opal Anderson------ 8th Grade
Miss Vergie Jenison ---- 7th Grade
Miss Bessie Quigley---- 4th and 6th
Miss Edna Miller ------ 5th Grade
Miss Dorothy Ferrie-----6th Grade
Miss Hazel Fritze ------ 4th Grade
Mrs. Louise Madsen ---- 3rd Grade
Miss Northrup -------- 1st and 2nd.
Miss Rena Purdy ------ 2nd Grade
Miss Mae Murphy ------ 1st Grade
Miss Blanche Rohrback---------- Kindergaren

COMMUNITY CLUB FRIDAY

The Community Welfare Club will meet at the library this week Friday, August 24. A splendid college program has been arranged by the leader, Miss Olive Butts.

There is some excellent talent among our college young people, and you will be certain to enjoy every number on this program. Everyone is invited to attend. If not a member of the club come any way. You are welcome.

Social hour and refreshments after the program. Mrs. J. E. Wallace is chairman of the refreshment committee.

CLASS OF 1915 HOLDS FINE REUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, August 19, was another memorable day for the members of the class of 1915. Those who were so fortunate as to be with us drove to Lake View park where we partook of a real picnic dinner.

Many fond memories of school days were recalled. Words of regret were spoken for the absent ones. Letters from two of the classmates who could not be with us, were read. Jasper Johnson sent a very interesting letter from Japan. He vividly described the main facts about his trip, the foreign land, and his school work. We wish "Jap" success and hope that he may be with us at our next reunion. Beatrice Barry, who is attending school at Cedar Falls, sent her regrets and a fitting message for each one.

A few plans were made for our next gathering, and with the feeling of a day well spent we said our good-byes.

BANKERS OPPOSE BRANCH BANKS

At their meeting held in Eagle Grove Tuesday the Wright county bankers went on record as opposed to the establishing of branch banks. The large city banks would dominate the banking field if the practice were generally followed.

The Wright county bankers also urged its members to oppose individuals taking advantage of the bankruptcy law and to use their influence with the attorneys in the various towns of the county with the view of getting them to refrain from or to refuse to take bankruptcy cases.

The meeting was held in the former K. C. hall, now the Wehrheim hall. Dinner was served at two o'clock by Mrs. A. L. Campbell. About thirty-five members and guests were present. The business session followed, at which Mr. DeGraff, of Belmod, was elected president, M. F. Coons, of Goldfield, vice-president, Hall Smith, of Clarion secretary, and Duane Young, of Clarion, treasurer. At the conclusion of the business session the bankers went to the Country Club and enjoyed the balance of the afternoon playing golf. In the evening luncheon was served at the club house. The meeting next year will probably be held at the Clarmond club house. The association meets once a year.

Miss Halverson from St. Paul is the new trimmer at The Hat Shoppe.

Popularity

by Grace E. Hall

Whom all adore I cannot love—
Too often he is weak,
Pliant, adjusting to wish of those
Whose voices speak.

Give me the strong, who swiftly take
Their chosen way, alone;
Nor cringe nor fawn, but boldly make
The world their own.

Whom all adore I cannot love—
There is no real force there,
For he whose will is like a rod
Stoops not to share.

Give me the strong! The lonely tree
Upon the storm-swept mountain great,
Has twice the strength of those we plant
Inside our gate.

Give me the strong! The plastic clay
Is moulded by the hands
Of every one who pauses, passing by—
The marble stands.

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"BILL" CONNOR MAY VISIT HIS FAMOUS COUSIN

William A. Connor, of this city, who is a third cousin of General John J. Pershing, has received an invitation to attend a Pershing family reunion which will be held at Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, on September 8th.

Mr. Connor's mother, Mrs. John Connor, is a second cousin of General Pershing. She now resides at Manilla, Ia., with a daughter, and hopes to be able to attend the reunion. The Pershing family is made up of descendants of Frederick Pershing, who was born about 1724, in the Kraischgau district, of the now famous Rhine Valley. He came to America with other Huguenots in October, 1749, and landed at the port of Philadelphia.

One of the members of the Pershing family has completed the work of the family genealogy, and it is said that there are about 7,000 descendants of the late Frederick Pershing.

General John J. Pershing, one of the direct descendants, will be at the reunion, and will deliver the dedicatory address at the monument which has been erected in honor of Frederick Pershing, the first settler of the name to come to America.—Hampton Recorder.

ZOOK-PETERSON

Ted Zook of Belmond and Miss Fern Peterson of Dows, were united in marriage at Austin, Minnesota, on last Thursday, August 16th. They returned to Belmond Friday, and are living temporarily at the home of the groom's father, John Zook. The bride had been visiting her sister at Austin.

The Independent takes pleasure in joining with the friends of this young couple in extending the best of good wishes.

BUYS MILLINERY STORE

Mrs. E. Norton of Audubon has purchased the Tyrrell Millinery shop owned by Mrs. Fred Wilkins. The new proprietor took possession Monday of this week.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching service at 11. The Epworth League plans for an interesting meeting at 7 p. m. Let us work hard for a good League this fall and winter.

The Woman's Missionary societies of the Congregational and Methodist churches will hold a joint meeting Thursday afternoon on the lawn at Mrs. A. W. Russell's. All ladies invited.

We are making plans for celebrating the 50th anniversary of building of our church. Would be pleased to have suggestions and information for this event.

Miss Agnes Dempsey left Sunday on a visit to Waterloo, Waverly, and Allison, during the next week.

LARGEST STOCK EXHIBITS EVER AT IOWA STATE FAIR

Over 500 carloads of exhibits and amusement features have arrived at the state fair grounds preparatory to the opening of Iowa's biggest state fair and exposition tomorrow, August 24.

Every state in the Union, every community in Iowa, is represented in the myriad entries which have been coming in an evergrowing stream during the last week to join in forming this mammoth exposition. Products of farm, field, and factory will occupy more than 200 acres all told when the gates of the Fair swing open Friday morning. Fair officials declare that this final rush of entries would place Iowa exposition head and shoulders above any other state fair held in America this year.

To enumerate all the things which the hundreds of thousands of fair visitors will view here this week would be impossible. Here are a few of them, however: 40 acres of machinery, over 150 acres of livestock and agricultural entries, five days of horse racing, two days of auto races, a state horseshoe pitching tournament, several bands, boys' and girls' club demonstrations, airplane circus day and night, twelve hippodrome acts, a complete women's program, big night fireworks spectacles, society horse shows, mule races, team pulling contest. The program will be continuous for eight days, beginning at 9:00 every morning and continuing until 11:00 every night.

"We expect to see all previous attendance records shattered," fair officials said.

LATIMER CELEBRATES TODAY

The Latimer boosters with their band paid Belmond a visit last week, advertising their home coming celebration to be staged today, Thursday. Charles E. Hearts of Cedar Rapids will deliver the address. The Hampton band furnishes the music. A complete line of sports and entertainment has been provided, with a ball game between Eagle Grove and Dows as the main feature. Cash prizes are given for the best entries in farm produce. A unique feature of the day will be fifty balloon ascensions. Each balloon will have a check attached, ranging from twenty five cents to three dollars, good in cash to the person who captures the balloon.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The usual services will be held Sunday at the usual time.

Sunday evening an open air meeting will be held at the city park.

Thursday afternoon the missionary societies of the M. E. and Congregational churches will be held at the home of Mrs. Russell.

Miss Jane Ramsay of Garner arrived Tuesday to attend the party given by Miss Rena Purdy.

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

A readjustment of a divorce decree granted October 18, 1920, in the case of Emma Helgevold vs. Hans Helgevold is asked for at the October term of court. Plaintiff alleges that the alimony allowed her on the above date has depreciated in value to such an extent that she is practically without support. The decree included 129 acres of land valued at $1,907.00 against which there were mortgages for $20,000, also $1,907.00 in cash. Plaintiff says she was unable to pay the mortgages and they have been foreclosed. She has tendered into court a deed for said property in order that defendant may protect his interests if he so desires.

An aftermath of the condemnation proceedings for state park purposes of what is generally called Big Wall Lake in this county, is a suit filed by R. N. Corwin and five others against Sheriff Lang. The petition alleges the proceedings were not legal and without jurisdiction; that on Elston King of Webster City was a member of the jury of awards and that his selection for such service was not properly made and not approved by the chief justice of the supreme court, and further that all members of said jury were not freeholders of the state of Iowa.

A marriage license was granted this week to John Johnson and Martha Spanier, both of Dows.

A gentleman from a neighboring state came to Clarion last week and procured a marriage license of Clerk Goslin. Everything seemed destined to go as merrily as a wedding bell, but eviently he had not taken the bride-to-be into his confidence, for last week the groom-to-be sent back word that his name better be stricken from the record; that the lady in question did not want to marry him. —Monitor.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Tete Boelmann, nee Rust, was born on the 6th day of August, 1847, at Dyksterhusen, Germany.

While still in the old country she was joined in marriage to M. Wubbena. Two children were born to them, one of whom, a daughter, together with the father, preceded the deceased in death. The son, Meint Wubbena, now residing in Ackley, just recently came to this country with his family to gladden the heart of the aged mother after a long period of abscence.

In the year 1881 she was again joined in marriage to Jaja Boelmann. This union was blessed with four children, one of whom preceded the deceased in death. While the children were small the father died, and she was left as the only provider. About twenty-two years ago Mrs. Boelmann came to this country with her three children, Casper, William and Nesco. They settled in the vicinity of Belmond. Several years later the boys bought a place for her in the northern part of town where she made her home and continued to live until death called her.

About a year ago she sought medical advice for she felt something was wrong with her system. Six months later other medical men were visited and their diagnosis was internal cancer. For several months she went to live with her son, Meint, at Ackley, but homesickness for her old home brought her back here. The boys engaged Miss Helen Harberts to care for her, who, with the neighbors, did all they could to make her declining days pleasant. She failed rapidly, for she took no nourishment the last few weeks. The end came Saturday afternoon, bringing her age to seventy-six years and five days.

Her life was one of hard manual labor. Both her husbands were taken from her when the children were small and she had to provide for them. But she trusted in God and now she rests from her labors.

There remain to mourn her departure her two brothers and two sisters, living in Germany; her four sons, Meint, Casper, William and Nesco, with their families. Besides these she leaves many friends and acquaintances, for she lived in town eighteen years and went out working wherever such could be had.

The funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon. After a very brief service at the home the procession moved to the church, of which she was a faithful member, where the services were continued. Interment was in the Immanual Cemetery.

Card of Thanks

We wish to take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude to the neighbors and many friends who have loyally ministered to our mother during her illness.

The Children
Meint Wubbena
Casper Boelmann
Wm. Boelmann
Nesco Boelmann

Program Now Ready For Legion's Big Day

A Wide Variety Of Entertainment From Early Morning To Late At Night.

BALL GAME TO FEATURE

The complete program for the big Legion celebration next Thursday has been arranged, and may be found on page seven of the Independent this week.

It is going to be a big day, and no mistake. The program calls for a variety of entertainment from the early morning to late at night. Beginning at 9:00 a. m., band concerts, a spectacular parade consisting of three sections, horseshoe contest, free attraction, and junior athletic sports fills the forenoon. In the afternoon, the attractions, the big ball game between Spencer and Bay Side Cubs, senior athletic contests, horse racing, auto races, and the second parade at 5:45 are the program. In the evening a variety of amusing and entertaining stunts until 9:00 o'clock, when the big dance starts. A bowery dance will be on all afternoon and evening.

Prizes are being awarded for the parade, with special prizes for Buick, Chevrolet and Ford cars, and good prizes in all the races and the stunts in the evening. It is one of the most complete and well arranged programs that has been arranged for any "big day" this summer.

The Legion is advertising the day heavily, and with good weather undoubtedly Belmond will entertain an immense crowd. Make all plans to be in Belmond next Thursday, for it is going to be "some" day!

FIRE DESTROYS BARN ON DAVIS FARM

Fire destroyed the large horse barn on the C. C. Davis farm about a half mile north of Denhart, Tuesday.

The barn was electrically lighted and it is thought that a short circuit in the wiring caused the conflagration.

The barn loft was full of straw which burned freely, the flames consuming the building in a short time. The intense heat and flying fire brads endangered other buildings but by the united efforts of neighbors the fire was kept under control. The Kanawha fire truck was called out but the fire had gained such headway on the burning building that it was not used but held in readiness in case other buildings caught.

The barn was a total loss, a few sets of harness were consumed but the live stock was all removed.

This farm, which has one of the finest sets of buildings in that section, is occupied by C. Ramshaw and family.

The reflection of the flames could be seen for many miles and within a short time hundreds of people had gathered to give assistance. Automobiles were lined up along the road for a mile.—Reporter.

NEW RECORD REACHED IN FORD PRODUCTION

July brought two new sales records to the Ford Motor Co.

In addition to bringing retail deliveries of Ford cars and trucks into the mid-summer season with a new high record for the month, July also carried the sales figures for the year past the million mark.

Increasing popularity of the Ford is most strikingly illustrated in the figures just announced which show that from January 1st to August 1st this year sales of cars and trucks totaled 1,050,986 in the United States alone. And the rapidity of the increase in demand is further emphasized by the fact that sales for the first seven months of the year, during which the million mark was passed, were 391,796, 267,394 more than the same period last year when they totalled 659,190.

July sales mounted to 156,908, an increase of 36,821 over the same month a year ago.

For 16 consecutive months now, Ford sales have been well over 100,000 every month.

Production, which, by the way, is set at a higher schedule for August than any month so far, apparantly continues to be the only factor limiting sales of cars and trucks.

ST. OLAF CHURCH NOTES

Service next Sunday will be conducted by the lay brethern, visiting and local, at 10:30 in the morning, and 2:30 in the afternoon. The services will be conducted in the Norwegian language.

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Editorials

THE BIG DAY

Belmond's big day, next Thursday, will undoubtedly draw an immense crowd if the weather permits. It is entirely up to the citizens of the city as to the impression the visitors take away with them.

A "big day" is a good thing for a town in many ways. It shows, for one thing, that the town is alive, is progressing. Belmond needs a big day, needs it badly. From a town known all over the state, we have degenerated to a town that is a name for grins when traveling men speak it. Belmond needs many things, not the least of which is some pep. The Legion, in staging their celebration, should have the support of all. We ought to all do a little boosting, in any way we can. The Legion has arranged a real progrm, one that is far head of the average "big day" entertainment. The Independent believes the boys will carry it thru successfully, and will co-operate, for its part, in every way.

But one of the biggest things any town gains is the impression left to the visitors. If they receive a friendly, open-hearted welcome, and are treated as tho they really were welcome, and their money was not the only object, the town receives a far greater reward than the advertising which the day itself may give. It is to be hoped, and we feel certain it will be, that our visitors next Thursday will carry home with them the impression that Belmond is a friendly place, and that they are coming here again.

THE STANDARD'S SIDE

The attention of Independent readers is called to the advertisement in this issue of the Standard Oil Co., of Indiana, giving their side of the gas war.

The Standard claims that the war in prices is not of their doings, and that they have not intention of cutting the throats of the independent concerns. They declare that competition is good for any business, and that they do not want a monopoly. They say that the present price of gasoline is too low, that it is being sold at a loss. We do not know whether that is true or not, but we do believe that the price we have been paying was too high. Practically everyone believes that. Sixteen and a half may be too low, but from all the figures being thrown around these days it is not very much so.

Few believe that the present price of gasoline will long remain. It is one of those things that are too good to be true. Very probably the price will soon go up again, but very likely, too not as high as it was. The wise auto owner is the fellow who buys all he needs or can handle now, while the price is down.

GET IN ON THE GROUND FLOOR

The Auxiliary of the American Legion have started their campaign to place a uniform decoration of flags on Main street, and are now canvassing the business places and the property owners. The proposition is to have a pole on each lot, a certain height with a certain sized flag to fly at the same height on all poles, one to each lot on Main street. The cost is $2.75. The plan is to have the flags in place for the celebration next Thursday.

In winter, the same poles will be used for appropriate decorations at holiday time.

Every business place and every lot owner is urged to sign for the flags. It will look decidedly odd if when the flags are up and flying, there are a few empty places, like teeth missing from a full row. At the small cost no one can afford to turn the ladies down. And as a decorative idea it is the best that has come to town so far.

Gov. McMaster, of South Dakota, undobtedly occupies the same position in the Standard Oil hall of fame that Judge Landis does.

We would like to have someone inform us as to just what a "dirt farmer" is.

Don't pay $25 to see Dempsey crown Firpo. Get a ringside seat at some radio set.

The Hampton papers say that the feminine garb of long ago exhibited at their historical pageant recently drew more attention than the modern gowns. Why shouldn't it? There's more to look at.

Since Brookhart's declaration that Russia has the most stable government next to ours, he hasn't had quite the same look to some people.

Some of the folks against Ford for President make more noise than his cars.

And then again, some folks say Ford would make a rattlin' good president.

Don't try conclusions with the Legion police next Thursday. They've had too much experience.

Half-hearted advertising won't bring whole-hearted returns.

LOCALS

Mrs. Long, from Waverly, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pletch last week.

Mr. and Mr. Chris Groen, Mrs. Harm Meinders, and Mrs. Ben Stadtlander were Mason City callers last week.

One of the best yields of oats in this vicinity this year was that of Hio Goeman, who threshed an average of 52.22 wagon box measure. He had 79 acres.

Prof. Scarbro and family were the guests of friends in Belmond last week Friday and Saturday. They arrived Thursday night, and left Sunday for Cedar Rapids to spend a few days with relatives there. Mr. Scarbro, who is state club leader of South Dakota, now has over seven thousand members in charge.

The ball game Legion Day between the Spencer team and the Bayside Cubs ought to be a thriller from the start. These two teams have fought some bitter games this year and the scores have always been close.

E. J. Hylbak and family of Perry were visiting at the H. G. Nordschow home last week. Mrs. Hylbak and Mrs. Nordschow are sisters.

Rev. Waalkes of the Immanuel Reformed church will deliver his farewell sermon Sunday. He goes soon to his new charge at Hagaman, New York. His successor has not been chosen as yet.

H. Barkema, Jr., and wife, from Alexander, were visitors in Belmond last Friday.

Mrs. Reynold Kinseth visited her parents at Goodell last Tuesday.

Mrs. Dan Brooks was numbered on the sick list last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wenzel and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wenzel went to to Clear Lake on Sunday to spend the day.

Mrs. Wallace Ramsay entertained a cousin, from Hollywood, California, on Monday.

Mrs. Bridge and family, of Cedar Rapids, were guests at the Hawley home Sunday. They were enroute by auto to Minnesota. The two ladies are sisters.

H. N. Hill and family left Sunday by auto for a two weeks' visit in Kansas.

T. C. Johnson and family, from Latimer, were guests of relatives in Belmond last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bailey drove to Iowa Falls on Sunday. They were accompanied by the Misses Marjorie and Dorothy Purcell.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wolle and family of Boone came last Saturday for a visit with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe White and Mr. Davis left Monday on their trip to Washington state. They will be gone about six weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Guest are the parents of a baby boy, born on Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Mallory were visiting at Cedar Falls and Waterloo Sunday and Monday.

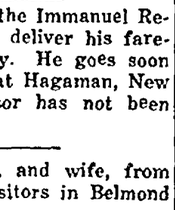
Rev. Meier and family of Manson arrived Monday for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. Ed Carlston and daughter, of Belmond, visited relatives and friend in our city a few days last week.—Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker, of Belmond, visited here the latter part of last week with Mrs. Parker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Rourk, and family and sister, Mrs. Gilligan and husband.—Reporter.

Ray P. Morris is the new mechanic at the Garner Motor Sales Company. Mr. Morris comes to Garner from Belmond where he has been engaged in work of this character for a number of years. He is a married man with three children as the family quota, and desires a home in Garner wherein the family may be installed. If you know of a house for rent, communicate with Mr. Morris.—Leader.

If you want to grow hair —do this



Science proves that only 5 in every 100 need ever be bald. But thousands of men and women, too, are greatly concerned by falling hair which leads to baldness. This is positively unnecessary, for Van Ess, the new scientific liquid scalp massage, is all that is necessary to remove dandruff, stop itching scalp and grow new hair. Van Ess, through its scientifically designed applicator, goes to the roots of the hair. It cleans out the infected Sebum which causes all of the trouble. Tones, cleanses, and nurtures the hair roots which still live and in a short time develops a growth of new, healthy hair.

Be sure to get Van Ess. We will give you a signed guarantee.

SCHULTZ DRUG COMPANY
Belmond, Iowa

The Truth About Gasoline Prices

THE Standard Oil Company (Indiana) has announced an immediate reduction in the price of gasoline of 6.6c per gallon applicable throughout the entire territory in which it does business.

It asserts that the retail prices thus made are below the cost of production and distribution.

The Governor of the State of South Dakota, buying distress gasoline below cost of production, and charging against the State no adequate cost of distribution, is selling gasoline to the public in the State of South Dakota at 16c per gallon.

The Standard Oil Company (Indiana), operating on its established policy that the customers who purchase its goods should never be compelled to pay a higher price than that fixed and maintained by any competitor, quality and service being duly considered, has met this price.

Other State Executives and Officers of municipalities, with entire propriety, have suggested that any prices made in South Dakota be made applicable in their States. Competitors in other states and communities over the territory, also buying distress gasoline below cost of production, have also cut the prices hitherto established and maintained, in substantial amounts.

In establishing the above price, the Standard Oil Company (Indiana) is not endeavoring to injure any of its competitors in any way.

It deprecates the stand taken by some of its competitors that the Standard Oil Company (Indiana) is endeavoring, by reason of meeting these cuts in price and these demands for lower prices, to put its competitors out of business.

The Standard Oil Company (Indiana) does not wish to put any competitor out of business because it feels that competitors are necessary to the successful conduct of its business. It will welcome a change of attitude on the part of all parties concerned resulting in a reasonable price for gasoline which will enable not only it but all of its competitors to enjoy a reasonable profit.

It recognizes that the majority of its competitors are fine business men, entitled to the fairest treatment both by the public and by this Company.

The present situation is an exact parallel to one where the butcher, the grocer, the druggist, the dry goods and shoe merchants and every other retailer would be forced to sell at less than the wares cost.

How long would it last? What would a condition like this do to all of us—if it persisted and spread?

We want no monopoly—seek none. We want your trade—but only on the basis of quality and service—not as the result of impossible prices.

We want competition—you want us to have it. It makes the scales of business balance.

These are not idle words. They mean just what they say.

Standard Oil Company
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The BRANDING IRON

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SYNOPSIS

Book One.

CHAPTER I.—Joan Landis, eighteen years old, wife of Pierre, is the daughter of John Carver, who murdered her mother for adultery. Her lonely life, with her father, in a Wyoming cabin, unbearable, Joan leaves him, to work in a hotel in a nearby town.

CHAPTER II.—Joan meets Pierre, and the two, mutually attracted, are married.

CHAPTER III.—Carver tells Pierre the story of Joan's mother. Days afterward, Pierre, seemingly for no reason, forges a cattle brand, telling Joan it's their brand, the Two-Bar.

CHAPTER IV.—In Pierre's absence Frank Holliwell, young minister, asks shelter for the night. Joan interests him, and finding she is anxious to learn he offers to bring her books.

CHAPTER V.—Holliwell brings the books. Pierre, jealous, forbids Joan to read them. He leaves, to be gone a week, and Joan turns to the books.

CHAPTER VI.—Pierre, returning unexpectedly, finds Joan reading. Maddened by jealousy and liquor, he ties Joan and burns the Two-Bar brand into her shoulder. Hearing her scream, a stranger bursts in and in a duel Pierre is shot. Joan faints.

CHAPTER VII

The Judgment of God.

The man who had entered with such sudden violence upon so violent a scene stood waiting till the smoke of Pierre's discharge had cleared away, then, still holding his gun in readiness, he stepped across the room and bent over the fallen man.

"I've killed him!" he said, just above his breath, and added presently, "That was the judgment of God." He looked about, taking in every detail of the scene, the branding iron that had burnt its mark deep into the boards where Pierre had thrown it down, the glowing fire heaped high and blazing dangerously in the small room, the woman bound and burnt, the white night outside the uncurtained window.

Afterward he went over to the woman, who drooped in her bonds with head hanging backward over the wounded shoulder. He untied the silk scarf and the rope and carried her, still unconscious, into the bedroom, where he laid her on the bed and bathed her face in water. Joan's crown of hair had fallen about her neck and temples. Her bared throat and shoulder had the firm smoothness of marble, her lifeless face, its pure, full lips fallen apart, its long lids closed, black-fringed and black-browed, owing little of its beauty to color or expression, was at no loss in this deathlike composure and whiteness. The man dealt gently with her as though she had been a child. He found clean rags, which he soaked in oil and placed over her burn, then he drew the coarse clothing about her and resumed his bathing of her forehead.

She gave a moaning sigh, her face contracted woefully, and she opened her eyes. The man looked into them as a curious child might look into an opened door.

"Did you see what happened?" he asked her when she had come fully to herself.

"Yes," Joan whispered, her lips shaking.

"I've killed the brute."

Her face became a classic mask of tragedy, the drawn brows, horrified eyes and widened mouth.

"Pierre? Killed?" Her voice, hardly more than a whisper, filled the house with its agony.

"Are you sorry?" demanded her rescuer sternly. "Was he in the habit of tying you up or was this—branding—a special diversion?"

Joan turned her face away, writhed from head to foot, put up her two hands between him and her agonizing memories.

The man rose and left her, going softly into the next room. There he stood in a tense attitude of thought, sat down presently with his long, narrow jaw in his hands and stared fixedly at Pierre. He was evidently trying to fight down the shock of the spectacle, grimly telling himself to become used to the fact that here lay the body of a man that he had killed. In a short time he seemed to be successful, his face grew calm. He looked away from Pierre and turned his mind to the woman.

"She can't stay here," he said presently, in the tone of a man to himself. He looked about in a hesitant, doubtful fashion. "G—d!" he said abruptly and snapped his fingers and thumb. He looked angry. Again he bent over Pierre, examined him with thoroughness and science, his face becoming more and more calm. At the end he rose and with an air of authority he went in again to Joan. She lay with her face to the wall.

"It is impossible for you to stay here," said he in a voice of command. "You are not fit to take care of yourself, and I can't stay and take care of you. You must come with me. I think you can manage that. Your husband—if he is your husband—is dead. It may or may not be a matter for sorrow to you, but I should say that it ought not to be anything but a merciful release. Women are queer creatures, though. . . . However, whether you are in grief or in rejoicing, you can't stay here. By tomorrow or next day you'll need more nursing than you do now. I don't want to take you to a neighbor, even if there was one near enough, but I'll take you with me. Will you get ready now?"

His sure, even, commanding voice evidently had a hypnotizing effect upon the dazed girl. Slowly, wincing, she stood up, and with his help gathered together some of her belongings, which he put in the pack he carried on his shoulders. She wrapped herself in her warmest outdoor clothing. He then put his hand upon her arm and drew her toward the door of that outer room. She followed him blindly with no will of her own, but, as he stopped to strap on his snowshoes, her face lightened with pain, and she made as if to run to Pierre's body. He stood before her. "Don't touch him," said he, and, turning himself, he glanced back at Pierre. In that glance he saw one of the lean, brown hands stir. His face became suddenly suffused, even his eyes grew shot with blood. Standing carefully so as to obstruct her view, he caught at the corner of an elk hide and threw it over Pierre. Then he went to Joan, who stared at him, white and shaking. He put his arm around her and drew her out, shutting the door of her home and leaning against it.

"You can't go back," said he gently and reasonably. "The man tried to kill you. You can't go back. Surely you mean to go away."

"Yes," said Joan; "yes, I did mean to go away. But—but it's Pierre."

He bent and began to strap on her snowshoes. There was a fighting brilliance in his eyes and a strange look of hurry about him that had its effect on Joan. "It's Pierre no longer," said he. "What can you do for him? What can he do for you? Be sensible, child.

"Don't Waste Time. There Will Be Snow Today."

Come. Don't waste time. There will be snow today."

Joan bent over her head and followed him across the snow.

CHAPTER VIII

Delirium.

It is not the people that have led still and uneventful lives who are best prepared for emergencies. They are not trained to face crises, to make prompt and just decisions. Joan had made but two such resolutions in her life: the first when she had followed Pierre, the second when she had kept Holliwell's books in defiance of her husband's jealousy. The leaving her father had been the result of long and painful thought. Now, in a few hours, events had crashed about her so that her whole life, outer and inner, had been shattered. Beyond the pain and fever of her wound there was an utter confusion of her faculties. Before she fainted she had, indeed, made a distinct resolve to leave Pierre.

It was this purpose, working subconsciously on her will, as much as the urgent pressure of the stranger, that took her past Pierre's body out into the dawn and sent her on that rash journey of hers in the footsteps of an unknown man. This being seemed to her then hardly human. Mysteriously he had stepped in out of the night, mysteriously he had condemned Pierre, and in self-defense, for Joan had seen Pierre draw his gun and fire, he had killed her husband. Now, just as mysteriously, as inevitably it seemed to her, he took command of her life. She was a passive, shipwrecked thing—a derelict. She had little thought and no care for her life.

As the silent day slowly brightened through its glare of clouds, she plodded on, setting her snowshoes in the tracks her leader made. The pain in her shoulder steadily increased, more and more absorbed her consciousness. She did not know that they were traveling north and west toward the wildest and most desolate country, that every time she set down her foot she set it down farther from humanity. She began soon to be a little lightheaded and thought that she was following Pierre.

At noon they entered the woods, and her guide came behind her and led her through fallen timber and past pitfalls of soft snow. Suddenly, "I can't go no more," she sobbed, and stopped, swaying. At that he took her in his arms and carried her a few hundred feet till they entered a cabin under the shelter of firs.

"It's the ranger-station," said he; "the ranger told me that I could make use of it on my way back. We can pass the night here."

Joan knew that he had carried her across a strange room and put her on a strange bed. He took off her snowshoes, and she lay watching him light a fire in the cold, clean stove and cook a meal from supplies left by the owner of the house. She was trying now to remember who he was, what had happened, and why she was in such misery and pain. Sometimes she knew that he was her father and that she was at home in that wretched shack up Lone river, and an ineffable satisfaction would relax her cramped mind; sometimes, just as clearly, she knew that he was Pierre who had taken her away to some strange place, and, in this certainty, she was even more content. But always the horrible flame on her shoulder burnt her again to the confusion of half-consciousness. He wasn't John Carver, he wasn't Pierre. Who, in God's name, was he? And why was she here alone with him? She could not frame a question; she had a fear that, if she began to speak, she would scream and rave, would tell impossible, secret things. So she held herself to silence, to a savage watchfulness, to a battle with delirium.

The man brought her a cup of strong coffee and held up her head so that she could drink it, but it nauseated her and she thrust it weakly away, asking for cold water. After she had drunk this, her mind cleared for an instant; she tried to stand up.

"I must go back to Pierre now," she said, looking about with wild but resolute eyes.

"Lie still," said the stranger gently. "You're not fit to stir. Trust me. It's all right. You're quite safe. Get rested and well, then you may go wherever you like. I want only to help you."

The reassuring tone, the promising words coerced her and she dropped back. Presently, in spite of pain, she slept.

Continued next week.

FARM BUREAU NOTES

(By County Agnt Edwards)

Junior Livestock Judges Selected

Members of the junior livestock judging team, which will represent Wright county at the state fair this year, have been selected and are now making final preparations for the state wide contest at Des Moines.

The Wright county junior livestock judging team which will judge at Des Moines will consist of Milan Buck, Leo Woodley, Arno Meyers, and Will Paul, alternate. The selection of the above named boys was made after they had judged at Ames and at Mason City. These boys made a trip last Saturday with the county agent to a number of leading livestock farms in Hancock and Humboldt counties, where the boys had opportunity to judge good specimens of livestock.

The state wide junior livestock judging contest at Des Moines will be held at the livestock pavilion next Friday, August 24, beginning at eight o'clock. At this time our boys will enter into competition with teams from about twenty-five to thirty counties from other parts of the state. The boys have been working faithfully and will do their best to represent our county at the state fair.

Will Buy Wisconsin Dairy Cattle

A delegation of Wright county farmers living in the vicinity of Clarion and Belmond will drive in cars to Wisconsin during the first week in September for the purpose of buying a few carloads of high grade Holstein and Guernsey dairy cattle.

Arrangements have been made by the local county agent with breeders' associations and with a number of county agents for locating the cattle in that terriory when the Wright couny men arrive. The farmers of this territory have had this trip under consideration for some time, but have been withholding on account of the busy threshing season.

A great many farmers of Wright county have indicated their intention of buying dairy cattle this fall and there will, no doubt, be quite a delegation from this community who will make the trip to Wisconsin to bring home dairy cattle for their farms. Those who are plannig to make the trip and who wish more definite information as to the exact time of starting and where the delegation plans to go should attend the meeting which will be held at the county agent's office next Thursday afternoon, August 23, at 2:00 o'clock.

Store Grain On Farms

The Iowa farm warehouse act, which was made into law at the last session of the legislature is now in operation. Several counties have already organized for this purpose. In general, the law provides that when requests for the privilege of storing grain on the farms come from a group of farmers in any county, the secretary of agriculture will appoint a board of directors for such a group. The board in turn meets and appoints a local man for the official sealer in that community. The sealer, upon the board's recommendation, will be officially so designated by the secretary o agriculture, and will be given authority to seal grain in the bin on the farm. He is further required to inspect such grain in storage every thirty days. A receipt for this grain in storage is given the owner, who may then use it for collateral in borrowing money.

"This system," says Secretary Hunt of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, "should benefit the farmer in two ways. In the first place, it will enable him to get a form of collateral which should get for him money at lower rates of interest than he is now paying. In the second place, it will permit a more orderly system of marketing than at the present time."

Anyone interested in this subject should write the state secretary of agriculture or information may also be secured at the local farm bureau office.

Fine Meeting In Grant

An interesting program filled with good music, a splendid program of recitations, an unusual address and a play by local talent was held at the Myron Hill home, Friday evening, August 17th. The occasion of this community social was the regular meeting of the Grant Township Farm Bureau.

Wright County At State Fair

Wright county will be well represented at the state fair this year especially in the boys' and girls' club department. On Wednesday of this week a carload shipment of fourteen baby beeves, ten purebred gilts and about thirty or forty coops of club poultry will be shipped from Eagle Grove immediately after the club exhibit, August 22nd. This car of exhibits will arrive in Des Moines Thursday morning and all will be in place by Thursday evening.

Guy E. Toyne of Rowan has been employed by the farm bureau to take charge and be with the shipment of exhibits from Wright county. All boys and girls who send exhibits to Des Moines will be given opportunity to work on their animals or birds after they have arrived on the state fair grounds and in this way will have a chance to fit their exhibits before showing in the state contest.

Word has been received from the secretary of state fair association that space is being reserved on the camping grounds for Wright county representatives and it has been planned to have all people from our county grouped together. Those who are interested in having the tents located with the Wright county delegation on the fair grounds should write or call the county agent. Reservations for tents may also be made through the county agent's office.

Joint Picnic Planned

A joint four township picnic between the four corner townships of Franklin, Hardin, Hamilton and Wright counties is being planned to be held on September 19 at the Ed. Evans grove in the southeast corner of Vernon township of Wright Co.

Griesy's Store News

Vol. 2 BELMOND, IOWA, AUGUST 23, 1923. No. 22.

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We are now in full charge of the White Produce Co., and solicit a share of your patronage in

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MESERVEY SECTION

Mrs. Frank Nissén and daughter and (Babe) Sloss left Saturday for a few days' visit.

Mrs. Ostlind, Mrs. Lodge, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Quaife visited at the G. Lauster home last week.

Harry T— is often seen driving south, apparently headed for Dows. Why is he so quiet about it?

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OUR MOTTO—"QUALITY FIRST"

August News

Now that Threshing time is here, we are prepared to fill your orders.

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MESERVEY, IOWA

A new beet dump is being erected by the Belmond sugar company.

There is an unconfirmed report current that dogs are being shot in such large numbers southeast of town that it reminds the soldiers of the war, all on account of the mad dog scare. More particulars will be found in another part of this paper.

Alma Witt, of Clear Lake is spending the week at the H. Fischer home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Quandt and son and Mrs. Wm. Quandt are visiting at Bruce, Wisconsin this week. They left by auto Friday morning and expect to stop at the G. Wickersheim home at Grandy, Minnesota on their way up.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Morris are the happy parents of a baby girl, born last week.

Mrs. M. A. Smith and daughter, Esther returned from their visit last week.

Mrs. C. A. Anderson and baby visited Mr. Anderson a few days last week.

Klaas Gruis and Rev. Johnson returned from Rochester last Thursday. The physicians told them there was nothing wrong with them except shattered nerves, which is good news.

Lambert Freeks, 23, son of John Freeks, wasac cidently killed Sunday eve about 9 o'clock, about three miles south of Alexander. The young man was riding in a Ford owned and driven by Raymond Pals. They were riving at a fast rate of speed, said to be around 40 miles an hour, when their car went into the ditch and turned over several times.

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Laundry Dry Cleaning

Fred Menzel left Saturday for Auburn, where he visited friends.

Mrs. Voss, who lives in Germany, but who has been visiting friends at Ackley is spending the week at the S. Hulsebus home.

Hy Proost left for Des Moines on Tuesday where he will exhibit the Iowa Automatic Hog Door for Henry H. Pals, who patented the door.

Carl Eckhoff and brother-in-law R. Karjens, are planning to take in part of the state fair.

Agnes and Herman Fischer and Mrs. Gar Raecker attended the convention at River View park last Sunday.

Rev. Schlesselman and family and Bernard Brater are at Cedar Falls attending the convention in session there for ten days.

Miss Mildred Gealow spent Sunday with home folks at Belmond.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Thiel and daughters of Renwick were Sunday guests at the home of Mrs. Aug. Prelipp.

John Buck and family of Klemme visited Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Aug. Prelipp and children.

Those who motored to West Bend to see the famous grotto Sunday were G. E. Thomas and family, F. C. Sprau and family, Ott. Strasburg, wife and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Langlitz, and Irv, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Wendell, Mr. and Mrs. Alb. Wendel, and Mr. and Mrs. Casebeer.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Nissen and family and Donald Muller visited at the Hartley Blewitt home at Thornton last Sunday.

M. A. Smith and family visited at Iowa Falls last Sunday.

L. B. Hulsebus and wife of Clear Lake were visitors at the S. Hulsebus home last Sunday.

A. E. Muller and family returned from their motor trip to Harlan and Defiance last Monday p. m. They were accompanied home by Miss Mildred Muller, a niece of the former, who is taking a 10 day vacation from county Red Cross office duties.

Ralph Waddingham and family and G. Waddingham were visitors at the Tim Wadingham home at Klemme last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hemming of Thornton were Sunday visitors at the Ed. Foss home.

Mrs. Mathilda Fogg and two children of Mason City spent a few days at the Wm. Gealow home the fore part of the week.

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BLAIRSBURG RESIDENT BOUND OVER TO GRAND JURY

As a result of a slight accident near the railway crossing of the Illinois Central road near Blairsburg, T. H. Busboom, a resident of Blairsburg, has been bound over to the grand jury under bonds of $500, charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

The complaining witness, Esley Burlee, a young man who is said to be employed in a garage in Blairsburg, swore out the complaint, also causing the arrest of Mr. Busboom upon a charge of assault and battery. The cases were brought in the justice court of Chas. J. Harris, yesterday and the charge of assault and battery was dismissed. A change of venue was obtained for the other case which, by reason of a law enacted by the Fortieth General Assembly, is a criminal case. Therefore, the case of the State vs. T. H. Busboom was tried yesterday afternoon in Justice Chas. Biernatzki's court. The defendant pleaded not guilty, and following the hearing of evidence, Mr. Bushboom was bound over to the October hearing of the Grand Jury under $500 bonds. This offense of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated is punishable by one year's imprisonment or by a maximum fine of $1,000, or by both fine and imprisonment, according to the facts in the case.

The trial of the case was an event of considerable interest in Blairsburg and the courtroom at Squire Biernatzki's court was filled with spectators. The complainant testified that the defendant was operating his car in such a manner on the public highway, that a serious accident was narrowly averted, and that defendant's car was forced into the ditch because of his condition. To these charges the defendant made denial.—Webster City Daily News.

ITINERANT HERSELF

The Maid—Mistress has a new husband.

The Cook—Do you think he will stay?

HER NEAT LITTLE SCHEME

Wife—Dear, if you get a car I can save a lot on clothes during the vacation this summer.

Hub—How do you mean?

Wife—Well, you see, if we go to one hotel as formerly I'll need seven dresses whereas if we have a car I can get one dress and we'll go to seven hotels.

DIPLOMACY

"I suppose Senator Shortsworthy has had a great deal of experience in telling disappointed constituents he couldn't get them a government job."

"Oh yes. But the senator sends most of them away in a more cheerful frame of mind than you'd expect."

"How does he do that?"

"He keeps a chart on his desk to show them they couldn't live on a government salary."

Frank Nissen went to Ames Tuesday to bring home Mrs. and the baby who spent a few days at the parental home.

Mr. Ozier of Iona this state was in town last week one day. He will teach General Science in our school the coming year.

EAST TWIN LAKE TO BE DAMMED

Work has been started on a new dam at East Twin Lake, east of Kanawha. The old plank and dirt dam gave away in one or two places a year ago last spring but was repaired and held until this spring when it went out again. The concensus of opinion is that the muskrats dug through the dirt embankment beneath the plank piling and the water eventually washed its way through.

The new dam will be constructed of reenforced concrete and will be about 700 feet long. The concrete spillway, which was constructed several years ago, is still in fine condition and there is no reason to believe that after the completion of the new dam there will be any future trouble in retaining the water in the lake.

J. W. Griggs and others of Goodell, a number of citizens of Klemme, Meservey and Kanawha, have taken sufficient interest in the project to secure a permanent dam. The state is also aiding in financial and other ways to retain this body of water for future generations.

Actual work was begun last week. Gravel is being hauled and as soon as this is done a crew will begin the work of pouring concrete.

The lake at present is dry and the entire bed is covered with a heavy growth of lake weeks. The conditions as they are at present could hardly be improved upon for the construction of the dam. The lake is also free of carp and other scavanger fish which makes it ideal for the "planting" of game fish. This work can and will be done just as soon as the lake gets suffient water.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we chronicle the reclaiming of this lake as it has been a source of great pleasure to many people during the past, and is also in keeping with the program mapped out by the leading public men of our state—to save and beautify every lake and stream within our border.—Reporter.

Gave the Right Name

Tom and his little brother, Jack, were new pupils, and the master was about to enter their names upon his register.

"Now, my lad," he said turning to Tom, "what is your name?"

"Tom, sir," was the reply.

"You should say Thomas, my boy," said the master. "And what is your brother's name?"

"Jackass," replied Tom.

Money Worries

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Jones were discussing the affairs of a neighboring household and Mrs. Smith said: "Mr. Robinson is greatly worried about the money market."

"And," added Mrs. Jones, "Mrs. Robinson is greatly worried about the market money."

Some married men do not believe in paying out good money for spats. They get all they want at home for nothing.

The fellow who invites trouble seldom remains to see the end of it.

Some intellects are so small there is not even room enough for vanity.

Great minds do not run in the same channel. The channel is too small.

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ROWAN NEWS

Knuths—Burt

There was a very pretty wedding on Tuesday, August 14th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. D. Burt, when at high noon their eldest daughter, Nina Cirl, was united in marriage to Mr. Jay J. Irwin Knuths. Promptly at the appointed hour, with Miss Alta Allen playing the wedding march, the bridal couple descended the stairs and took their places under the arch banked with green and festooned with pink and white streamers from which hung a wedding bell. The only attendant was the little cousin of the bride, Mary Jane Burt of Wilkie, who carried the wedding ring in an American Beauty rose. The bride carried a bouquet of American Beauty roses. In the presence of 40 relatives and friends the beautiful ring ceremony was read by the Rev. C. T. Halbert of the Congregational church of Rowan. After congratulations had been extended the company sat down to a sumptuous three course dinner which was presided over by girl friends of the bride.

The bride is a charming young woman with many friends. She is a graduate of Rowan school.

The groom is also a graduate of the Rowan school, and of Upper Iowa University at Fayette with the class of 1922. He is a young man of sterling qualities. Last year he was teacher of mathematics and science in the Carroll high school. He goes this year to fill the same position, at Farmington, Ill. They left that evening for Rockford, Ill., to visit relatives and from there to Farmington.

Rowan Methodist Church

"Don't stay at home for company, bring them with you."

Class meeting at 9:30 a. m. Sunday school at 10. Morning worship at 11. Theme: The New Ten Commandments. Epworth League 7 p m. Evening worship 8. Theme: The Victory of Faith. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. A cordial welcome is extended to all our services.

The Missionary society of the Cong. church will present a Home Missionary program at the church next Sunday evening. Among the numbers are two playlettes, an orchestra selection, several violin solos by Mis Viola Charter, and a reading by Miss Inez Parsons. A thank offering will be taken.

Fifty-one of the members of the Harris family enjoyed a family picnic and reunion at Hampton on last Sunday.

The W. C. T. U. met Wednesday with Mrs. Jake Aldinger. The old officers were reelected with the exception of recording secretary. Mrs. Wm. Bailey, Jr., was elected to succeed Mrs. O. H. Isenberger who was elected county secretary at the county convention.

Mrs. A. Ahren and son of Falls City, Neb., and Mr. and Mrs. Vern Mikesell of Belmond, and the Wm. Steffens family were guests at a six o'clock dinner Saturday at the Miss Nora Shaffer home.

Rev. H. Rust of Northwood visited the Frank Kercheval Tuesday.

Chas. Keith went to Omaha last Saturday and drove home the Buick Sedan which Ed. Azeltine purchased of R. H. Keith. Jack Peddle is also the possessor of a Buick touring car.

Art Walker and family of Fairibault, Minn., came Saturday for a visit with relatives.

Fred Kercheval and their guests and Miss LaVonne Ballou attended the Farm Bureau meeting at Myron on Friday evening.

Mrs. J. D. Brooks returned from Cornelia Sunday where she had been spending a few days with her son Ed. and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Miller from Tonkawa, Okla., have been visiting at the Fred Kercheval home. Mr. Miller is Mrs. Kercheval's oldest brother. The two families departed Monday morning for a week's outing at Spirit Lake.

R. H. Keith and Kenneth were at Fort Dodge, Friday, on business.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Whitten and Gladys were Sunday visitors at the Chris Klemenson home at Latimer.

Mrs. Philip Klineshrodt and daughter Viva returned last week from their visit at Coggon and Ryan.

Glen Lee and wife of Ventura visited last week with their cousin, Mrs Ina Stumph.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jacobs of Goodell were Rowan visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Jake Aldinger left Sunday for Iowa City accompanied by Mr. Aldinger. She expects to undergo an examination at the state hospital

Arthur Emerson is taking his vacation this week. James Rowan is driving the mail route.

Friends here are very sorry to hear from Sioux Falls that Mrs. Levi Johnson does not seem to improve.

A deal was consumated last week in which F. H. Brooks became the owner of the Patton elevator, and Joe Patton is in possession of the Brooks tract of land in the north part of Rowan.

About 60 of the Bingham and Emersons relatives spent a very pleasant afternoon and evening at the A. H. Emerson home last Friday. This was a family reunion and picnic in honor of Mrs. Susan Bixler who has been visiting here.

S. F. Stout and wife departed on Tuesday to take in the state fair. Mr and Mrs. Wm. Tresidder are doing the work at the farm.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Walter Allen to Ruth McLaine Bamford at Sioux Falls. They expect to make their home there.

Miss Mae Virden departed last Wednesday for Evanston to spend a few days with her college room mate.

Mrs. Peter Hansen and Miss Edna Nelson left Saturday for Sheffield Ill. to visit relatives.

Rev. Osborn is suffering severely with an abcess on his hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hanks, who have been visiting her parents at Dows, transferred here Saturday on their way to Ft. Dodge

Mrs. May Hauseman, who had been to the hospital at Hampton for treatment, stopped at the G. W. Whiten home Friday night.

Garnette Stumph spent several days last week at the Edgar Mantle home.

Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Ketchum are the proud parents of a four and a half pound boy, born Thursday, the 16th.

Mrs. J. F. Howell and two children returned to Des Moines, Saturday, after visiting several days here.

Miss Anna Brinkman, who has been caring for her brother, John, at Mankato, Minn., came last week to spend a few days with friends. She expected to leave Monday from Mankato for her home in Long Beach.

Myrtle DeWald of Montrose, S. D., came last week to visit her cousins, the Azeltines.

D. A. French and wife returned on Thursday from their auto trip to Wadena, Minn.

1921 Ford Coupe for sale.—Belmond Motor Sales Co.

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GOODELL NEWS

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Glen Avery attended the North Iowa fair at Mason City Tuesday of last week.

Martin Grover and daughter arrived last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Thada were at Mason City last Tuesday attending the fair.

Rev. R. B. Emerson, of Kinsley, stopped here on his way to Charles City to visit his daughter, Mrs. W. L. Wesenberg.

Tuesday of last week, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Graeber and Mrs. Graeber's mother visited at the Wm. Graeber home at Corwith.

Mr. Allaben took in the fair at Mason City last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ruka returned from their Wisconsin trip last week Tuesday. They report fine roads and a very pleasant time.

Mrs. Belle Burgess visited friends at Algona on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jenison and Mr. and Mrs. O. Sandberg attended the fair at Mason City last week.

Rev. Miller and family and Mrs. Miller's mother called on friends at Algona last Wednesday.

Wilmer Burk and family attended the fair last week.

Mrs. Reynold Kinseth of Belmond spent Tuesday with her parents.

Mrs. J. W. Benson retuned Friday to her home at Gladbrook.

John Savogue was at Bayside to the ball game Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ellsworth autoed to Green and back last Friday.

Rev. G. W. Emerson of Des Moines visited his sister. Mrs. Wesenberg, on Saturday. In the afternoon he and hi family drove to Clear Lake where they spent Sunday.

Mrs. D. Christensen returned last Friday.

John Hughes and family were visiting friends Friday.

T. R. Burgess was a caller at Belmond last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Beier spent Sunday at West Bend.

James Schneiders were callers at Klemme on Saturday.

Dr. Snearly is enjoying a visit from his father and mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Graeber, Mrs Moore and granddaughter were visitors at West Bend, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allaben, Dorothy and Mrs. Robert McNutt and daughter drove to Traer to visit Hamlin Allaben. They returned Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Sandberg, Edith and Carl were visitors at West Bend on Sunday.

Mr. Mason and family spent Sunday at West Bend.

The Wesenbergs enjoyed a trip with their grandfather, Rev. R. B. Emerson, to Charles City last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Conwell had an outing at Clear Lake last week.

The last step in a questionable undertaking may be a lock step.

One word may make a new friendship or break an old one.

Kinseth's Store News

We want every one of you to be in town a week from today, and attend the American Legion big celebration. Just read over the program as shown in the Independent this week, notice that there is something doing ALL the time, and that it is a mighty good lay-out of entertainment.

—K—

And when you come in, stop at the Store on the Corner and meet the gang. If you need anything for your lunch, just ask us. We've got just about everything you need to make a good feed.

—K—

Have you tried some of those Italian Prunes yet? Say, you want to. You haven't tasted a real prune until you've had a dish of these prunes. This is no pruny talk, either.

Peaches from $1.78 to $2.35, just right for canning, and just right to make fine eating. We've sold a good many dozen boxes of them and not a kick on them yet. When shall we send you a box?

—K—

Remember our coffee at 38 cents is as good as most 45c coffees, so why pay more?

—K—

And don't forget our shoe department, where you can get a pair of foot covers that wear and have style.

—K—

Be sure, now, to come in next Thursday, August 30th, to the Legion celebration.

ALEXANDER NEWS

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Mrs. Carl Bohlen and sons Burton and Myron were callers at Dows last Monday.

Kate Starkey visited with relatives at Hampton the first of the week.

Mrs. Mary Kausian of Ackley was a visitor here the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hensel and two children, and Mrs. A. B. Arends were Clear Lake visitors last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Winwood and son Kenneth were Iowa Falls callers Saturday p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Johansen and two children autoed to Rochester, Minn., Thursday last.

St. John's Evang. Luth. Church.

Sunday school at 2 o'clock. Preaching service in the English language at 3 o'clock.

Our Aid society meets with Mrs. Henry Schimp, Tuesday afternoon, August 28. The Ladies Aid will hold their bazaar and ice cream social on Saturday evening, Sept. 1, and there will be special music. Everybody is welcome.

C. J. Barth, Pastor.

(Too late for last week)

Henry Schulte and son, John were business callers at Belmond last Friday.

Alvin Greenfield, of Williamsburg, Iowa, visited with relatives in this vicinity a few days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Winwood and daughter, Miss Mary, were Hampton callers last Wednesday.

H. Penning, of Ackley, was a visitor with relatives in town the first of the week.

Mrs. Clay Klinefelter and children were callers at Hampton last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dirksen, of Ames visited with relatives and friends at this place a few days the past week.

Andy Severe, of Dows was transacting business in town the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Kline, of Freeport, Illinois, are visitors at the Bernard McCallum home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell, Misses Jessie and Nellie Bell, Frederick Greenfield, and Eldon Bell were callers at Dows, Saturday.

J. M. Hemingway and Miss Frederika Harriman, of Hampton, visited at the Lewis Bell home last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claas Symens and family were visitors with friends at Rowan last Sunday.

Leonard Arends was a caller at Hampton several days the past week.

John F. Bell was a business caller at Latimer last Tuesday.

Albert Larsen, Lewis Bell and Fred Greenfield were business callers at Hampton, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell, Miss Jessie Bell, Mrs. F. L. Greenfield and son visited with relatives at Ackley last Monday.

Miss Anna Beenen was a visitor with friends at Aplington last week.

Henry W. Severt, of Eldora was a business caller in town several days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Greenfield and son, Frederick, Mr. and Mrs. John Bell and Miss Jessie Bell were Sunday visitors with friends at Clarion.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Rodemeyer and children visited with relatives at Coulter last Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Kausian, of Ackley, came Monday for a visit with relatives at Alexander.

Mrs. Younglin, of Latimer, was a visitor with friends at this place last week.

KURTZ DAIRY

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The following attended the North Iowa fair at Mason City, Monday: Will Foughty, Wilma Foughty, Mrs. Anna Pekarek and daughter Josephine, Miss Nellie Bell, Arthur Winwood, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Aldinger and sons Franz and Rex.

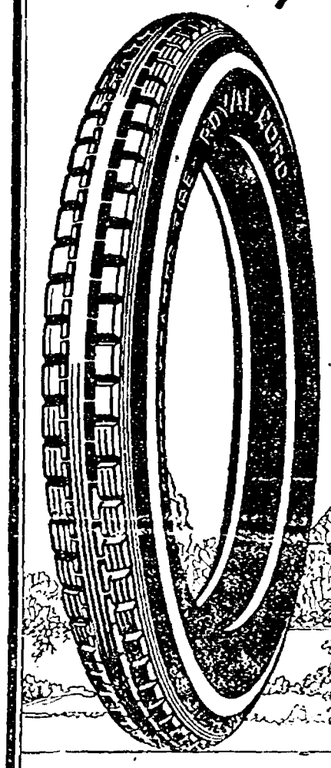
CANNING FACTORY STARTS OPERATION

Summit: The canning factory commences its yearly run Thursday of this week. The length of the run is hard to predict as it depends entirely upon the yield of the surrounding farms. The corn this year is in surprisingly good condition according to reports and is well above average, although some fields are practically worthless. There will be over eighty-five employed at the factory throughout the length of its run this year. The factory at Lake Mills started operations last week and it is reported that they are having a good year, the corn being in good condition there also.

Be courteous to your neighbors if you want them to be more so to you.

Most really good men readily admit that they are full of sin.

Here's Good News for the Man who needs a Royal Cord



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31 x 4	Cord	18.95	2.45
32 x 4	Cord	19.90	2.95
33 x 4	Cord	20.90	3.05
34 x 4	Cord	21.80	3.10
33 x 4½	Cord	27.80	3.75
34 x 4½	Cord	28.90	3.80
36 x 4½	Cord	29.65	4.00
33 x 5	Cord	33.90	4.10
35 x 5	Cord	34.90	4.20
37 x 5	Cord	36.70	4.90
36 x 6	Cord	59.80	10.20
38 x 7	Cord	83.90	13.75
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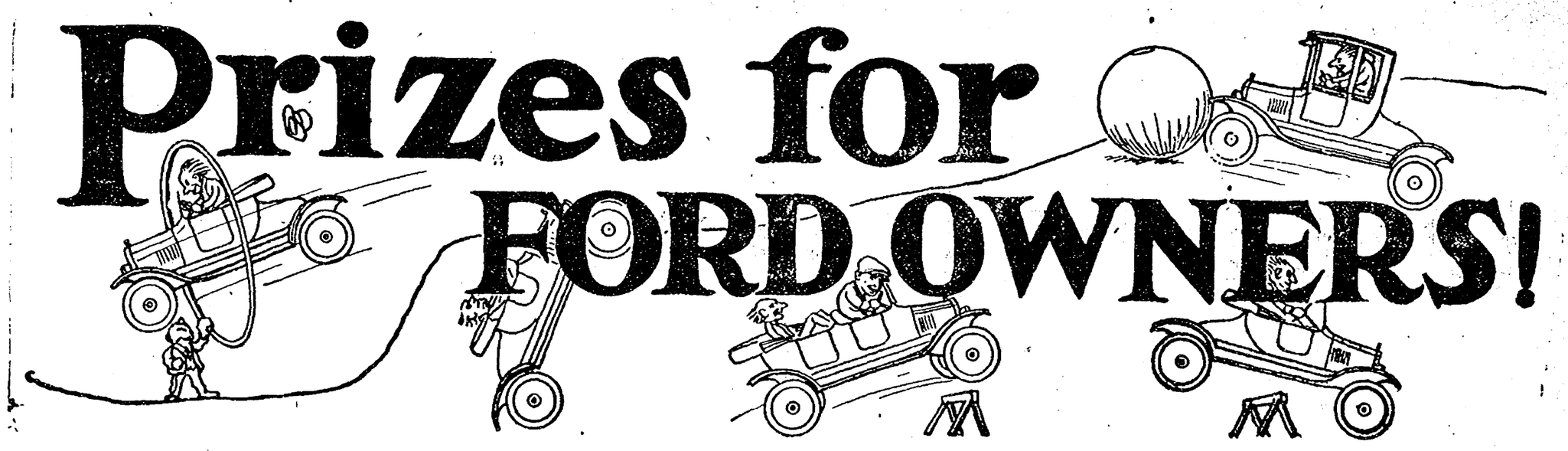
Belmond, Iowa

Prizes for FORD OWNERS!



Belmond Legion Day August 30th

Get ready for the big parade! Here, Mr. Ford Owner, is your chance to get rightful recognition, and an opportunity to win one of the nine prizes offered. Every Ford owner is invited to enter the parade or contest under the classifications shown on this page.

The Ford section of the Legion Day parade will be a separate section. As shown in the advertisements below, nine separate prizes are offered. The winners will be given the amount stated in the ad under whose classification their prize falls. The prize is anything the merchant has that you want. All prizes are being given by the Belmond Auto Co, who will pay the merchants. The Legion Day parade judges will judge all entries.

Enter the parade and w'n a prize! Open to everyone who owns a Ford, regardless of where he lives. Parade will take place at 11:00 a. m., August 30th. Crank up Henry and come! Nobody barred, no fees, everything free!

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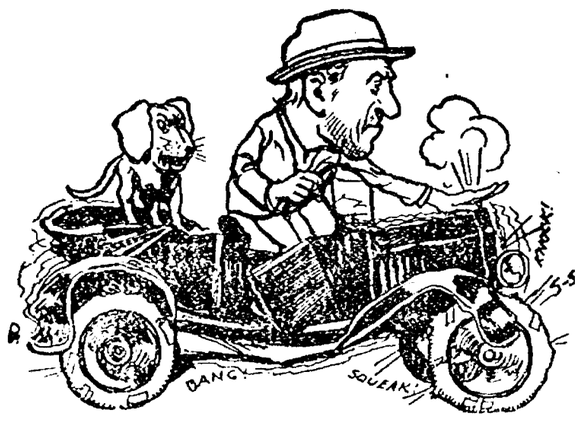
Five Dollar Prize For

The Most Ramshackle Looking Ford



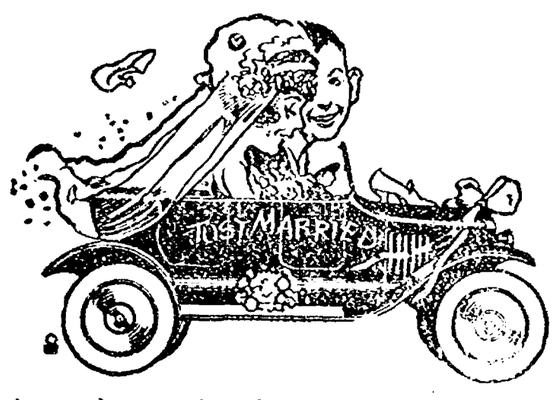
There is nothing ramshackle about Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothing. It is made to wear and to last, with a quiet style that distinguishes the well-dressed man.

We carry a complete line of Gent's Furnishings.

C. C. MCGUIRE
Clothing and Shoes

Two Dollar Prize for the

Ford Carrying Most Recently Married Couple



She's happy because her dress was hemstitched at—
—THE GIFT SHOP—
Headquarters for Happy Gifts for Happy Occasions at Happy Prices—Weddings, Birthdays, Parties.
Get Your School Supplies Here—All Kinds.

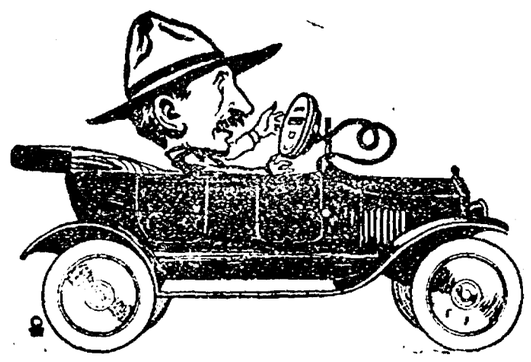
Two Dollar Prize for the

Ford Carrying the Fattest Woman

Ice Cream Ice Cold Pop Lunches Pastries
—If you eat at
—FOSTER'S CAFE—
You will be sure to gain. Home Cooked Meals like your mother served—Substantial, Satisfying, and All You want.
Legion Day Dinners and Suppers Fifty Cents.
Bring the family to supper on your prize.

Two Dollar Prize for the

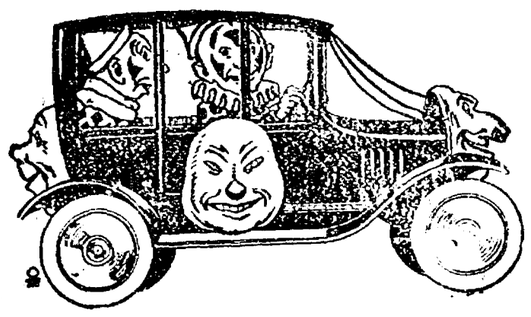
Ford With Greatest Speedometer Mileage



You Will Have To Go A Long Ways Before You Find Better Batteries than—
Willard Storage Batteries
Or Better Service Than Is Offered By The
BELMOND STORAGE BATTERY COMPANY
J. W. Scott Phone 46

Two Dollar Prize for the

The Most Comical Ford



There's nothing funny about our Service and Quality in
Developing and Printing Your Films.
Get an EASTMAN KODAK and let us develope your pictures of the parade on Legion Day.
SCHULTZ DRUG CO.

Two Dollar Prize for the

Ford Carrying the Oldest Person

The Old as well as the Young Enjoy Our
HAVA SLICE BREAD
And the complete line of Cakes, Pies, Cookies and Pastries of all kinds that we carry.
Let us furnish your Legion Day cooking. You can enjoy the entertainment without spending half the day over a hot stove.
BELMOND BAKERY
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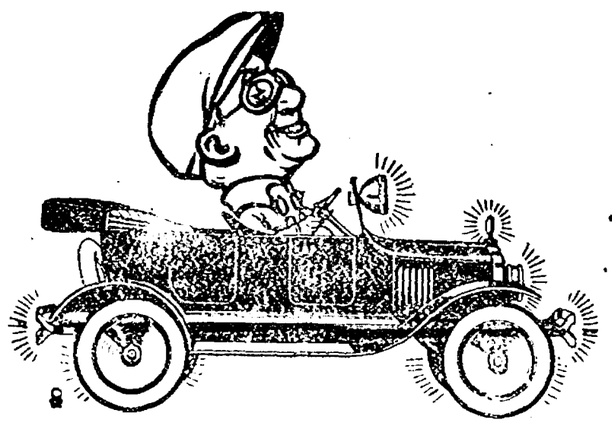
Five Dollar Prize For

The Most Spruced-up Ford



You will always be spruced up in a suit of
KUPPENHEIMER GOOD CLOTHES
They keep their shape and style. With Kuppenheimer Clothes you always feel easy, because you know you are well dressed.
NUNN BUSH SHOES MCKIBBIN HATS
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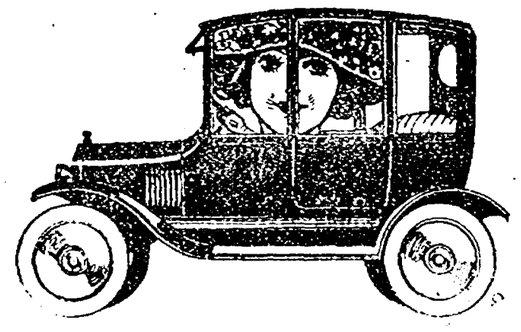
Ford Carrying the Prettiest Girl



Of Course A Pretty Girl Needs A Pretty Hat!
* * * MONOGRAM HATS * * *
The last word in Style, are being featured at
THE HAT SHOPPE
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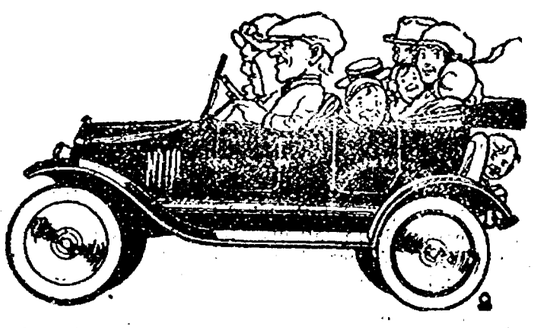

—We have Furniture for the whole family—
From Cradles to Easy Chairs.
We are the home of the Napanee Kitchen Cabinet. No home is complete without one. Apply Your Prize on one for the home.
WRIGHT COUNTY FURNITURE COMPANY
C. I. Williams, Manager.

BELMOND
American Legion
CELEBRATION

Thursday, August 30

EVENTS OF THE DAY

Morning Program

9:00 a. m.--Band Concert on Main Street.

9:30 a. m.--Junior Athletic Contests at City Park.

Races—Boys under 8 years
Boys 8 to 10 years.
Boys 10 to 12 years.
Boys from 12 to 14 years.
Boys from 14 to 16 years.
Boys from 16 to 18 years.

Cash prizes ranging from 75c to $2.00 for 1st prize, 50c to $1.50 for 2nd prize, 25c to $1.00 for 3rd prize.

10:30 a. m.--Free Attraction, accompanied by Band.

10:45 a. m.--PRIZE CONTESTS for following prizes will close at this time and the winners announced. The winners of these prizes must enter the 11:00 a. m. and 5:45 p. m. Parades

$15.00 CASH PRIZE to the Buick or Chevrolet car coming to Celebration from the furtherest distance and registering at the Belmond Motor Sales garage.

$24.00 SPECIAL PRIZES FOR FORDS.
Those competing for Special Ford Prizes register at Belmond Auto Co. garage and enter 11:00 parade.

11:00 a. m.--PARADE, Spectacular and Entertaining

Led by Band, consisting of three sections. Parade will form in sections at Rock Island Depot. Contest open to all.

Section One: $25.00, $15.00, and $10.00 Cash Prizes will be awarded for the most attractive floats. Prizes to be awarded after the 5:30 P. M. parade, at Judges' Stand.

Section Two: $10.00 Cash Prize for the most amusing and entertaining entry in this section.

Section Three: All Contestants for Car Prizes.

11:30 a. m.--Horseshoe Pitching Contest at City Park.

12:00 Noon---FREE ATTRACTION, accompanied by Band.

Afternoon Program

12:45 p. m.--BAND CONCERT on Main Street.

12:45 p. m.--The Iowa Valley Operating Company offers cash Prizes of $5.00 and $2.50 for the Grower bringing in the largest Sugar Beet with top. Register at Judges' Stand.

1:00 p. m.--MARCH, led by Band to Ball Ground for Senior Athletic Contests.

This is done for better accomodations, and a charge of 50c for Adults and 25c for Children will be made at the gate. This charge is for the ball game only. Money will be cheerfully refunded if you do not stay for the ball game.

100 yard dash, Free for All	$ 5.00	$3.00	$1.00
Three-Legged Race	3.00	2.00	1.00
Sack Race	2.00	1.50	1.00
Fat Mans Race	2.00	1.50	1.00
Four Man Relay Race	10.00		

2:00 p. m.--BASE BALL GAME, Spencer vs. Bayside Cubs

These are two of the best teams in the State. $500.00 is being spent to get these teams together. It will be the best game you will be able to see this season.

4:00 P. M.—SPECTACULAR RACES, immediately following Ball Game.
Potato Horse Race, 1st. Prize $7.50, 2nd $5.00
Novelty Auto Races, 1st prize $15., 2nd $5.
All entries in this race must register before 11:30 A. M. at Judges' Stand on Main Street. No car can enter with a valuation of over $50.00.

HORSE RACE—Free for all running race. Best two out of three heats. First Prize $10.00, Second Prize $5.00.

5:30 P. M.—FREE ATTRACTION.

5.45 P. M.—Parade of Three Sections, led by Band. Prize winners announced after this parade.

Evening Program

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Pillow Fight, First Prize $2.00.
Watermelon Eating Contest, First Prize $2.00, Second Prize $1.00.

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Bowery Dance Afternoon and Evening

EVERYBODY WELCOME!

Come and have a Big Time on a Big Day

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Hajo Pals.

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Mrs. R. W. Tomlinson spent the day Sunday at the home of her son Ralph, near Cornelia.

The Legion boys, accompanied by citizens and business men, will leave at 8:00 o'clock this morning on a booster trip to all the surrounding towns, advertising the Legion Day next Thursday. The trip will take all day.

NOTICE

The local Sugar Factory is now ready to receive applications from those desiring employment during the operating season.

We expect to employ fifteen or sixteen girls or women in the factory, and preference will be given to all applicants having had experience during the seasons of 1920 or 1922.

Applications to be filed with the Factory Superintendent at the Factory Office.

Iowa Valley Operating Co., Inc.
383c

Wanter—Family washings to do.—Mrs. Amanda Johnson. 1t*

For Sale—Two Tractors, with plows. Priced right.—Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond, Iowa. 35tfc

BELMOND TRAIN SCHEDULES

(Corrected to date.)

ROCK ISLAND
Going North

Passenger, daily	8:15 a. m.
Freight, daily	11:46 a m.
Combination, daily	2:15 p. m.

Going South

Passenger, daily	6:28 p. m.
Freight, daily	1:10 p. m.
Combination, daily	11:46 a. m.

M.& ST. L.
Going West.

Combination, daily	8:30 a. m

Going East

Combination, daily	3:35 p. m.

GREAT WESTERN
Going North

Motor, daily	10:03 a. m.
No. 16, pass., D & S	1:30 p. m.
No. 12, pass., D & S	1:26 a. m.
Local Freight	7:55 a. m.

Going South

No. 11, pass., D & S	1:24 a. m.
No. [illegible] pass., D & S	3:15 p. m.
[illegible]	5:19 p. m.
[illegible]al Freight	3:20 p. m.

FALL TERM SEPT. 4

New catalog just off the press. Write for it.

Fort Dodge Business College
Fort Dodge, Iowa

WANT ADS

Two cents per word first insertion; one cent per word ensuing insertions.

FOR SALE

For Sale—1921 Ford Touring; 1923 4-door Ford Sedan; 1923 2-door Sedan. Several other cars at reasonable prices. —Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond, Iowa.

For Sale—Check protector, good as new. Inquire at Independent. tf

For Sale—A 14 in. P & O gang plow, in good condition. All complete with 5-horse hitch. Phone 3318. 38tfc.

For Sale—Pure bred Spotted Poland fall gilts and yearling sows, due to farrow in September. Also spring boars. At farmers' prices.—Roy Jenison. 402*

For Sale—John Deere gang plow, almost new. Also two gasoline engines, one six h. p. and one 12 h. p. In good running order. At reasonable prices.—Belmond Auto Co. 402c

Wanted—Married man to work on farm, close to town. Good wages and groceries furnished. Inquire at the Independent. 392c

For Gasoline, Kerosene and Lubricating oil, call phone 39½.—Belmond Deep Rock oil Co. 32tfc

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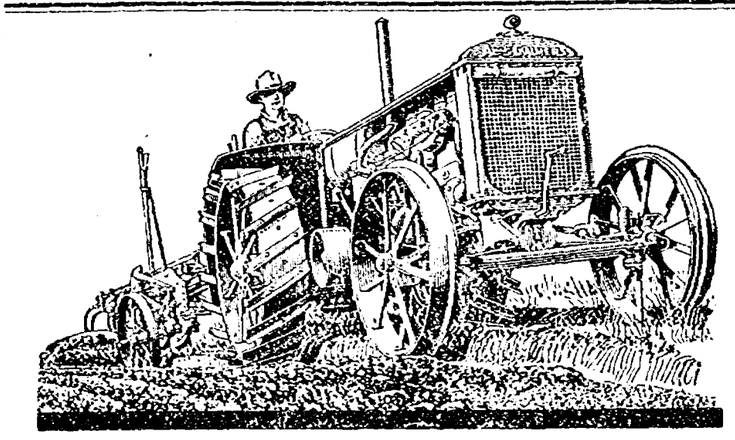

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DOING farm work with an Allis-Chalmers tractor means more than raising bigger crops at less expense. You can do more and better work in less time and put an end to working days that hold you on the job long after dark.

Whatever the work to be done, you go into the fields with an Allis-Chalmers tractor and finish up on time! The powerful valve-in-head motor is as finely built as the engine of a motor car or truck. Rated conservatively, it is capable of developing and maintaining a power surplus which overcomes emergencies on either drawbar or belt. Two large side-inspection plates give quick access to crankcase; valves are easily reached for grinding or cleaning of carbon by simply removing cylinder heads.

All we ask is the opportunity to give you a demonstration of what an Allis-Chalmers tractor will do on your farm. Come in—ask us for the proof—and for details about our easy time-payment plan.

JOHNSON & WRIGHT
BELMOND, IOWA

Iowa Falls Electric Company NEWS!

More light for THORNTON from the new street lights.

Rebuilding the distribution system in ROWAN. This system was recently taken over by the Company, and the work when completed will result in uniformly good service which will give our Customers in this town Regular Iowa Falls Service.

Connection of our 13,000 volt line at BELMOND, with the Sugar Beet Factory.

These important improvements will cost the Company about $3,200.

Still a few of the CONVERTIBLE NOTES left, and we advise those of our Customers who want a good short time Investment to see our Manager, Mr. H. F. Kellogg, at Iowa Falls, Iowa for the particulars.

Iowa Falls Electric Company
Iowa Falls, Iowa

"Moving Your Future Forward"

HAS BEEN SENT TO HUNDREDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS. IT HAS HELPED THEM SOLVE THE BIG PROBLEM, HOW TO GET A GOOD POSITION WITH A GOOD SALARY. IT WILL HELP YOU. SEND FOR IT. ADDRESS:

THE HAMILTON UNIVERSITY
MASON CITY, IOWA
So. Delaware Ave., At 1st. St.

BELMOND MARKETS
(Subject to change.)

Hens, heavy	16c
Hens, light	12c
Roosters	07c
Springs	18c
Leghorns	08c
Geese	10c
Ducks	12c
Turkeys	25c
Eggs	22c
Cream	37c
Creamery Butter	43c
Oats	30c
Corn	75c

FRIEND C. BRAS, O. D.
Optometrist

Eyes Examined and Glasses Fitted

Schultz Jewelry Store
Belmond, Iowa
MONDAY, AUG. 27

GOODYEAR Service Station

CLUTCHING, clinging, digging, the big thick blocks of the famous Goodyear All-Weather Tread bite through mud or snow to solid footing beneath. That powerful grip means safety, and it means economy, too; for it insures against spinning wheels, loss of traction and undue engine strain.

As Goodyear Service Station Dealers we sell and recommend the new Goodyear Cords with the beveled All-Weather Tread and back them up with standard Goodyear Service

Belmond Auto Company
Belmond Motor Sales Company

GOODYEAR

Vacation Is Over---

Now is the time to have your clothes repaired and pressed. Get ready for cool weather. We make old clothes new and new clothes, too.

New Belmond Tailor Shop
F. J. TUFFREE
South of Case Hotel Phone 28

4 per cent for One Month

48 per cent for One Year

That is the amount our Cash Refund Plan nets you. Can you afford to miss it?

Cash Market

The Place of Everything To Eat

J. P. Larsen & Sons Belmond, Iowa

Phone 60 and We'll Deliver

PRICES REDUCED!

At this time when other manufacturers are advancing their prices the

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Turkeys	25c
Eggs	22c
Cream	37c
Creamery Butter	43c
Oats	30c
Corn	75c

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LOCALS

E. F. Bailey was a business caller at Humboldt on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Nourse, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Fitts and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chamberlain drove to West Bend, Sunday.

Claude Veeder is the owner of a new Overland touring car, purchased of the Nordschow Motor Co.

The Missionary societies of the Methodist and Congregational churches will hold a union meeting this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Russell.

A pleasing social event was the club picnic dinner last Friday evening at the city park, held by the Priscilla club in honor of Mrs. P. J. Scarbro of Brookings, South Dakota, a former member.

Mrs. E. E. Hanson, of Blair, Wisconsin,, Alma Hukee, of Winger, Minnesota, and Edna Johnson, of Menford, North Dakota, were guests at the C. B. Johnson home last week. The ladies drove thru, and are relatives of the Johnsons.

Mrs. P. W. Qually, of Bode, was a guest at the H. G. Nordschow home the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Vestweber and two sons, and Chris Friesleben drove to Peru, Illinois, on Monday where they will visit friends and relatives for a week.

Lester Bickett of St. Louis, Mo., arrived Monday to get acquainted with his new son. After a few days' visit he will take his wife and son home. Mrs. Bickett is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Boughton.

The danger sign and signal at the Great Western crossing is now installed and is a vast improvement over the old sign. The new danger signal can be heard for six blocks.

Mrs. Geo. G. Barry and two daughters Marie and Rose, and little son David, left Tuesday for a visit at the J. N. Nelson home in Fort Dodge.

Mrs. L. A. Lewis and son visited the Nelson home at Dows last week, returning home the 20th to Austin, Minn.

Mrs. Arthur Lewis and three children, who have been visiting here the past month, returned to their home at Sisseton, South Dakota, on Monday.

Mrs. Falconer, from Omaha, Nebraska, has been visiting at the M H. Hanson home the past week. She is a sister of Mrs. Hanson.

Mrs. Sumner Trumbell, of Klemme was visiting in town on Friday of last week.

F. J. Tuffree was a caller at Mason City on Monday.

P. Barban was a business caller at Alexander the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meyer and family, and Mrs. Ed. Aweve and children of Chicago, their guests, all motored to West Bend, Sunday, to view the grotto.

Mr. Cooper, of Buffalo Center, was a guest at the Atty. Jensen home the first of the week.

The oldest son and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Stadtlander enjoyed birthday parties recently. The boy was 13 on August 7th and the girl 6 on the 8th. Ice cream and cake were served.

Ray Morris came down from Garner, Sunday, to visit his family. He is now employed at the Barnes garage at Garner. Monday he went to Eagle Grove to interview the recruiting officer there preparatory to enlisting in the aerial reserve corps of the army.

READ EVERY WORD!

This is a Bargain o Bargains! 80 acres 5 miles from Little Falls Minnesota. 3-4 mile to station. 3-4 mile to paved road to Twin Cities. This is not any of your have-to-sell, but the owner's wife is in the hospital and he wishes to sell and is sacrificing the farm. No better soil: good buildings, some grove, good water. Everything goes, with the horses, hogs 3 cows, 15 tons of hay in barn, implements enough to take care of the land. Also 30 acres of corn in field. Possession given as soon as deal is closed. Price is as follows: $8,000. Hand money $1,000. Settlement $2,000. Balance back if need be for term of 10 years at 5 per cent semi annually or annually. Now you have it. This beats renting, you renter or speculator. Free ride to place if desired if you mean business.

Other bargains.

WOLLE LAND AGENCY,
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TRINITY CHURCH NOTES

Sunday school and Bible class will meet at the usual hour on Sunday.

There will be no morning service In the evening Rev. Thompson will give an illustrated lecture on the Passion Play. You are welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben J. Daniels and children, Mrs. Wm. Myers of Chicago, Mrs. Steenblock, and Mrs. Daniels, S. A. Bohning and Miss Edna and Pearl Bohning were visitors at the E. B. Cukes home at Buffalo Center on Sunday.

Quite a number of local people tended the North Iowa Fair at Mason City last week, and a good many are planning to attend the state fair at Des Moines this week or next.

A number of farmers from this vicinity attended the Farm Bureau picnic held at Eagle Grove yesterday.

NOTICE!

Foot ball practice Monday evening at 6:00 o'clock.

Hajo Pals.

Miss Stella Murphy arrived home the first of the week from Bison, South Dakota, where she has been teaching school. She stopped at Sioux City to visit Miss Nellie. She will teacher the Murphy school here this winter.

Mrs. R. W. Tomlinson spent the day Sunday at the home of her son Ralph, near Cornelia.

The Legion boys, accompanied by citizens and business men, will leave at 8:00 o'clock this morning on a booster trip to all the surrounding towns, advertising the Legion Day next Thursday. The trip will take all day.

NOTICE

The local Sugar Factory is now ready to receive applications from those desiring employment during the operating season.

We expect to employ fifteen or sixteen girls or women in the factory, and preference will be given to all applicants having had experience during the seasons of 1920 or 1922.

Applications to be filed with the Factory Superintendent at the Factory Office.

Iowa Valley Operating Co., Inc.
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Wanter—Family washings to do.—Mrs. Amanda Johnson. 1t*

For Sale—Two Tractors, with plows. Priced right.—Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond, Iowa. 35tfc

BELMOND TRAIN SCHEDULES

(Corrected to date.)

ROCK ISLAND

Going North

Passenger, daily	8:15 a. m.
Freight, daily	11:46 a m.
Combination, daily	2:15 p. m.

Going South

Passenger, daily	6:28 p. m.
Freight, daily	1:10 p. m.
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M.& ST. L.

Going West.

Combination, daily	8:30 a. m

Going East

Combination, daily	3:35 p. m.

GREAT WESTERN

Going North

Motor, daily	10:03 a. m.
No. 16, pass., D & S	1:30 p. m.
No. 12, pass., D & S	1:26 a. m.
Local Freight	7:55 a. m.

Going South

No. 11, pass., D & S	1:24 a. m.
No. 15, pass., D & S	3:15 p. m.
Motor	5:19 p. m.
Local Freight	3:20 p. m.

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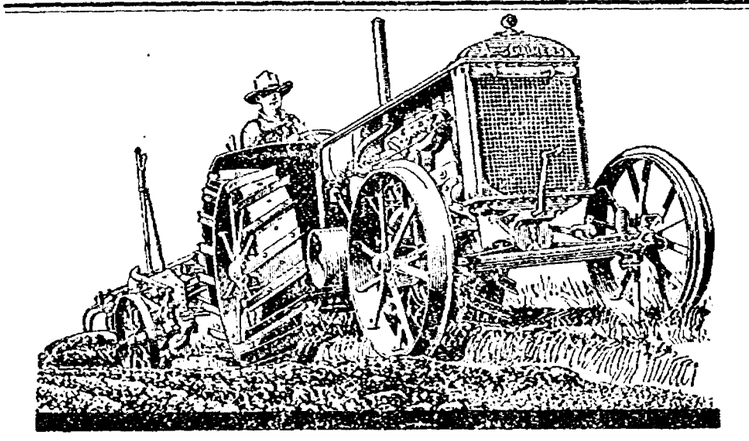

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Whatever the work to be done, you go into the fields with an Allis-Chalmers tractor and finish up on time! The powerful valve-in-head motor is as finely built as the engine of a motor car or truck. Rated conservatively, it is capable of developing and maintaining a power surplus which overcomes emergencies on either drawbar or belt. Two large side-inspection plates give quick access to crankcase; valves are easily reached for grinding or cleaning of carbon by simply removing cylinder heads.

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Iowa Falls Electric Company NEWS!

More light for THORNTON from the new street lights.

Rebuilding the distribution system in ROWAN. This system was recently taken over by the Company, and the work when completed will result in uniformly good service which will give our Customers in this town Regular Iowa Falls Service.

Connection of our 13,000 volt line at BELMOND, with the Sugar Beet Factory.

These important improvements will cost the Company about $3,200.

Still a few of the CONVERTIBLE NOTES left, and we advise those of our Customers who want a good short time Investment to see our Manager, Mr. H. F. Kellogg, at Iowa Falls, Iowa for the particulars.

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4 per cent for One Month

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Rock Island Plans To Remove Trains

Officials Plan To Take Off Both Passenger Trains Thru Belmond In Near Future.

WILL RUIN MAIL SERVICE

The officials of the Rock Island railway company are planning to remove both passenger trains running on the Dows to Estherville branch, which goes thru Belmond. The Independent has not learned just when this move will take place, but is informed that it will be done.

Taking off both passenger trains will just about ruin the mail service in Belmond on that road, and as the mail service on the morning and evening passengers is one of Belmond's most important services, it will mean a hardship in many ways. There may be some excuse or reason for taking off one of the passenger services, but to remove both seems like folly. It will leave one mixed train a day each way, but a few hours apart.

It is reported that measures towards protesting the removal of the two trains is to be taken in Belmond and other main towns along the line.

Wednesday a petion was circulated among the business men of Belmond, to present to the railway commision board, protesting against the removal of the morning and evening passengers. The petition was signed by almost every business man in town, and by every one to whom it reached. Sentiment locally is exceedingly "hot" over the removal of both the trains, and strong measures will be taken to prevent it if possible. It is a foolish move, to take both trains off, and it will effect Belmond seriously. The morning and evening passengers are our main service with the eastern markets and mail and express business.

CLIFFORD WALTER TREES

Clifford Walter Trees, son of J. W. and Allie Trees, was born in Champaign county, Illinois, October 23, 1873, and died at his home in Belmond, Iowa, August 28, 1923, aged 49 years 10 months and six days. Death was due to heart trouble from which he had been a patient sufferer for several years.

On September 20, 1900, he was married to Maud May Aldrich, of Belmond, and to this union were born three sons, James W., age 22, Gerald E., age 18, and Virgil C., age 7, all of whom survive their father.

Besides his wife and three sons, he leaves to mourn his untimely death three sisters, Mrs. Henry Doctorman and Mrs. Howard Forrestal, of Belmond, and Mrs. Otto Madison, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; one brother, Howard Trees, of Baltimore, Maryland, besides other relatives and many friends. His father, mother and one sister preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the home in West Belmond at 1:00 o'clock, and at the M. E. church at 2:00 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, officiating. Interment was in Franklin Grove cemetery.

Clifford Trees was a man with many friends, a strong character, honest and reliable. His life in Belmond was always one of fairness and good citizenship, and he will be missed from our community life.

Card of Thanks

Our heartfelt thanks goes out to you, our friends and neighbors, for your sympathy and assistance during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father, for your beautiful floral offerings and many acts of kindness. You will always remain in our hearts.

Mrs. Clifford Trees and Family

TO HAVE NEW NIGHTWATCH

Pat Dillon resigned as nightwatch the first of the week, and as yet another has not been chosen. The business men, upon whom the chief responsibility of financing falls, met at the State Bank Tuesday and named Halver Rierson and Rudy Quandt as their choice, and the mayor will probably appoint one of the two in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Hjalmar Rikansrud, of Leland, were guests at the home of Mrs. Rikansrud's sister, Mrs. Forrestal, last week. They were recently married and on their honeymoon trip. Mr. Rikansrud is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ole T. Rikansrud, of Kanawha.

Miss Mildred Schultz spent the week end with friends in Clarion.

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Anna Wiley vs. Wright county is a case wherein plaintiff says she is a widow and without adequate means of support for self and four children, and asks the court to grant her a widow's pension of $2 per week for each of the children, from September 1st until they are sixteen years of age.

Patek Brothers vs. Clayton I. Brown is a suit on a promissory note given by the defendant to A. H. Zeigler and transferred to the plaintiff, which note is claimed to be due, and payment refused. Judgment is asked for $103.20.

Louise Larsen of Belmond asks that she be decreed a separate support maintenance from her husband, Elias Larsen, in the sum of $300 as temporary alimony and such sum as the court may give as permanent alimony. Plaintiff alleges that since their marriage in December 1922, the defendant has abused and threatened her so that in February 1923 she was forced to leave him.

Grace Henderson of Eagle Grove asks for decree of divorce from her husband, Robert Henderson, on grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment, stating that they were married in October 1922, and have lived together until August 1923.

Isabelle Wallin et al. vs. Rea. L. Wallin et al. is a suit for division and settlement of estate of Manuel Wallin, deaceased. Plaintiff asks for adjustment of claims of defendants in compliance with terms of the will of the deaceased.

The Eagle Grove Plumbing and Heating Co. asks that it be given judgment against J. T. Johnson in the sum of $638.41 with interest and costs. Plaintiff avers that above amount is due them on account of installation of plumbing apparatus in defendant's dwelling house and for which settlement has not been made.

Jacob Askvig asks judgment against R. P. Christensen in the sum of $3,500. The contraversy arises over a residence property in Eagle Grove sold to the plaintiff in 1920 by defendant for the sum of $5,500. Plaintiff states that conditions of house was knowingly misrepresented to him by defendant and that he was damaged in the above amount.

Sarah Stokke of Eagle Grove seeks a divorce from R. L. Stokke charging a desertion. The couple were married in August 1905, and lived together until 1914. Plaintiff also desires the custody of their only child, Norene Stokke. This case makes fourteen divorces filed for trial at the October term of court.

W. F. McLaughlin & Co. demand judgment against George Marshall of Woolstock in the sum of $91.20 for a bill of merchandise sold defendant.

Roper Hardware Co. of Eagle Grove asks judgment against Amos Thompson. M. O. Thompson and H. A. Oakdale on their promissory note for $2,633.31.

Andrew Drampolis is made defendant in a suit brought by Frank Hellicksen. Plaintiff states that about May 20, 1923, an automobile driven by defendant negligently collided with plaintiff's horse on the public highway in Grove township, Humboldt county. Plaintiff claims injury in the sum of $200.

Fort Dodge officers wired Sheriff Lang's office Tuesday to arrest a colored gentleman supposed to be in this city. He was located among the Great Western extra gang and is now locked up in the jail of the first named city. He procured a letter belonging to another person, which he opened, abstracted $3.00 and threw the letter away.—Monitor.

TRINITY CHURCH NOTES

Trinity Aid meets Thursday afternoon in the church parlor.

Saturday morning the Class meets at the church at 10 o'clock.

Sunday morning at 10 o'clock Sunday school as usual. At 11 o'clock service will be conducted in the Norwegian language. Evening service in English.

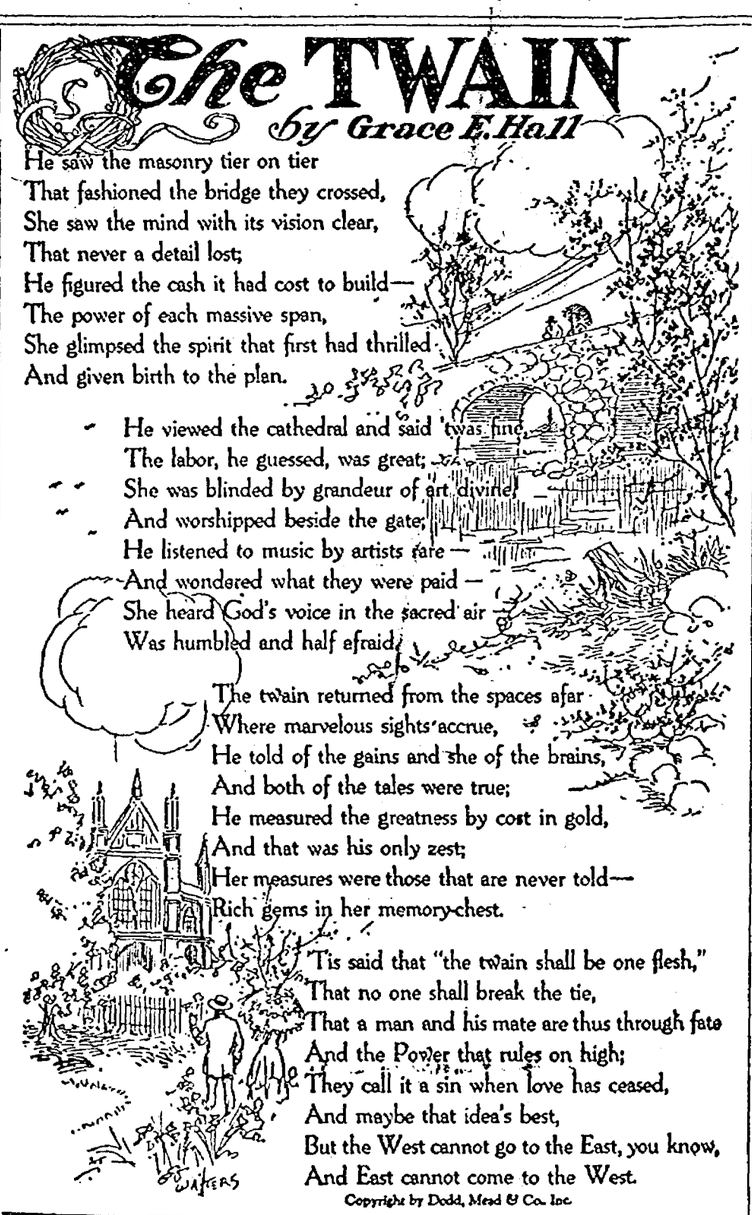
Please remember too, we have our annual mission days. We are to have two missionaries with us. Our meetings begin Monday evening with a sermon by one of the missionaries at 8 o'clock. Then the two following days will be given over to discussion of Matt. 21, 28-32, with special stress laid upon mission work. Look this portion of scripture up. Think on it. Come and take some one with you. English in the evening.

HAVE SUIT OVER PLOWING

A suit was held in Justice Purdy's court Monday, in which Leo Prince sued D. H. Hake for pay for 18 acres of fall plowing on the Hake land. Prince alleged that he had never received payment. A judgment was rendered the plaintiff in the sum of forty dollars.

The TWAIN

by Grace E. Hall



He saw the masonry tier on tier
That fashioned the bridge they crossed,
She saw the mind with its vision clear,
That never a detail lost;
He figured the cash it had cost to build—
The power of each massive span,
She glimpsed the spirit that first had thrilled
And given birth to the plan.

He viewed the cathedral and said 'twas fine
The labor, he guessed, was great;
She was blinded by grandeur of art divine
And worshipped beside the gate;
He listened to music by artists rare—
And wondered what they were paid—
She heard God's voice in the sacred air
Was humbled and half afraid.

The twain returned from the spaces afar
Where marvelous sights accrue,
He told of the gains and she of the brains,
And both of the tales were true;
He measured the greatness by cost in gold,
And that was his only zest;
Her measures were those that are never told—
Rich gems in her memory-chest.

'Tis said that "the twain shall be one flesh,"
That no one shall break the tie,
That a man and his mate are thus through fate
And the Power that rules on high;
They call it a sin when love has ceased,
And maybe that idea's best,
But the West cannot go to the East, you know,
And East cannot come to the West.

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CEDAR RAPIDS BUSINESS MEN COMING TO BELMOND

The Cedar Rapids wholesalers, manufacturers, bankers and other business men of the Chamber of Commerce will be in Belmond, on Wednesday, September 12, at 9:39 a. m.

The visitors will call upon the business men of our city interested in their respective lines and hope to find them at their places of business during the time of their visit.

These visits are for the purpose of forming a better acquaintance and understanding between the wholesalers, manufacturers and other institutions and their customers thruout the state. The history of past excursions prove that great benefits result from these trips. Year after year the merchant orders from the wholesaler, jobber or factory thru their salesmen or by mail, but seldom, if ever, has an opportunity of meeting the head of the institution from which he buys his goods. On these trips, however, he meets face to face and shakes hands with the head of the house, which promotes a feeling of good fellowship and a better understanding of their mutual problems.

The business men are traveling in a specially chartered train consisting of Pullmans Dining Car, Club Car and Day Coach. This will bring to our city about 100 representatives of Cedar Rapids institutions, including the famous Hanford Post, American Legion Band. This band is made up of veterans of the World War and present a very attractive appearance in their uniforms of French blue. Their repertoire contains not only selections from the classics, but they play all the popular selections as well. The band carries two soloists which adds greatly to the variety of program offered.

Cedar Rapids was one of the first cities in Iowa to inaugurate "Good Will Tours" and has been conducting them successfully for over eighteen years. This year's tour leaves Cedar Rapids Monday evening, September 10th, and will visit our city on Wednesday, September 12th, at 9:39 a. m.

A WORD FROM THE LEGION

The Eimbrink Post No. 35 of the American Legion, realizing their inability to personally thank the citizens of Belmond for helping them make Legion Day a success, take this method of showing their appreciation to every one who so willingly donated time, money, material and moral support. We thank you.

C. M. Morse, Post Commander.

JURORS DRAWN FOR OCTOBER

Judge McCall, of Nevada, will open the October term of court on the first. The jurors have been called, to report for duty Monday, October 8th. Those from here are:

Rae Barry, F. A. Stevens, R. J. White, Percy Swenson, Roy Guest, Alec. Smith and Wilbur Linaweaver.

RUNAWAY LAD IS APPREHENDED AT THORNTON

Lloyd Hamilton, a ten-year-old lad from Belmond, arrived in Thornton Monday morning on the way freight enroute, as he said, to Minneapolis to visit his mother and little sister, and was turned over to the authorities by the freight crew. The lad had walked from Belmond to Meservey Sunday in his bare feet and had spent the night in an empty freight car. After having gotten breakfast from kindly hands the lad boarded a tank car on his northern journey, arriving here and was turned over to the authorities, as stated above. Geo. Farrell was called and took charge of the boy and learned from him that he was the son of Harley Hamilton, the divorced husband of the boy's mother. Mr. Hamilton, it will be remembered, married Mamie Juhle here about five years ago. Previous to the marriage of his father, the boy had lived with his grandmother in Belmond.

The lad seemed to be little concerned about his detention here by Mr. Farrell, and after being given a good meal, talked quite freely about his trip and the little sister at Minneapolis who was sick and whom he desired to see. Later he was turned over to repair men of the Belmond Telephone Company, who were in town, and who promised to safely convey him to his home. To this arrangement the boy made no objection.—Enterprise.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.

Preaching Service at 11:00 a. m.

Epworth League at 7:00 p. m. All young people invited to join with us in this service.

Evening Service at 8:00 p. m.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society meets at the parsonage on Thursday. Annual election. Please bring your mite boxes, and the money for "Thank Offering," if pledge is still unpaid.

The Sunday School plans for its Annual Picnic on Saturday. We will meet at the church at 10:30, and go to Tyrrell Park where dinner will be served at noon. Each one is asked to bring sandwiches for their family and one other dish of something good to eat. Also bring a cup, plate and spoon.

Rally Day will be on September 23rd. Let us plan for at least three hundred at Sunday School that day. We will observe our 50th Anniversary on that day. Why not make it a "Red Letter Day."

W. A. Wilkinson, Pastor.

TURNS DOWN SUNDAY MOVIES

The town of Bode recently voted on the question of Sunday movies, and the people came to bat in pretty heavy numbers. The proposition was bitterly contested and defeated by a close margin, the vote being about 100 to 80—odd.

SWEET TO RUN FOR SENATOR

Burton E. Sweet, congressman for eight years from the Third Iowa district, has announced that he will be a candidate for United States senator against Senator Brookhart at the republican primaries in June, 1924. Mr. Sweet would make no further statement at this time, saying to a newspaper reporter that his formal announcement will be issued in due time. The demand from all parts of the state that Mr. Sweet become a candidate was so strong that Mr. Sweet decided at this time to let his friends know his decision to get into the race.

Always A Strong Candidate

Mr. Sweet has represented this district in congress for eight years, and gave up his place in the house of representatives to become a candidate for United States senator last year, but lost in the race with Brookhart because of so many candidates in the field. Mr. Sweet made the most consistent race of any of the half dozen candidates. He carried every county in his district by large majorities except one county, which he lost by a small vote to Brookhart. The vote showed to the state how Mr. Sweet is regarded by the people who knew him best, and this evidence of strength will greatly add to his prestige in the race against Brookhart next June. Every year he has been a candidate for congress he has carried the vote of his home county almost unanimously, and this is largely a democratic county, too, while Mr. Sweet has always been an ardent republican.

Sweet Favored Farmer and Soldier

His service in congress included the war period, a critical time in the history of the United States, and he worked hard for his constituents. He gained wide fame throughout the country for his sponsoring of soldier and farm legislation. He was behind the farm bureau federation program and other agricultural organizations. Mr. Sweet owns a fine farm near Waverly and personally looks after its operation.

In addition to his service as congressman, Mr. Sweet's political career includes three years as city solicitor of Waverly, membership in the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth general assemblies of Iowa, and four years on the state central committee from the Third congressional district.

Born In Bremer County

Mr. Sweet was born in Bremer county, Iowa, December 10, 1867. He was educated in the common schools, attending Iowa State Teachers' College, graduated from Cornell college and from the law department of the State University of Iowa. He was admitted to the bar in 1895 and has since been practicing his profession.—Chronicle.

THAT LIBEL SUIT

Ex-Secretary of Agriculture E. T. Meredith has instituted a suit for slander against Senator Brookhart for thirty cents, claiming that he (Meredith) has been libeled and slandered, and that the damages—owing to the fact that Brookhart is never taken seriously—is not to exceed thirty cents. The ex-secretary, however, gives as the real object of suit a desire to get Brookhart on the witness stand and make him either show the proof of his statements or admit that he is just plain ignorant, or that he deliberately lied.

There is no question that Senator Brookhart is given too much to talk and little thought. He is a man who jumps at conclusions, and makes the vehemance with which he makes his statements, and the number of times he repeats them, stand for reliability. Someone has said that a lie well told and oftimes repeated is as good as the truth. Senator Brookhart does not lie. His statements are true, he believes, though he does not have the proof of his statements such as most men demand of their statements. That is why he tells so many things that are not founded on fact—though the Senator thot they were.

It is generally conceded that if E. T. Meredith ever gets Senator Brookhart on the witness stand, he will have some fun with him, to say the least. We have an idea that Senator Brookhart on the stand will look very much like Henry Ford on the stand in his famous suit against the Chicago Tribune.—Humboldt Republican.

AUTO TURNS TURTLE

Miss Beatrice Fitzgerald, accompanied by her mother, was driving to town Friday afternoon and when they went to make the turn at the corner five miles south of here, their Ford car skidded in the sand and turned completely over, wrecking it quite badly. Miss Beatrice received a bruised arm, but her mother was unhurt.—Reporter.

School Opens With Enrollment Of 545

Enrollment Tuesday was More Than Last Year—Third Grade Overcrowded.

FIRST FOOT BALL SEPT. 21.

The Belmond schools opened this year with an enrollment Tuesday of 545, which is more than the enrollment for last year. Of this total, 168 are in the high school. This number in the high school is not as many as the enrollment total last year, but is more than were enrolled at this time in 1922.

The third grade is overflowing, there being 52 in that grade now. A part of the children are being placed with Miss Purdy, second grade teacher, who will have part second and part third. Mrs. Louise Madsen will not teach the third grade, Mrs. Ed. Carlston taking her place.

The faculty is getting things at the school shaped up for efficient work, and are just getting the classes down to regular study. The athletic department are preparing for a strong season in foot ball, and the squad is out every night practicing hard. A practice game will be played at Hampton next week Friday, the 14th, and the first scheduled game will be with Clear Lake on the 21st. The second game will be with Garner on September 28th. The boys are deserving of support and should receive it from Belmond people this fall in all their games played here.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

Rev. A. H. Waalkes and family left Thursday for their new home at Hagaman, New York. Altho we regret not having Rev. Waalkes in our midst we wish them great success in the future.

Our school reopened this week for another year's grind. The corps of teachers for 1923-24 is as follows:

Dist. No. 1—Esther Thorman.
Dist. No. 2—Dale Jenison.
Dist. No. 3—Ruth Tiara.
Dist. No. 4—Ethel Thompson.
Dist. No. 5—Grace Gartz.
Dist. No. 6—Sadie Frohling.
Dist. No. 8—Lyle Jenison.
Dist. No. 9—Estelle Murphy.

Carrie Baxter returned to St. Paul last week after an extended visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. George Thompson, and other relatives.

Bill Finn returned from his visit at Victor to resume his school duties.

Little Howard Finn, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at the local hospital, was taken home last Friday. He is doing very nicely.

Little Mildred and Ruth Frohling had their tonsils removed at the local hospital Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jenison are the happy parents of a baby boy, born Friday.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Summer vacations are now over and every one should be back in his place of work. Let us make this autumn season the time of great effort in the things of the kingdom.

Services at the usual hours. Sabbath school at 10 a. m., morning worship at 11, and evening service at 8.

ST. OLAF CHURCH NOTES

Class meets next Saturday at 2 o'clock at the church.

Service in the Norwegian language next Sunday at 3 o'clock.

Do not forget the series of mission meetings beginning next Thursday morning, Sept. 13. Please remember the date. Visiting missionaries will be with us and speak on the important cause. Look up Luke 16, 1-9. Think on it. Come and take others with you. Let us have a good attendance. Remember that on Sunday the missionaries will speak in both churches. Sunday, Sept. 16, at the regular service hours.

HAVE FAMILY REUNION

A family reunion of the Chapman family was held at the home of Andrew Bullis on September 4th, all members being present. They were: L. M. Chapman of Cherokee, Iowa; Mrs. Bello Bullis of Belmond, Iowa; Mrs. Fidelia E. Perry of San Jose, Calif; Mrs. Mary F. Thompson, of Dickens, Iowa; Mrs. Lois A. Greig, of Storm Lake, Iowa; Mrs. Nellie I. McKee, of Cherokee, Iowa; and Mrs. Grace E. Pendleton of Marcus, Iowa. A big family dinner and social time was enjoyed.

A number of Belmond people are attending the Minnesota state fair this week.

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Editorials

A CHANCE TO DEMONSTRATE

The famed League of Nations will soon have an opportunity to demonstrate its practical worth. The Greek-Italian dispute will furnish the medium. Both Italy and Greece are members of the League, sworn to submit their disputes to its jurisdiction. According to the daily press, Greece has appealed to the League, Monday's papers stated that Italy had refused to have the League of Nations try the dispute.

Here you have the first big problem of international peace submitted to an international body for settlement. Two members of that body have a quarrel. One agrees to abide by the decision of this body; the other flatly refuses to permit this body to have anything to say about the disagreement.

In such a case, what will the League of Nations do? What can it do? Law, whether local, state, national, or international, amounts to nothing unless it is backed by force. Will the League of Nations produce the force and compel Italy to arbitrate?

From all appearances, the present dispute between Greece and Italy is one deliberately forced by Italy. The murder of her representatives was a cowardly, dastardly act, but no one believes Greece as a nation instigated the crime. With a rush, and without awaiting a calm reflection, Italy issues an ultimatum, humiliating and merciless, and even before Greece has time to reply, bombardes and occupies Greek soil.

The Italian government gives every indication of meaning to force a fight. With Greece down and out from devastating warfare in the past, Italy sees her opportunity to climb higher by stepping on the broken Greeks. Assuming a bold front, defying the League, and denying her sworn word, she proposes to grab while the grabbing is good.

Americans will watch keenly the result of the first attempt of the League of Nations to settle an international dispute conceived by old country distrust, greed, and suspicion.

Some of the tourists who go thru this city didn't leave much at nome.

Meredith is suing Brookhart for 30 cents damages. Somebody is going to feel like it before this thing is over.

Yes, we have no Chamber of Commerce today.

We heard of one fellow who thot the garbage cans were something else, and mailed a letter.

Well, when is our next "big day" coming?

Italy seems determined to make it hot for Greece.

The Ford boom appears to have punctured a tire, altho there's plenty of gas left.

Did you notice how happy the kids were Monday morning?

The League of Nations will now have an opportunity to demonstrate whether or not macaroni and greece will mix.

Quite a bit of money changed hands on the ball game Thursday. In a ball game the only safe bet is that the umpire's decisions will be disputed.

Every day is labor day for most folks.

NOTES OF THE "BIG DAY"

There were a few who had a nip or so and were feeling Pretty good. One fellow, however, felt rather sad, and stood outside our office door for half an hour relating a sad and pathetic tale about his father, who was killed by a horse.

The Legion police maintained excellent order, and were especially good on traffic. With all the cars and the jam of people, no accident of any consequence occured.

How many men did you see doff their hat as the flag went by. We saw one. A little thing, but it means a lot.

We heard some kick because of the blanket stand concession, when local merchants had just stocked up on blankets and had them for sale.

It was a very good natured crowd, and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves.

The parade was very good, what there was of it. Not enough were represented. Next time let's all jump in.

Probably nine out of ten people had the Auxiliary float picked for first prize. We imagine the judges had a hard job deciding.

The great majority of the crowd at the ball game were "pulling" for Spencer. Why?

Many favorable comments were heard regarding the free attraction. When you can pick a free attraction that will please the majority you haev accomplished something.

Here and There

The Misses Mildred and Lola Smith and Mable Starnes went to Belmond, Monday.—Times

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Mr. and Mrs. Del Luick, of Belmond, were in Klemme visiting on Sunday.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hansen, of Belmond, were callers in Klemme Sunday.—Times.

Mrs. Dan Brooks and son, Johnny, of Belmond, were visiting at the J. W. Brooks home, Sunday.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thayer and son, of Belmond, were shopping in Klemme, Friday.—Times.

Henry Luick and mother, of Belmond, were Klemme visitors Friday evening.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Graepler returned last Saturday from an auto trip to Chicago and other points in Illinois. They accompanied Mrs. Graepler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Sullivan, of Belmond, who visited their old home folks at Wheaton and Ithaca, Illinois. They report a fine time.—Advocate.

KEEP A-GOIN'

When you strike a thorn or rose,
Keep a-goin'.
When it hails or when it snows,
Keep a-goin'.
'Taint no use to sit and whine
When the fish ain't on the line;
Bait your hook and keep on tryin'—
Keep a-goin'.

When the weather kills your crop,
Keep a-goin'.
When you tumble from the top,
Keep a-goin'.
S'pose you're out of every dime;
Gettin' broke ain't no crime.
Tell the world you're feelin' fine—
Keep a-goin'.

When it looks like all is up,
Keep a-goin'.
Drain the sweetness from the cup;
Keep a-goin'.
See the wild birds on the wing,
Hear the bells that sweetly sing;
When you feel like singing—sing—
Keep a-goin'.—Exchange.

BREAD BIGGEST ITEM IN AVERAGE PERSON'S DIET

Bread takes a more prominent place than any other single article of food in the diet of the average person. It is usually served at every meal and often is the chief item.

This is due says the Bureau of Home economics of the United States Department of Agriculture to the fact that bread contains certain food materials needed for health and is inexpensive, wholesome, palatable and very generally available.

When it sells at ten cents a pound bread furnishes body fuel or energy at about 8 cents a thousand calories. There are few common foods that supply fuel in so cheap a form. The man who works hard with his muscles can safely eat a pound or two a day without crowding out all the other things he must have.

Bread is useful not only for fuel but also to some extent as a muscle building food. If made from the whole grain, it contributes no inconsiderable amount to supply of mineral substances needed. Milk supplements it in some ways very well and as a combination of bread and milk is therefore a more nearly complete food than either bread or milk alone.

It did not take science to tell our ancestors that bread milk and berries make a good supper but science has confirmed their opinion by proving that the combination provides almost everything needed for health, to the latest word in dietetics—vitamins.

Some men exert themselves more in trying to borrow a dollar than in trying to earn one.

His Profession.

She was very curious about things.

"They tell me your husband is a hydraulic engineer," she said to her best friend, "but I always understood he was something in the city. I didn't know he was a technical expert, or anything wonderful like that."

"He is a hydraulic engineer," said her friend, "but it's not wonderful. He just waters mining stock."

Any woman can marry any man she wants—if he is willing.

Brief Acquaintance.

"My dear, who is that man staring at you?"

"He was my husband once. You are not jealous I hope?"

"Certainly not. I can tell by his puzzled look that he can't quite place you."

Among Those Present.

Who cannot pile a fortune up
And own a flock of motor cars,
May at a banquet table sup
And hobnob with the movie stars.

Dodging Insurance.

"Now is the time to get your life insured, young man. The longer you delay it, the higher your premiums will be."

"I know that, but the longer I wait, the fewer premiums I will have to pay."—Judge.

Corrected

"He's a gent of the old school."

"Pardon me, you mean a gentleman. There are no gents in the old school."

An Official Statement by the Governor of South Dakota

On August 29, Governor McMaster, of South Dakota, issued the following statement:—

"At a meeting with Colonel Stewart, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana and other Standard Oil Officials, held in Pierre this morning, Mr. Stewart expressed unqualifiedly the willingness of Standard Oil to comply with the wishes of the consumers of the State of South Dakota in so far as those wishes could be expressed and interpreted by the governor of this state. These Standard officials, although they contend that the present prices do not properly reflect the costs of production, refining and distribution, plus a reasonable profit, were willing, at my request, to do one of two things—raise the price of gasoline immediately in the State of South Dakota where it would represent a six and six-tenths cent reduction over former prices, or maintain, for the time being, sixteen cent gasoline in the State of South Dakota, using Mitchell as a base.

"After due consideration, the Standard Oil officials were asked by the governor to maintain the present price of 16 cents for the time being. I wish to accept full responsibility for this situation and state that Standard Oil, by deed and act, is working in fullest co-operation with the governor of this state and therefore can in no respect be blamed for 16 cents gasoline from this date.

"I realize that the independents who have viciously assailed and attacked me will raise bitter complaint against this condition. However, after due consideration and investigation, I wish to say that if the former gasoline prices of this state were excessive, the independents of this state were just as responsible for that condition and were just as guilty of taking excess profits as was Standard Oil.

"At no time during the period which former gasoline prices prevailed did any independent of this state raise one objection or bring one complaint to this office in an effort to bring about any reduction in price but they were perfectly willing to profit to the fullest extent.

"I realize that all sorts of charges will be made against me because of this action, but in view of the fact that gasoline can be purchased at various refineries today for approximately seven cents a gallon, it will not work injury to the public cause if the Independents are forced for the time being to do business on a small margin of profit. There is no particular reason why the State Government should guarantee to the Independent Oil Dealers of this state, at least for the time being, fixed profits, especially in view of the fact that they were perfectly willing and were a party to take excessive profits from the people."

This clearly defines the position which the Standard Oil Company (Indiana) has maintained throughout this controversy.

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Some good used cars for sale.—At Belmond Motor Sales Co.

Miss Carrie Baxter left Friday for Milwaukee, where she will resume her school duties at Riverside high school.

Lawrence Gealow went to Waterloo, Sunday, on business affairs.

Miss Agnes Dillon went to Corwith, Saturday, where she will be employed this coming year in the schools. Miss Dillon taught in the Corwith schools last year, also.

Miss Marjorie Flynn went to Waterloo last Friday, where she will spend a few days visiting with friends.

Geo. Wilmot and family, of Eagle Grove, moved back to Belmond the first of the week. Mr. Wilmot will be employed at the sugar factory.

Miss Jennie Gealow returned Saturday to Des Moines, to resume her studies at the Des Moines University.

Mrs. Ed Thul, of Clarion, visited Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Papousek.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Warman, of Alden, were guests of Belmond friends last week Thursday.

The Independent has had several inquiries lately of houses to rent. Those having any may list them at this office.

W. L. Kent left last week for Carlack, North Dakota, where he is spending a few weeks at the home of his son, Guy Kent.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ersland and M. J. Thoe drove to Minnesota last Friday, on business affairs.

Mrs. W. L. Kent and daughter, Inez, left for Lincoln, Nebraska, last week, where Mrs. Kent is taking medical treatments.

Mrs. Pat Dillon has been enjoying a visit from her sister, Mrs. Schwartz, who resides at Fairmont, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ziska returned Sunday from a visit with relatives at Jewell, Council Bluffs and Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Flynn and daughter, Marjorie, Mrs. M. H. Lord, and Mrs. Mauch, of Hampton, drove to Grand Valley, South Dakota, last week in the Flynn's car, returning home Friday.

Earnest Lateer ran his truck into the ditch the other evening, somewhere between Belmond and Goodell, he was going along nicely when he saw a pretty country maid, and he got sort of confused or something, and ran off the grade on the left side—her side—of the road. Anyway, that's what we heard—and Earnie won't give us any particulars. He's wearing smoked glasses now while driving.

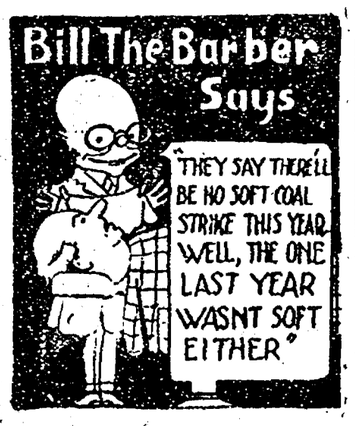
Two children of Mr. and Mrs. Menno Frohling underwent an operation for the removal of their tonsils last Friday.

The Community Club meeting that was to have been held this week Tuesday was postponed until September 28 on account of the illness of Miss Mildred Elder, of Ames, who was to demonstrate the use and alteration of the commercial patterns.

The Misses Anna and Veronica McNamara were visitors with friends and relatives at Ft. Dodge and Clare, Iowa, last week. They returned Monday evening.

Mrs. Hamilton, head nurse at the local hospital, returned last Friday from her trip to California, where she had been visiting and enjoying the country for the past two and one half months.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jenison are the parents of a fine new son, born to them last Friday, August 31.



J. W. Smith has purchased the T. Tomson house, located just west of the city park, and will move to town the first of March. Mr. Tomson has not decided as yet what his future plans will be.

During the month of August 255 registered at the ladies rest room in the city hall. This is the largest number that has registered in any one month since the rest room was started.

Mrs. Amy Peterson went to Webster City last Saturday, where she will teach this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Scott left the first of the week on a vacation trip via auto to different points in northern Minnesota.

Mrs. Rosecrans went to Garner on Saturday, to visit relatives. She returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Martin and Albert returned home from their camping trip last Friday.

Miss Rena Purdy entertained the Delphian club at her home on Monday evening.

Miss Marie Johnson went to Ft. Dodge, Saturday, where she will teach this coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reed and family, from Sioux City, spent the week end with relatives here.

Will the party that took child's tan coat from Barban's Bakery August 30 please return and save trouble

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lieuwen and family left yesterday morning by auto for their future home at Green Bay, Wisconsin, where Sam is employed with the Green Bay Sugar Company.

Guy Bates is in again. Friday of last week he was arrested for being drunk and disorderly, and Mayor Sullivan gave him five days on the labor list of the town. Mr. Bates is now assisting in maintaining the city streets.

ANNOUNCEMENT

My studio will open September 10 at the W. A. Parsons residence. Appointment for piano lessons should be made before September 9th by calling at my home, or phoning 211. Beginners classes for children from five to eight years old will be started October 1st.—Gertrude Ely.

Some good used cars for sale.—At Belmond Motor Sales Co.

Mrs. Louis Steenblock, who was injured in the auto accident last month was taken to the home of relatives at Galt last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bohning and daughters, Edna and Faye, were visitors Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bohning, at Clear Lake.

For Gasoline, Kerosene and Lubricating oil, call phone 39½.—Belmond Deep Rock oil Co. 32tfc

One Joe Hartman, a beet weeder from east of town, went thru Main street the other evening at an excessive rate of speed. Marshal Finn called his attention to it, and Mayor Sullivan said ten dollars. Hartman elected to work it out, we understand.

Fred Bohning returned home a week ago Friday from Cedar Falls, where he has been attending summer school at the state college. He left the latter part of last week for Rock Rapids, Iowa, where he has accepted a position as superintendent for the coming year.

Lud Simerson returned from North Dakota, Monday, where he had been looking after his farm interests.

Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Jensen arrived home Monday evening from their vacation trip to Minnesota points. They report a very enjoyable time, and state that they met Edmund Groh and family. Edmund has a pharmacy between the Twin Cities. He sent his regards to all his old friends in Belmond.

The State Bank will install the big bell used on their Legion Day float, on top of the bank building.

A heavy rain visited the vicinity north and east of Belmond, Monday evening. It was a terrific rain, said to have been the hardest experienced this year. Roads were flooded until water stood on them up to the hubs of cars. Warm weather the next few days, dried them out to a large extend.

Some good used cars for sale.—At Belmond Motor Sales Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Truer Davenport returned from their western trip last Saturday, feeling fine and enjoying every bit of the journey. They traveled some 3,000 miles.

F. O. Fitts, I. H. Benson, Claude Benson and their families drove to Minnesota, Monday, for a couple of weeks' vacation.

Mrs. A. W. Martin had the misfortune Monday of falling down the stairs at her home and dislocating her right shoulder. It is very painful, and it will be several weeks before the bandagaes can be removed.

The Jones Harness Co. are moving this week to the Hill building, just west of the Dibble dray office, where they will have their new quarters in the new building. Elmer Boughton will move in the present location of the Jones Harness Co.

Ford Touring car for sale.—City Meat Market. 1c

George Polmateer returned Tuesday from his trip to Canada, South Dakota and Nebraska, where he has been the past few weeks looking after his land interests and visiting relatives. His 18-year-old son, Floyd, returned with him and will remain with his father for some time. George says the crops out west are fine, the best he ever saw them.

There are rumors of a wedding in which Belmond young people will figure to occur in the near future.

E. F. Bailey is filling in just west of the river bridge with dirt taken from his gravel pit in south Belmond.

Jesse Baker returned home the first of the week from Nebraska, where he has been visiting with relatives.

W. A. Tedder went to Lime Springs this state, the first of the week, to do some fall plowing on the farm he will move to March first.

Mr. and Mrs. Lud C. Johnson have received no word from their son, Jasper, who is teaching in an American college at Nagasaki, Japan, since the disastrous earthquake in that country. It is thought that he was several hundred miles away from the scene of disaster, however, at the time. Cable communication is not expected to be repaired for a week or more. Jasper will doubtless have some thrilling tales to tell his friends when he writes.

BELMOND MARKETS
(Subject to change.)

Hens, heavy	15c
Hens, light	12c
Roosters	07c
Springs	17c
Leghorns	08c
Geese	10c
Ducks	12c
Turkeys	25c
Eggs	23c
Cream	39c
Creamery Butter	45c
Oats	31c
Corn	74c

BELMOND TRAIN SCHEDULES

(Corrected to date.)

ROCK ISLAND

Going North

Passenger, daily	8:15 a. m.
Freight, daily	11:46 a m.
Combination, daily	2:15 p. m.

Going South

Passenger, daily	6:28 p. m.
Freight, daily	1:10 p. m.
Combination, daily	11:46 a. m.

M.& ST. L.

Going West.

Combination, daily	8:30 a. m

Going East

Combination, daily	3:35 p. m.

GREAT WESTERN

Going North

Motor, daily	10:03 a. m.
No. 16, pass., D & S	1:30 p. m.
No. 12, pass., D & S	1:26 a. m.
Local Freight	7:55 a. m.

Going South

No. 11, pass., D & S	1:24 a. m.
No. 15, pass., D & S	3:15 p. m.
Motor	5:19 p. m.
Local Freight	3:20 p. m.

OVERLANDS DROP!

Roadster and Touring
OLD PRICE $605.00 NEW PRICE $575.00

Sedan
OLD PRICE $985.00 NEW PRICE $910.00

Red Bird
OLD PRICE $865.00 NEW PRICE $805.00

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Belmond, Iowa

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FOR SALE

For Sale—1921 Ford Touring; 1923 4-door Ford Sedan; 1923 2-door Sedan. Several other cars at reasonable prices. —Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond, Iowa.

For Sale—Check protector, good as new. Inquire at Independent. tf

For Sale—New Chevrolet Coupe. Call or phone 206. 422c

For Sale—24x42, 7-room bungalow; lights, furnace, cistern, bath. 3 blocks from city park; separate garage; barn 24x28. $4,000 if taken at once. Inquire at State Bank of Belmond. 412*

For Sale—Frame semi-bungalow, 7 rooms and bath, oak finish, furnace, water, lights, cistern, full basement. North 3rd Ave.—M. O. Crawford.

For Sale—Herrick refrigerator, baby bed, collapsable baby cab, iron davenport bed, 3-4 springs, upright dresser, and other household goods. Phone 345.—M. O. Crawford.

For Rent—Clean sleeping rooms. Board if desired, also home pastry, including good home made bread. Order now. First house west of Rock Island depot. 421*

Lost—Brooch, Sunday, on Main street. Has red set.—Mrs. George Hunst. 1tc

Found—License plate and tail light. Owner can have same by calling at Independent and paying cost of advertising. 423c

For Gasoline, Kerosene and Lubricating oil, call phone 39½.—Belmond Deep Rock oil Co. 32tfc

For Sale—Two Tractors, with plows. Priced right.—Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond, Iowa. 35tfc

Vacation Is Over---

Now is the time to have your clothes repaired and pressed. Get ready for cool weather. We make old clothes new and new clothes, too.

New Belmond Tailor Shop
F. J. TUFFREE
South of Case Hotel Phone 28

Some good used cars for sale.—At Belmond Motor Sales Co.

Mrs. Henry Schultz and children returned Wednesday morning from Chicago and Peru, Illinois, where they had been visiting the past few weeks. Henry drove to Dows to meet them.

M. O. Crawford and family left the first of the week for Detroit, Michigan, where they will make their future home. They have rented their house in north Belmond to Mrs. Gibbs one of the teachers in the Belmond school this year.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Luick, Mrs. Val Griesy and Cato returned home Tuesday night from Minnesota, where they have been the past two weeks. They report a fine time, and excellent fishing.

A Hen-Pecked Bird

"What's Henpeck feeling so cheerful about?"

"He's found someone worse off than he; he's just read that the male ostrich hatches the eggs."

Justice is blind until it reaches your case.

What will become of the booze runners when they die? Surely the devil will not want people who can outdevil him.

FRIEND C. BRAS, O. D.
Optometrist
Eyes Examined and Glasses Fitted
Schultz Jewelry Store
Belmond, Iowa
MONDAY, SEPT. 10

WHITE PRODUCE WEEKLY

The butter market continues strong Whether or not it will be influenced by the recent rains is a question. The markets are reported in good condition. We are paying 39 cents for cream now. Bring your can in and get the highest market price.

Heavy hens are down to 15 cents a pound now, and the chances are a still lower price will be paid on the markets. The best time ao sell them is right now. We will give you the highest prices at any time, and can always handle them.

Springs are 17 cents today. We do not anticipate that they will go a great deal higher; in fact, the market is apt to drop. If yours are in good shape to sell we advise that you sell now.

Eggs at this time are 23 cents a dozen. That is a pretty fair price, and we will take all your bring in. At all times we aim to give you the highest cash prices.

Our service is at your service, and we hope you will let us serve you. If you ask your neighbor he will tell you we treat you White. May we have a share of your patronage?

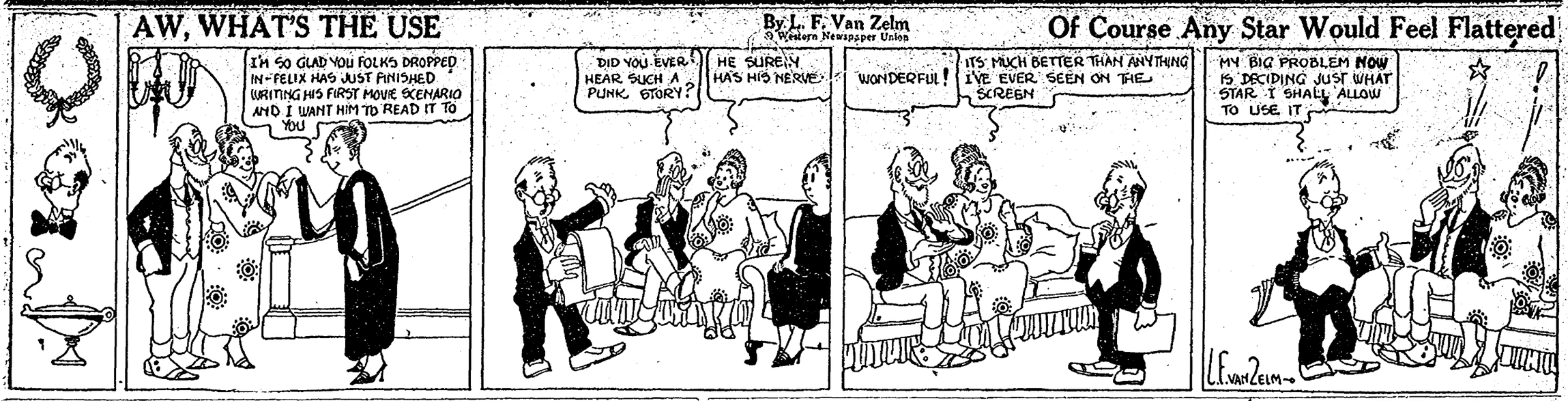
Belmond Phone 272 Earle E. Lateer
Goodell Phone 21 Earnest F. Lateer

Wednesday
August 15th
Is the day for your
CASH DISCOUNTS
At the
Cash Market

Bring in your Receipts for August 15th and get your money back.
Receipts must be in before September 15th

Always get and save your receipts. Some day's cash business in September will be given back to you Free. This applies on anything we sell---meats, groceries, fruits, vegetables, or supplies of any kind.

Cash Market
The Place of Everything To Eat
J. P. Larsen & Sons Belmond, Iowa
Phone 60 and We'll Deliver



ROWAN NEWS

Rowan M. E. Church Notes
Rev. Geo. A. Osborn, Pastor
Class Meeting at 9:30 a. m.
Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.
Classes for all ages.
Morning Worship at 11:00 a. m.
Epworth League at 7:00 p. m.
Evening Worship at 8:00 p. m.
Prayer Meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Osborn were business callers at Kanawha on Monday of last week. Lowell Abbot remained, visiting friends until Saturday.

Thursday will be a full day with the Methodists this week. The Ladies Aid is to serve supper. Dr. J. J. Bushnell, of Algona is to give a free illustrated lecture at 7:30 and the Fourth Quarterly Conference is to be held immediately at the close of the lecture.

The Farm Bureau met Tuesday evening at the Charles Richards home. Rev. G. A. Osborn was the speaker of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Carr and Frank Carr were Clarion callers on Monday.

The Methodist Women's Home Missionary Society met Wednesday of this week at the John Huey home. The barrel of empty fruit jars which the society are filling for the Schessler Deaconess home of Sioux City is at the Hannah Whitten home.

For Sale—Two Tractors, with plows. Priced right.—Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond, Iowa. 35tfc

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Goss autoed down from St. Paul on Saturday and viited at the parental Henry Reitz home. Mrs. Bert Pelley accompanied them home for a visit and to take in the Minnesota state fair.

Mrs. Georgia Rowan is reported to be quite ill at this writing.

For Sale—1921 Ford Touring; 1923 4-door Ford Sedan; 1923 2-door Sedan. Several other cars at reasonable prices. —Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond, Iowa.

Mrs. John Richards returned from the hospital on Saturday. She is somewhat improved at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williams and children arrived last week from Washington, D. C. for a visit with relatives.

Miss Esther Fowler accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Levi Johnson and children arrived Saturday from Sioux Falls, S. D. Mr. Johnson came later.

Mrs. Georgia Rowen was taken ill Saturday evening, but is somewhat improved at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Richards drove to Iowa Falls Sunday and brought home with them Mrs. John Richards, who had been at the hospital for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Whitten and family, Mrs. Kate Conn and son, Dallas attended a Conn family reunion picnic at the Josiah Conn home at Aredale, Sept. 2.

Dallas Conn went to Parkersburg to visit his uncle, Dan Conn Saturday. He planned to go on to Iowa City the first of this week.

Miss Florence Box arrived home last Wednesday from the West Side Hospital in Chicago to spend a two weeks' vacation and visit her parents and other relatives.

Mrs. J. H. Coburn was quite ill the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Carr and Frank Carr autoed to Clarion Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Koepple and son, Clyde and Roy Koepple, of St. Anthony, also Mr. and Mrs. George Koepple and son, of State Center visited at the M. E. parsonage last week.

Miss Frances Farran is assisting in the Theo. Hansen tore.

Mr. and Mr. William Steffens, Miss Dorothy and Miss Nora Shaffer departed last Wednesday for Polo and Millegeville, Illinois, to visit relatives for two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lindsay are caring for the farm.

Mr. Lou Hake was home from Helmwood part of last week, on a business trip.

Miss Lorine Liming returned Saturday from Ft. Atkinson, where she had been spending the past month with an aunt, Mrs. Chas. Kappis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Whitten, of Clarion, were visitors at the Tom Whitten home, Monday.

Rev. Bushnell, of Algona, will give an illustrated lecture at the M. E. church Thursday evening. The fourth quarterly conference will be held immediately after the lecture.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Goss autoed down from St. Paul Saturday evening. Mrs. A. O. Pelley accompanied them home Monday for a visit and to attend the Minnesota fair.

Word received from Mrs. Jake Alinger states that she underwent an operation for the removal of fifty gall stones the first of last week. She is recovering rapidly.

Miss Wilda Whitten left Saturday morning for Galva, Iowa where she is to have charge of the sixth and seventh grade in the consolidated schools of that place.

Miss Estella Emerson has been working in the telephone office during the absence of Miss Angie Baines who has been taking a week's vacation.

Miss May Virden returned home from Lake Geneva, Wisconsin and Evanston, Illinois Saturday evening.

A. F. Cowley and J. E. Baines of Dows made a business trip to Minnesota the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Sheldon and family and Mrs. F. B. Sheldon returned Sunday evening from their western trip.

Miss Ruth Emerson began the fall term of school in the Hiatt district Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith are attending a family reunion at Sheffield Illinois.

The Congregational Ladies' Aid Society meet with Mrs. Lou Stevenson, Friday afternoon. A ten cent lunch will be served.

Clarence Townsan and family were up from Des Moines, Sunday, and spent the first of the week.

The Congregational Mission Club meets Thursday aftrnoon with Mrs. Clint Kerchival.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Munson, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bryson, of Clarion, departed Saturday by auto for Homersville, Ohio, to visit relatives and attend the fair.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Olson are visiting relatives at Wyanette, Illinois and attending the county fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hanson are visiting Mrs. Hanson's relatives near Estherville.

Ralph Whitten left the latter part of last week for Mingo, Iowa where he is instructor of mathematics in the public school.

Miss Ruth Dailey departed for her home in Idaho to attend school.

The Rowen school opened Monday with a good enrollment. The following is the faculty for the coming year:

T. K. Holliday ——Superintendent
Mrs. T. K. Holliday —— ——History
Miss Dorothy Hillyard
——Domestic Science
Miss Mary Boyd ——Mathematics
Miss Emma Nabholtz
——Music and 8th Grade
Franklin Nabholtz
——6th and 7th Grades
Miss Erma Barker
——4th and 5th Grades
Miss Dorothy Mendell
——2nd and 3rd Grades
Miss Josephine Towner -- 1st. Grade

Couldn't Be Literature

"You were not very complimentary in speaking of Scribson's new book."

"Didn't I say it would sell by the trainload?"

"That's just the point I'm making."

Women enjoy wearing tight clothes because it makes them feel so good when they take them off.

Not the man who knows the most, but the man who knows the best is wisest.

Every man has a grievance and he will tell you all about it on the least provocation.

To make the day pleasant, study what you say; and don't study what others say—too much.

Roads to happiness and to misery frequently run parallel.

Girls who make the greatest exertions to catch husbands are usually last in the race.

One must be imposed upon more or less but that sort of thing is reciprocal.

GOODELL NEWS

Mr. A. C. Carpenter and children came home last Tuesday, August 28. They visited places in Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois and Iowa.

Mr. William Schlichting was in Mason City on Tuesday of last week on business.

Prof. O. Nelson and wife were in Goodell last week on their way to Thompson where he will superintend the public school this coming year.

Prof and Mrs. Peters have moved into their home in the north west part of town.

Last Wednesday a large number of Goodell people attended the county fair at Britt.

John Rust and family returned from the state fair last Wednesday.

A. D. White returned from Colfax last week.

L. W. Wesenberg and family returned from the state fair on last Wednesday.

Friday, Dr. Snearly, as county coroner, was up near Hayfield looking up facts relative to the child that was killed by a truck at Britt on Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Hill, high school principal, came Saturday afternoon.

Howard Ruka, who is working for the Wallace Farmer, was in town Saturay afternoon. He was on his way to Delaware county where he expected to work this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Ritter, of Klemme visited Wm. Beier's on Sunday.

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schlichting and Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hanson drove to Clear Lake.

Mrs. Hasselberg, of Lee Center, Illinois, is visiting her sister, Mrs. O. Sandberg.

France and Miss Mammie McNulty are visiting their parents a few days.

Sunday School Institute, to be held at Goodell, U. B. church on September 9

10:00 a. m.—Opening by district president.
10:15 a. m.—Special music by the Klemme choir.
10:20 a. m.—Address by County president S. C. Pollock.
10:40 a. m. Special music by Goodell choir.
10:50 a. m.—Address by state worker Mr. Hutton.
12:00 Noon—Community dinner in basement of the church.
2:00 p. m.—Devotions by Rev. Miller.
2:15 p. m.—Special music by Liberty church choir.
2:25 p. m.—Talk by Rev. Geddy.
2:40 p. m.—Report of Sunday school work by Mrs. Durant.
3:00 p. m.—Special music by Goodell choir.
3:10 p. m.—Talk by Mr. Hutton.

Every one bring their lunch. Coffee and cream will be served by the Goodell congregation.

The Woman's Missionary society will hold their monthly meeting on Friday, Sept. 7, at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. L. Sherwood. This is the third quarterly business meeting and the first of the new year's program. A full attendance of members is urged. Visitors are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Place Your Order Now For a Ford

Father starts it—mother finds she can add a little—even the kiddies will contribute their pennies and in a surprisingly short time, the whole family is enjoying the pleasures of owning a Ford. Here is how you can do it through the

Ford Weekly Purchase Plan

Bring the first $5 in to us. Enroll under the terms of the new, easy way to buy a Ford. Select the car you want. We will deposit your money in a local bank, at interest. Add a little each week. You will be surprised at the rate the money piles up when everyone is helping. Soon the payments, plus interest paid by the bank will make the car yours. Come in—let us give you full particulars.

Belmond Savings Bank

Belmond Auto Company

ALEXANDER NEWS

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The Cemetery Society will meet on September 13th at the home of Mrs. C. R. Clark. Hostesses are Mrs. C. R. Clark, Mrs. Chas. Hansen and Mrs. Grant Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Murphy and two sons, Raymond and Donald visited with relatives at Hampton last Sunday.

Arthur Winwood was a business caller at Hampton last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Clark and sons Donald and Lyle are attending the Minnesota State Fair, this week. Bernard McCallum is caring for the drug store during Mr. Clark's absence.

Will Tyrrell, of Belmond was a business caller in town last week.

Virgie Hardy, of Hampton, spent the past week visiting with relatives at this place.

Will Foughty, Mrs. Pekarek and daughter Josephine were visitors at Hampton, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hensel and two sons autoed to Webster City Sunday and visited with Mr. Hensel's people at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Richards are the happy parents of a fine baby boy born on Wednesday, August 22nd.

Bert Kieslich was a caller at Hampton last Friday.

Ray Richards was a Belmond caller last Sunday.

School began Wednesday with the usual good attendance.

Fred Rodemeyer and family were visitors with relatives at Iowa Falls last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bohlen and Mr. and Mrs. Claas symens were Hampton callers last Thursday.

Miss Wilma Foughty spent several days last week visiting with her aunt, Mrs. King, at Latimer.

Arthur Peters, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Peters left last Sunday for Minnesota, where they will attend the state fair and spend a few days fishing at various places.

Several of our Alexander people were in attendance at the American Legion Celebration held in Belmond last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Vestweber of Minnesota were visitors of relatives in this vicinity the past week.

Mr. Otto Kieslich was a caller at Hampton last Friday.

Clarence Bohlen and family have moved over the Clarence Murphy hardware store.

Harry Hardy and family of Hampton spent last Sunday at the Fred Larsen home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Muhlenbruch and baby, of Iowa Falls spent the week end with relatives at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Butler and two sons, of Hampton, were over Sunday visitors at this place.

Mrs. F. D. Rodmeyer and children Lois and Cecil George visited with her parents at Iowa Falls several days last week.

Mrs. L. C. Peters and Miss Anna Beenen were Hampton callers last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Butler were business callers at Hampton, Monday.

The Methodist church has been cleaned and repapered, which gives the interior a much brighter look.

Mr. an Mrs. George Dunn and family were callers at Sheffield last Thursday.

Merle Hanson, Earnest and Will Kew are attending the State Fair at Minnesota this week.

Mrs. Lyle Hall was a caller at Belmond last Wednesday.

Little Tommy

"Then you like your geography?"

"Yes, it is the only book big enough to hide a detective story."

They Sometimes Do

"Hasn't my fiancee a delightful baby voice?"

"I dunno, Algy, I heard her talking bass to her mother just now."

DON'T QUIT

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest, if you must, but don't you quit.
Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As everyone of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about
When he might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up, though the pace seems slow—
You may succeed with another blow.
Often the goal is nearer than
It seems to a faint and faltering man
Often the struggler has given up
When he might have captured the victor's cup.
And he learned too late, when the night slipped down.
How close he was to the golden crown.
Success is failure turned inside out—
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt
And you can never tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems afar;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit—
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.—Ex.

NEW RULES FOR HUNTERS LISTED

W. E. Albert, state game and fish warden, at Des Moines has supplied James P. Gibson, deputy game warden with a summary of the new laws enacted by the Fortieth general assembly. The laws went into effect July 4. The changes follow:

Skunks are included in the list of protected fur bearing animals and the closed season on them extends from February 1 to November 15. It is unlawful to molest, injure or destroy skunk dens. By the same act the closed season on raccoons was extended and now runs from February 1 to November 15.

The part of the law prohibiting the shooting game birds from artificial ambush was repealed so that artificial blinds are now permitted.

However, the use of sink boats, sneak boats, or the shooting from motor driven boats, or sail boats is still prohibited.

The taking of ruffed grouse or pheasant is prohibited until November 1, 1932.

The ownership and title of clams, mussels, or frogs were declared to be in the state, the same as fish, wild game, birds and animals.

The law requiring the removal of rough fish under permits and a more extensive law enacted, permitting contracts to remove the rough fish from all Iowa waters.

At the December session new amendments will be passed and the whole code revised, at which time new booklets containing the entire code and amendments will be printed and broadcasted.—Globe Gazette.

MICKIE SAYS—

FARM BUREAU NOTES

(By County Agnt Edwards)

Club Members Win At Des Moines

Citizens of Wright county and particularly the mothers and fathers of the boys and girls who took active part in the club work will be pleased to know that our boys and girls made a good showing at Des Moines in the state wide exhibit at the state fair.

Considerable interest was centered about the carload of baby beeves which was exhibited at the state fair. In the showing of county groups of ten, our boys managed to come in for seventh place which seems very good considering the fact that this is our first year's attempt also that the Wright county calves were shown in competition with 23 other counties. In the Shorthorn division of the Baby Beef club, Arno Myers won fifth and sixth in the Senior Shorthorn class and Gerald Kennedy won 20th place in the Senior Angus division, Gilbert Hanson was 24th, Craig Nelson 31st and Everett McCutcheon 34th in the junior Angus class. In the Senior Hereford division Laurel Hill was 31st, Ardis Peterson 32nd, Ralph Harring 40th, Roy Axon 42nd, and John Axon 43rd in a showing of over one hundred head. In the Junior Hereford division, Kenneth Tillman was 31st, Clyde Knight 32nd and Robert Hanson 45th. In the Junior Chester White gilt division Elwood Gray won 4th place and Lila Gray came in for 5th in the same division.

5,000 Attend Picnic—Club Exhibit

According to an estimate by J. W. Coverdale, the speaker at the picnic who attends a great many picnics each year throughout the entire United States, there was an attendance of 5,000 or more people at the county wide picnic—club exhibit at Eagle Grove, August 22nd.

The weather and road conditions turned out very nicely and everything seemed to go smoothy so as to make a successful day. The program was carried out as planned except the special music which was to have been furnished by Eagle Grove, did not appear on account of some misunderstanding by the committee in charge. Greenwood Park at Eagle Grove was packed to overflowing with automobiles and by 5,000 farmers, their wives and children.

The main feature of this county-wide picnic was the very able address which was given by J. W. Coverdale, secretary of the American Farm Bureau federation of Chicago, who held his audience spellbound for an hour or more while giving his interesting address on the American Bureau Federation, its aims and purposes and its relation to our state and county organizations. According to Mr. Coverdale, Wright county is one unit of sixteen hundred counties scattered throughout the entire United States. He stated that agriculture is the basic industry and amounts to a seventy-eight billion dollar business annually, a business larger than the other four combined interests of our nation including the railroads, coal mines, manufacturing interests and the financial interests.

In speaking of agriculture conditions of our nation today, Mr. Coverdale stated that about three big problems are confronting our farmers at present, namely; Intelligent production, better financing conditions and a more even distribution of farm products including marketing conditions by standardizing their products and centralizing them at the great marketing centers. In speaking of our transportation system, he said that the American Farm Bureau federation does not favor a ship subsidy but that they do favor a merchant marine owned and controlled by American capital and manned by Americans. In closing, Mr. Coverdale urged the whole-hearted support of the mothers and fathers to the Boys' and Girls' club work.

The thing which attracted most attention and which gave inspiration to all who attended the picnic and especially the boys and girls was the exhibit of livestock, poultry and girls' fancy work by the boys and girls of our county. Everyone seems agreed that the first exhibit of boys and girls club work was a great success. This was Wright county's first attempt to bring together the exhibits which the boys and girls have spent so much time on during one year's period. For those who witnessed the splendid livestock, poultry and garment club exhibits there can be no doubt as to the greatness of the Boys' and Girls' club work and there is no doubt but what the club exhibit next year will be twice as large as was shown this year.

Soy Bean Demonstration

Prof. M. A. Hauser, of the farm crops section of the extension service at Ames, will spend one day, September 21st, in Wright county conducting two soy bean demonstrations, one to be held at the W. F. Mechem farm, two and one-half miles southeast of Clarion, and the other at the Louis Hauge farm, three miles northwest of Belmond.

Ten standard varieties of soy beans have been planted and grown on these two farms and the demonstrations have been planned for the purpose of demonstrating the value ofsoy beans as a general crop, also to demonstrate the varieties of soy beans best adapted to Wright county conditions. The forenoon meeting will be conducted at the Mechem farm at 10:00 and the afternoon meeting at the Hauge farm at 2:00. All farmers who are interested in knowing more about the production of soy beans are urged to be present at one of these meetings.

Prof. Hauser will discuss the use of soy bean for hogging down, silage, seed and hay purposes. Since there has been suen increasing interest in the growth of soy beans particularly during the last year, this demonstration will, no doubt, be of great interest to those who are interested in their growth. The soy bean has become a very popular and profitable crop in our county and this will be a great opportunity to learn more about its cultivation and growth.

Store Grain On Farms

The Iowa farm warehouse act, which was made into law at the last session of the legislature, is now in operation. Several counties have already organized for this purpose. In general the law provides that when requests for the privilege of storing grain on the farms come from a group of farmers in any county, the secretary of agriculture will appoint a board of directors for such a group. The board in turn meets and appoints a local man for the official sealer in that community. The sealer, upon the board's recommendation, will be officially designated by the secretary of agriculture, and will be given authority to seal grain in the bin on the farm. He is further required to inspect such grain in storage every thirty days. A receipt for this grain in storage is given the owner, who may then use it for collateral in borrowing money.

"This system," says Secretary Hunt of the Iowa Farm Bureau federation, "should benefit the farmer in two ways. In the first place, it will enable im to get a form of collateral which should get for him money at lower rates of interest than he is now paying. In the second place, it will permit a more orderly system of marketing than at the present time."

Anyone interested in this subject should write the state secretary of agriculture or information may also be secured at the local Farm Bureau office.

No Surplus of Wheat

Estimates of the huge over-production of wheat are not borne out by the facts. This conclusion was reached at the first meeting of the joint committee on wheat research of the Wheat Council of the United States and the United States Chamber of Commerce held in Chicago August 13th. President O. E. Bradfute of the American Farm Bureau federation is a member of the joint committee and attended all the sessions. The committee passed the following resolutions:

"A careful examination of the evidence submitted to the committee by its statisticians and brought to the initial meeting by the members, does not bear out the estimates of huge overproduction that have been frequently made. While the occasion for proceeding cautiously in the matter of seeding for future production is clear the committee is of the opinion that many reports of surplus quantities of wheat have been exaggerated. It is not unreasonable to assume that this has exerted an unduly depressing effect upon the market."

The committee authorized an immediate statement as to feeding, the exaggerations in the matter of surplusage; a later statement as to feeding the poorer grades of wheat to stock on the farm, and research immediately regarding the methods used in increasing acreage during the world war with the possibility of reversing these methods so a to help the wheat farmer adjust his acreage to domestic demands.

One In Every Seven Hogs Killed In 1922 Show Tuberculosis

Federal meat inspection records for the year 1922 shows that an average of one hog out of every seven slaughtered in establishments under federal inspection during the year showed lesions of tuberculosis. Altogether, 39,416,439 hogs were slaughtered under federal inspection in 1922 and 5,640 061 of them showed lesions of the disease.

Hogs are infected principally by following diseased cattle in the feed lot and by drinking milk from tubercular cattle. Lesions are usually localized; the head and glands of the neck are most often affected. It has been estimated that in 1922 more than $2,000,000 worth of pork was condemned as unfit for human food on account of tuberculosis. This is but a part of the total loss sustained by the nation on account of tuberculosis in hogs. Animals affected with the disease cannot make the best gains and the danger to human health is a factor always to be considered.

The vigorous campaign being conducted for the eradication of this disease has resulted up to March 1, 1923, in 24,132 accredited herds in the United States, in which more than half a million cattle have been pronounced free from tuberculosis. Every herd that is freed reduces the menace to the hog industry.

COMPLETE FIELD WEEK PLANS AT AMES

"Fit the soil to the legume," and, "Fit the legume to the soil," are the two slogans that will be featured at the Agricultural Experiment Station at Ames, September 10 to 15, during farm crops and soils inspection week which displaces the "field day" of former years.

The need for a more general use of legumes thruout the state is recognized by experiment station officials. However, so many legume seedings have failed to give a crop that many farmers have stopped seeding except on the better lands where legumes are not so necessary but where stands can be secured with much greater certainty.

Some of the most important soils problems have to do with soil treatments which will make it possible to get regular stands of clover with satisfactory yields on the soil types where the greatest difficulty has been experienced in the past. Visitors to Ames during field week will see splendid growths and stands of clover secured at trifling expense and by simple means while adjoining plots, seeded at the same time in the ordinary manner, failed entirely.

It is a well known fact, the crop investigators say, that some legumes do better on certain soils, than others. Some grow well on very acid soils where others would barely make a start. Certain red clovers are succeeding where others have failed. Soy beans are being grown by methods never thought possible before. Dalia is proving itself. Cherokee clover, Lespedeza, velvet beans and Kudzu, legumes that grow well on acid soils, are being grown with varying degrees of success under different conditions.

DATA ON POULTRY GROWTH

Interesting data on the rapidity of growth of poultry, the amount of feed consumed in the putting on of weight and the type of ration that produced the most economical gains have been secured in experiments conducted by the poultry husbandry department of Iowa State College.

Here are some of the outstanding points that the experiments bring to light:

1. The rate of gain is in direct proportion to the amount of feed consumed.

2. Gains are larger and are made more economically where the percentage of mash in the ration is high

3. In general, the males make larger gains than females.

4. The rate of gain decreases as the birds become older.

5. Gains are greatly influenced by weather conditions. For example, during a period of unusually high temperatures the gains are extremely low.

6. White Rocks and White Wyandottes made slightly larger gains than the other breeds used in the tess.

7. Rhode Island Reds made the most economical gains.

8. White Leghorns made the smallest gains of any breed.

9. There seems to be a little difference in the rate of growth of different sized birds of the same breed.

A Liability.

Griggs—Isn't Johnson's light-haired wife rather an expensive proposition?

Briggs—I should say so. He calls her his blonded indebtedness.

When we read of some noted criminal lawyers we always wonder to what extent they are.

NEBRASKA TO SUBMIT BONUS MEASURE

Omaha members of the American Legion plan to submit the bill providing a bonus to World War veterans to the people by invoking the initiative at the next general election.

Sponsors of the measure, which will be patterned after the Iowa state bonus say the bill will provide for the payment of 50 cents per day to every service man or woman who, at the time of enlistment, was a resident of Nebraska. There will be a maximum clause of $350. No distinction will be made between domestic and foreign service.

The state bonus measure has been before the Nebraska legislature three times. In 1919 the legislators dropped the bonus and passed an emergency relief bill for service men and their families. In 1923 the bill passed the lower house by an overwhelming majority, only to be held in committee in the senate without being reported out for a vote.

An Undergraduate

Mr. Groundling: Here's my apartment. Rather stiff climb—four flights up.

Mr. Winger, the Aviator: Call these flights? Guess you must still be in the ground school.

A Large Order

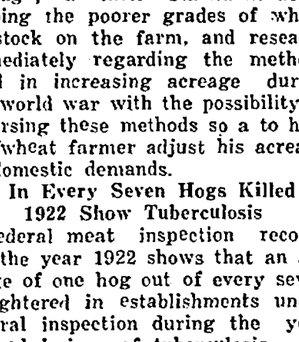
"I want a dress to put on around the house," said the lady in the department store.

"How large is your house, madam?" inquired the new clerk.

So Many of 'Em Are

"So you saw the film version of your story. What do you think of it?"

"It's no version; it's a perversion."



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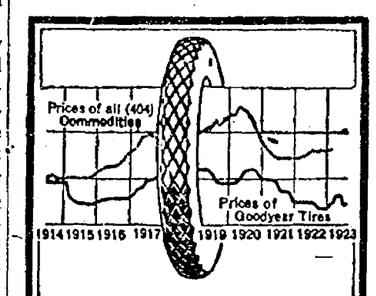

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GOODYEAR

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—K—

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—K—

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—K—

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—K—

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Possibly true of some politicians, but not all. However, there is no politics at our bank. We are simply here for business, trying to meet the needs of this community for an up-to-date bank. One man's money looks as good as another's here, and we try to be courteous to all.

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Belmond, Iowa

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SYNOPSIS

Book One.

CHAPTER I.—Joan Landis, eighteen years old, wife of Pierre, is the daughter of John Carver, who murdered her mother for adultery. Her lonely life, with her father, in a Wyoming cabin, unbearable, Joan leaves him, to work in a hotel in a nearby town.

CHAPTER II.—Joan meets Pierre, and the two, mutually attracted, are married.

CHAPTER III.—Carver tells Pierre the story of Joan's mother. Days afterward, Pierre, seemingly for no reason, forges a cattle brand, telling Joan it's their brand, the Two-Bar.

CHAPTER IV.—In Pierre's absence Frank Holliwell, young minister, asks shelter for the night. Joan interests him, and finding she is anxious to learn he offers to bring her books.

CHAPTER V.—Holliwell brings the books. Pierre, jealous, forbids Joan to read them. He leaves, to be gone a week, and Joan turns to the books.

CHAPTER VI.—Pierre, returning unexpectedly, finds Joan reading. Maddened by jealousy and liquor, he ties Joan and burns the Two-Bar brand into her shoulder. Hearing her scream, a stranger bursts in and in a duel Pierre is shot. Joan faints.

CHAPTER VII.—The stranger revives Joan and, telling her Pierre is dead, urges her to go with him.

CHAPTER VIII.—At the stranger's home Joan's hurt is attended to.

CHAPTER IX.—The house belongs to Prosper Gael, writer, he living there with his Chinese valet, Wen Ho. With returned strength Joan would return to her home and "do something" for Pierre. Convinced her she has not the strength, Gael promises to go.

CHAPTER X.—Gael finds Pierre alive. He returns to Joan without being seen and tells the girl Pierre has been "cared for." She has no idea he is alive.

CHAPTER XI

The Whole Duty of Woman.

Joan waited for Holliwell and, waiting, began inevitably to regain her strength. One evening as Wen Ho was spreading the table, Prosper looked up from his writing to see a tall, gaunt girl clinging to the door-jamb. She was dressed in the heavy clothes, which hung loose upon her long bones, her throat was drawn up to support the sharpened and hollowed face in which her eyes had grown very large and wistful. She was a moving figure, piteous, lovely, rather like some graceful mountain beast, its spirit half-broken by wounds and imprisonment and human tending, but ready to leap into a savagery of flight or of attack. They were wild, those great eyes, as well as wistful. Prosper, looking suddenly up at them, caught his breath. He put down his book as quietly as though she had indeed been a wild, easily startled thing, and, suppressing the impulse to rise, stayed where he was, leaning a trifle forward, his hands on the arms of his chair.

Joan's eyes wandered curiously about the brilliant room and came to

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him at last. Prosper met them, relaxed, and smiled.

"Come in and dine with me, Joan," he said. "Tell me how you like it."

She felt her way weakly to the second large chair and sat down facing him across the hearth.

"It's right beautiful," said Joan, "an' right strange to me. I never seen anything like it before. That"—her eyes followed Wen Ho's departure half-fearfully—"that man and all."

Prosper laughed delightedly, stretching up his arms in full enjoyment of her splendid ignorance. "The Chinaman? Does he look so strange to you?"

"Is that what he is? I—I didn't know." She smiled rather sadly and shamedly. "I'm awful ignorant, Mr. Gael. I just can read an' I've only read two books." She flushed and her pupils grew large.

Truly, thought Prosper, it was like talking to a grave, trustful, and most impressionable child, the way she sat there, rather on the edge of her chair, her hands folded, letting everything he said disturb and astonish the whole pool of her thought.

At dinner, Prosper, unlike Holliwell, made no attempt to draw Joan into talk, but sipped his wine and watched her, enjoying her composed silence and her slow, graceful movements. Afterward he made a couch for her on the floor before the fire, two skins and a golden cushion, a rug of dull blue which he threw over her, hiding the ugly skirt and boots. He took a violin from the wall and tuned it, Joan watching him with all her eyes.

"I don't like what you're playin' now," she told him, impersonally and gently.

"I'm tuning up."

"Well, sir, I'd be gettin' tired of that if I was you."

"I'm almost done," said Prosper humbly.

He stood up near her feet at the corner of the hearth, tucked the instrument under his chin and played. It was the "Aubade Provencale," and he played it creditably, with fair skill and with some of the wizardry that his nervous vitality gave to everything he did. At the first note Joan started, her pupils enlarged, she lay still. At the end he saw that she was quivering and in tears.

He knelt down beside her, drew the hands from her face. "Why, Joan, what's the matter? Don't you like music?"

Joan drew a shaken breath. "It's as if it shook me in here, something trembles in my heart," she said. "I never heered music before, jest whistlin'." And again she wept.

Prosper stayed there on his knee beside her, his chin in his hand. What an extraordinary being this was, what a magnificent wilderness. The thought of exploration, of discovery, of cultivation, filled him with excitement and delight. Such opportunities are rarely given to a man. Even that other most beautiful adventure—yes, he could think this already!—might have been tame beside this one. He looked long at Joan, long into the fire, and she lay still, with the brooding beauty of that first-heard melody upon her face.

It was the first music she had ever heard, "except whistlin'," but there had been a great deal of "whistlin'" about the cabin up Lone river; whistling of robins in spring—nothing sweeter—the chordlike whistlings of thrush and vireo after sunset, that bubbling "mar-guer-ite" with which the blackbirds woo, and the light diminuendo with which the bluebird caressed the air after an April flight. Perhaps Joan's musical faculty was less untrained than any other. After all, that "Aubade Provencale" was just the melodious story of the woods in spring. Every note linked itself to an emotional, subconscious memory. It filled Joan's heart with the freshness of childhood and pained her only because it struck a spear of delight into her pain. She was eighteen, she had grown like a tree, drinking in sunshine and storm, but rooted to a solitude where very little else but sense-experience could reach her mind. She had seen tragedies of animal life, lonely death-struggles, horrible flights and more horrible captures, she had seen joyous woolings, love-pinings, partings, and bereavements. She knew that the sun shone on the evil and on the good, but she knew also that frost fell upon the good as well as upon the evil, nor was the evil to be readily distinguished. Her father prated of only one offense, her mother's sin. Joan knew that it was a man's right to kill his woman for "dealin's with another man." This law was human; it evidently did not hold good with animals. There was no bitterness, though some ferocity, in the traffic of their loves.

While she pondered through the first sleepless nights in this strange shelter of hers, and while the blizzard Prosper had counted on drove bayoneted battalions of snow across the plains and forced them, screaming like madmen, along the narrow canyon, Joan came slowly and fully to a realization of the motive of Pierre's deed. He had been jealous. He had thought that she was having dealings with another man. She grew hot and shamed. It was her father's sin, that branding on her shoulder, or, perhaps, going back farther, her mother's sin. Carver had warned Pierre—of the hot and smothered heart—to beware of Joan's "lookin' an' lookin' at another man." Now, in piteous woman fashion, Joan went over and over her memories of Pierre's love, altering them to fit her terrible experience. She was still held by all the strong mesh of her short married life. She had simply not got as far as Prosper Gael. She accepted his hospitality vaguely, himself even more vaguely. When she would be done with her passionate grief, her laborious going-over of the past, her active and tormenting anger with the lover whom Prosper had told her was dead, then it would be time to study this other man. As for her future, she had no plans at all. Joan's life came to her as it comes to a child, unsullied by curiosity. At this time Prosper was infinitely the more curious, the more excited of the two.

CHAPTER XII

A Matter of Taste.

"What are you writin' so hard for, Mr. Gael?" Joan voiced the question wistfully on the height of a long breath. She drew it from a silence which seemed to her to have filled this strange, gay house for an eternity. For the first time full awareness of the present cut a rift in the troubled cloudiness of her introspection.

At once Prosper's hand laid down its pencil and he turned about in his chair and gave her a gleaming look and smile. Joan was fairly startled. It was as if she had touched some mysterious spring and turned on a dazzling, unexpected light. As a matter of fact, Prosper's heart had leapt at her wistful and beseeching voice.

He had been biding his time. He had absorbed himself in writing, content to leave in suspense the training of his enchanted leopardess. Half-absent glimpses of her desolate beauty as she moved about his winter-bound house, contemplation of her unself-consciousness as she companioned his meals, the pleasure he felt in her rapt listening to his music in the still, frost-held evenings by the fire—these he had made enough. They quieted his restlessness, soothed the ache of his heart, filled him with a warm and patient desire, different from any feeling he had yet experienced. He was amused by her lack of interest in him. She evidently accepted him as a superior being, a Providence; he was not a man at all, not of the same clay as Pierre and herself. Prosper had waited understandingly enough for her first move. When the personal question came, it made a sort of crash in the expectant silence of his heart.

Before answering, except by that smile, he lit himself a cigarette; then, strolling to the fire, he sat on the rug below her, drawing his knees up into his hands.

"I'd like to tell you about my writing, Joan. After all, it's the great interest of my life, and I've been fairly seething with it; only I didn't want to bother you, worry your poor, distracted head. There's more in life than you've dreamed of experiencing. There's music, for one thing, and there are books and beauty of a thousand kinds, and big, wonderful thoughts, and there's companionship and talk. What larks we could have, you and I, if you would care—I mean, if you would wake up and let me show you how. You do want to learn a woman's work, don't you, Joan?"

She shook her head slowly, smiling wistfully. "I'm so awful ignorant, you know so awful much. It scares me, plumb scares me, to think how much you know, more than Mr. Holliwell! Such books an' books an' books! An' writin', too. You see I'd be no help nor company fer you. I'd like to listen to you. I'd listen all day long, but I'd not be understandin'."

He laughed at her. Joan's pride was stung.

"You've no right to laugh at me," she said. "I'd not be carin' what you think." And she left him, moving like an angry stag, head high, light-stepping.

Before dinner he rapped at her door. "Joan, will you do me a favor?"

A pause, then in her sweet vibrant voice she answered. "I'd be doin' anything fer you, Mr. Gael."

"Then put on these things for dinner instead of your own clothes, will you?"

She opened the door and he piled into her arms a mass of shining silk, on top of it a pair of gorgeous Chinese slippers.

"Do it to please me, even if you think it makes you look queer, will you, Joan?"

"Of course," she smiled, looking up from the gleaming, sliding stuff into his face. "I'd like to, anyway. Dressing up—that's fun."

And she shut the door.

Continued next week.

Ears Probably Closed Also.

Mrs. Judd—Science tells us now that we hear much better with our eyes closed.

Mr. Judd—Yes. I noticed quite a number trying the experiment last Sunday evening in church.

Brainless Bertie.

Daughter—But papa, don't you think Bertie is old enough to know his own mind?

Father—He ought to get acquainted with what little he has in no time at all.

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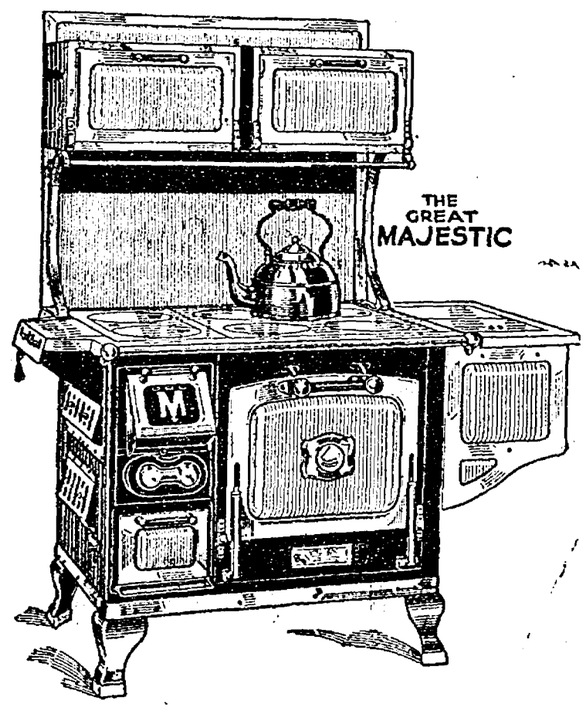

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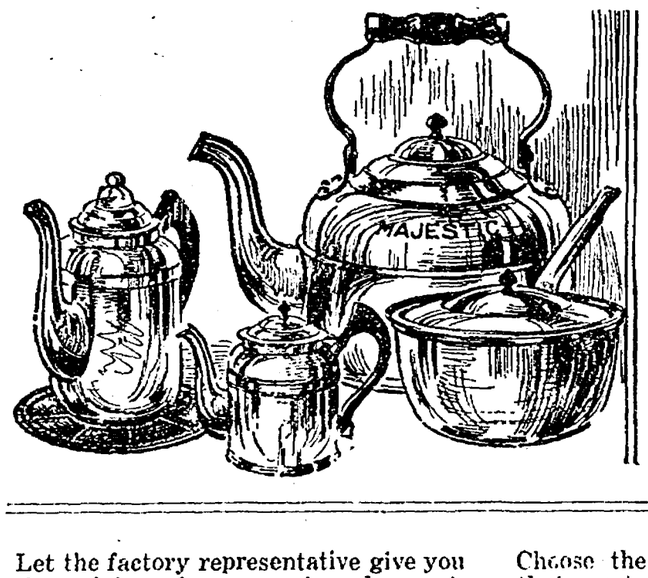

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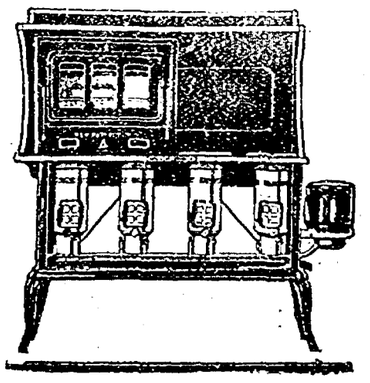

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MESERVEY SECTION

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Ben Vierkant and children, accompanied by J. D. Bohman, attended the fair at Des Moines last week.

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MESERVEY, IOWA

C.G.W. Agrees To Put In Crossing

The representatives of the C. G. W. railroad were in Meservey on Monday of this week, meeting with the town council. As a result of the meeting we are informed that Meservey is to have a crossing over the C. G. W. tracks on Third street.

This is a much needed improvement and will be of benefit to all. The council deserves credit for being instrumental in bringing this about. We understand that work will begin at once to remove the tool house and box car from Third street, and no doubt we will soon be able to cross there.

Fees in Prospect.

"Was your church bazaar asuccess dear?"

"Yes, indeed. The minister will have a cause to be grateful."

"What were the profits?"

"Oh, there were'nt any. In fact the expenses were greater than the receipts. But ten of us girls got engaged."

The Rod in Pickle.

"I am thankful to my dear friend, the policeman, for saving me from getting into further trouble," observed a man charged at Thames police court.

Magistrate—If your're married the real trouble will start when you get home.

Considering Health

"You insist on shaking hands with as many of your constituents as possible?"

"Yes," answered Senator Sorghum. "Campaigning interrupts my golf and I need the physical exercise."—Washington Star.

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NEW BIBLE TO BE PUBLISHED SOON

Chicago—A bible, translated into the colloquial tongue of the "average American," will soon be off the press.

The work has just been completed by Dr. Edgar J. Goodspeed, chairman of the University of Chicago.

British forms of expression, such as "husbandman" for "farmer" have been eliminated in the translation made from the original Greeks.

Grammatical researches and papyrus discoveries, Dr. Goodspeed said, have fully established that the New Testament was written in the common everyday language of the times of the Apostles.

"I have taken advantage of these advances," Dr. Goodspeed said, "and endeavored to produce a translation of the new testament which will have a little more of the ease, clearness and force than I have found in the current versions.

"I have undertaken to determine what each writer of the New Testament meant to say and then I have tried to express this in the simplest and most vigorous English of the same kind as the Greek of the original.

"I have tried to eliminate British forms of expression and to use only words intelligible to the American ear."

An example of the Goodspeed version, as it will probably be shown to biblical scholars, follows in the translation of the miracle of the fishes.

"The disciples said unto Him, "Where can we get bread enough in this solitude to feed such a crowd?"

Jesus said on to them, 'How many loaves have you?'

"They said, 'Seven and a few small fish.'

"Then he ordered the people to take their places on the ground, and He took the seven loaves and the fish and gave thanks and gave them to His disciples and the disciples gave them to the people. And they all ate and satisfied their hunger. And the pieces that were left that they picked up filled seven baskets. There were 4,000 men that were fed, besides women and children. And He dismissed the people and got into the boat and went to the district of Magadan."

Dr. Goodspeed devoted three and a half years to his translation of the New Testament which probably will be ready for circulation about December 1.

USELESS

"I had to be away from school yesterday," said Tommy.

"You must bring an excuse," said the teacher.

"Who from?"

"Your father."

"He ain't no good makin' excuses. Ma catches him every time."

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Meservey, Iowa

Owing to bad weather conditions last week our stores were not closed on Labor Day, as our merchants had planned.

Our school teachers were in Mason City, Monday and Tuesday, attending institute.

H. Proost and family returned on Monday from Des Moines, where they had been during the state fair. Mr. Proost was exhibiting the hog door patented by Henry H. Pals. Mr. Proost reports a number of sales on the grounds with prospects for future sales.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ostendorf and Mr. and Mrs. S. Hulsebus returned from a week's visit with friends and relatives at Aplington and Ackley last Monday.

Mrs. H. Heitland and daughter, Arlene, accompanied by Miss Alice Kuhlers, went to Mason City last Thursday where Arlene had her tonsils removed. Alice returned the same day, the others remaining until the day following.

The Misses Tillie and Ollie Pals were Mason City callers last Thursday.

Mrs. Jim Wilson and children of Rockford, and Mrs. Wm. Hartwig of Thornton visited at the Ralph Waddingham home several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Barger returned from their Chicago motor trip on Saturday. They report heavy roads a good share of the way.

The Cemetery society will meet at the home of Mrs. Carl Quandt next Tuesday p. m., Sept. 11.

Geo. Sundlinger of Ft. Dodge came last Sunday to visit until Monday p. m. at the Unferferth home, when he returned, accompanied by his children and Mrs. Unferfeth who will visit them a few days.

Mrs. Joe Meci of Ft. Dodge came Sunday to remain until Monday at the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Raecker. The family are moving to Cedar Rapids, she and her daughters going to that place from here on Monday p. m.

Walter Fischer and family of Mason City were visitors at the Simon Fischer home last Monday.

Mrs. Inez Kinney of Mason City was in town Monday in the interest of W. C. T. U. work. She spoke to a few members of the Union in the morning, on "Americanization and Citizenship," of which department she is the supt.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nissen and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hartfelder were Clear Lake callers Monday.

Mrs. Lambert Pals and daughter Miss Ollie left last Monday for a visit with friends and relatives at Little Rock.

Meservey is not dead yet, in fact things are moving fast. A. J. Nissen reports the sale of three houses last week. The Jone property was sold to Paul Henkey, the Burlingame place to H. Fischer, and Heiko Kuhlers invested in the Lauster property.

MESERVEY SCHOOL NOTES

1st and 2nd Grades—Our last year butterflies have become "blue birds." They are Jane Shepherd, Jens Olson, Anita Herman, Ardell Nissen, Arlo Paul, Arthur Koenen, Ruth Enabnit, Kenneth Sprau, Marcele Waddingham, Gladys Mae Fischer, Avery Bier Gladys Strausburg, Ivan Langlitz, Ruth Prilipp, Florence Gruis, Glen Janssen, and Ruth Schlesselman.

The 16 "Butterflies" are Francia Alene Bier, Marvin Prilipp, George Fry, Iva Mae Pals, Theodore Dirks, Eleanore Leone Muller, Mae Elizabeth Strausburg, Ruth Pals, Elmer Messelheiser, Hiene Winters, Russel Wenzell, Harold Riekens, Myron Pals, Byron Blewett, Jacob Krass, and Grace Henriette Barkema.

Marvin Prelipp had a tooth that was quite painful Friday afternoon.

Florence helped sing at a mission feast Wednesday.

Thursday, Russel Wenzel helped celebrate at Belmond.

Elmer Messelheiser was the only one to be tardy this week.

4th and 5th Grades—We are 32 in number this fall, 15 in grade 5 and 17 in grade 6.

Naomi Schelesselman was not with us the first few days on account of her visit to Cedar Falls.

Leona Koenen, Naomi Schlesselman, Arne Winthers, Mildred Janssen, Wayne Waddingham, Emma Boelman, Edna Koenen and Grace Meints are our perfect spellers this week.

Fredona Lemke and Gwethalyn Wenzel left us to enjoy Thursday at Belmond.

Thora Sprau's eyes have made it necessary for her to stay at home on Friday.

The 6th grade is taking a peep into ancient history this week.

Jennie Riekens has been chosen to beat the triangle this year.

Fredona Lemke plays the march for us at recess time.

7th and 8th Grades—We have 23 now enrolled in the 7th and 8th, 12 of whom are in the 8th and the remainder—11—in the 7th.

Those in attendance here who have not been here before are Kathrine Krass and Walter Lauster in the 8th and Marie Krass in the 7th grade.

Already the school spirit has grown in the work in our grades. We are sure that thru the efforts put forth and co-operation that we will progress very nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sprau and family, and Mrs. Sprau's sister, of Farmer City, Ill., arrived last week for a visit at the F. C. Sprau home.

Mrs. Joe West and baby left on Tuesday for Madelia, Minn., to visit friends and relatives for a week or 10 days.

C. J. Wendell and wife and A. J. Nissen were Mason City business visitors last Tuesday p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Reif and Irv. Langlitz returned from the state fair last Thursday. They report a pleasant time in spite of the hard rains. We were beginning to wish for Heinie's return, for our men were wearing more face covering than was necessary for good looks.

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Early Morning Fire Burns Four Garages

Garages At Lynch, Parsons, Norby And Martin Places Are Destroyed

DAMAGE PLACED AT $5,000

Fire originating in the garage at the Fred Lynch residence about 3:45 yesterday morning, destroyed four private garages.

The blaze was first noticed by H. G. Nordschow. He called Ned Packard, asking him to look and see for certain whether there was a fire. Mrs. Packard looked, and immediately saw the blaze and said so. Nordschow then called the central office to turn in the alarm.

It was some time before the siren could be sounded and the fire company brought to the scene. The fire was beyond controll, the flames shooting out and catching the L. R. Parsons garage, then the garage on the Ward Martin property across the alley, and then the garage on the Norby property. All four were destroyed. Dr. Parsons managed to get his car out, and Fred Lynch got out his Dodge car, but his Ford was destroyed. Dr. Parsons brother, who resides at Vincent, had his Reo coupe in the Lynch garage, and this was burned. The water pressure failed, just as it did in the big fire last spring, and the fire company could only play a weak stream on the blaze. Fortunately there was not a breath of wind and the sparks did not carry far. Had there been a heavy wind nothing could have saved the south part of town from total destruction.

The loss is estimated at $5,000. At this writing the amount of insurance carried on the buildings and cars is not known.

DRAFT THE NATION

Viewed in the retrospect we see more clearly than ever the sordid side of war. I have said before, and I choose to repeat it very deliberately now, that if war must come again—God grant that it shall not!—then we must draft all of the nation in carrying on. It is not enough to draft the young manhood. It is not enough to accept the voluntary service of both women and men whose patriotic devotion impels their enlistment. It will be righteous and just, it will be more effective in war and marked by less regret in the aftermath, if we draft all of the capital, all of industry, all of agriculture, all of commerce, all of talent and capacity and energy of every description to make the supreme and united and unselfish fight for the national triumph. When we do that there will be less of war. When we do that the contest will be aglow with unsullied patriotism, untouched by profiteering in any service.—Warren G. Harding.

BELMOND MEN PLEAD GUILTY IN CERRO GORDO COURT

The Mason City Globe Gazette had the following article Saturday, September 1, under a Clear Lake head:

A fine of $300 was given R. O. Coulson and T. H. Galagher of Belmond by D. H. Campbell, justice of the peace here, Friday afternoon when the men plead guilty to a charge of driving an automobile while intoxicated but the local authorities were informed by County Attorney Butler that such a fine was not valid and the Belmond men were bound over to await action by the grand jury. Bail was fixed at $1,200 each and with Deputy Sheriff John Furst, the two went to Belmond this forenoon to try to raise the bond.

Arrest of the two was made on an information filed against them by the Rev. N. O. Peterson, pastor of the Zion English Lutheran church here after they had smashed into his car on the highway between Clear Lake and Mason City Thursday night about midnight, damaging to a great extent the preacher's Nash and demolishing their own Ford coupe. A jug of alcohol was found in the car which the owner of the car could not account for.

Mr. Peterson is holding the ruins of the Ford coupe until the damages to his car are paid for.

On Wednesday, Sept. 5, the Globe Gazette said:

T. H. Gallagher and R. V. Coulson pleaded guilty to being intoxicated while operating an automobile, before District Judge C. H. Kelley this morning, and were fined $300 each. Harry Curvo represented the defendants, while the County Attorney appeared for the state.

SOLDIERS MAY COME THRU BELMOND AGAIN SOON

The men of the Third U. S. Infantry, who marched thru Belmond this summer enroute from Ft. Snelling to Des Moines, may come thru here again in the near future on their way back to Ft. Snelling. Wm. Chase, who has been at Fort Des Des Moines, states that the officers are making up their route, and that the report there is they will return thru Belmond. "Bill" says the men are all anxious to come thru here, remembering the treatment they received before. They did not know Chase was from Belmond, and he heard them talking of their reception. The men of the Third say that they were treated the best in Belmond of any place on their march.

SHEFFIELD MAN GIVEN YEAR FOR DRIVING WHILE DRUNK

Judge Clock, in court at Hampton last week, sentenced Roy Done, of Hampton, to one year in the state reformatory at Anamosa for driving an automobile while in an intoxicated condition. Done was arrested at Sheffield the night of the creamery day celebration there, for driving while drunk. He was arraigned before a justice of the peace, where he plead guilty in the preliminary hearing. Judge Clock then finished the case in the district court. The sentence is the limit.

CHILD KILLED AT BRITT FAIR

Marie Medlin, two years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Medlin, farmers near Hayfield, was run over by a truck loaded with watermelons at the Hancock county fair at Britt. The little girl died half an hour later in the office of a doctor. She, with some sisters, was watching the races and leaning against the truck when the driver backed up. He did not see her in time, and one wheel passed over her body, resulting in fatal internal injuries.

GRAVEL ROADS FIRST

Marshall county is now going to pave. Franklin county is going to have graveled roads all over the county first, then she may pave the Jefferson highway, if it proves to be the case that gravel does not stand up on a highway that is traveled extensively. Any county can gravel most of its roads and have them paid for within five years, while with paving only a small per cent of the roads could be paved and it will take fifteen years or more to pay for even that small per cent of paved roads.

Marshall county, like lots of other counties in the state, has been going in mud roads for years, while Franklin county got busy and began its gravel system, and now has an excellent system of graveled roads. All of the so-called main roads have been drained, graded and graveled, with a few exceptions where the finishing of the gravelling is now being completed, and by the middle of September no county in the state will surpass Franklin county in the matter of good roads, an few will equal it.—Hampton Chronicle.

TRINITY CHURCH NOTES

Thursday evening the Dorcas society meets at the home of Mrs. Ralph Forrestal.

Saturday morning at 10 o'clock the Class meets at the church.

Sunday morning Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Parents please send children and return all Sunday school books in possesion, as new pupils will use them.

Sunday morning Missionary Halvorson will preach a mission sermon at 11 o'clock. Remember this is our annual mission day. Let us cheerfully raise our part of the budget. We can do it. Let us do it and be alert in doing it.

Sunday evening service again. Announcement at the morning service.

ST. OLAF CHURCH NOTES

Class meets Saturday at 2 o'clock at the church.

Sunday morning Missionary Tverberg will preach the mission sermon in the Norwegian language. Let us bear in mind that this is our annual mission day. Come and offer of those material gifts to the cause of God. We are requested to contribute our share to the Synodical budget. We have not failed and we are not going to fall short this year. Ask God's blessing upon the service so that hands and hearts may be open to the Lord. Possibly afternoon service. Announcement at the morning service.

"Doing business without advertising is like winking at a girl in the dark. You know what you are doing, but nobody else does."

CLOUDS

by Grace E. Hall

Beneath the tree-boughs, interlaced and green,
I've lain in full abandonment to thought,
Watching the gray clouds drifting in between
The outstretched arms above; and deftly wrought
As on fine canvases, great pictures grew
There on the mammoth roof of curving skies,
And moved majestically across the blue,
A thrilling revelation and surprise.

One picture was so wonderful and fine
I shrink from marring it with faulty pen,
But since the art was so completely mine,
I long to share it: It was sunset then,
And in a bank of gray an altar stood,
A perfect thing with every line complete,
And kneeling there, as vestal virgins would,
Three angels bowed before the mercy-seat.

Far from the West the sun cast one last ray
Across the space, and sank to its repose;
And from that matchless altar done in gray
The three forms gently, reverently arose;
And then, their evening prayers so sweetly said,
The altar, broken, drifted slowly o'er,
The sunset turned the virgins' robes to red—
I looked—and lo! the angels were no more.

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Soldiers To Be Here Next Wednesday

Troop "G" Of Cavalry To Be In Belmond—Ball Game And Drill Probable.

ENROUTE TO DES MOINES

Troop "G", 14th U. S. Cavalry, will be in Belmond next week Wednesday, Sept. 19. The troop consists of 63 men and three officers, with 64 horses, nine mules and three wagons. Mayor Sullivan was in receipt of the following letter Tuesday:

Fort Snelling, Minn., Sept. 5, 1923.
The Hon. Mayor,
Belmond, Iowa.
Dear Sir:

Troop "G", 14th Cavalry, returning to Fort Des Moines, Iowa, from Fort Snelling, Minnesota, will arrive in your city September 19th. The troop consists of 63 men, and 3 officers, and has 64 horses, 9 mules and three wagons.

Would request that you make arrangements for a suitable camp site that is accesible to water, firewood, and wheel transportation.

The troop has a good baseball team and would be glad to arrange a game with your local team. An officer of the troop will call on you before the arrival of the troop.

We will be very glad to have anyone interested inspect the troop during our stay in your city.

Very truly yours,
Orland S. Peabody,
Captain, 14th. Cavalry.

Mayor Sullivan has arranged for the troop to camp the same place the Third Infantry did this summer. A ball game has been arranged for Wednesday afternoon, and it is hoped that a mounted drill will be put on by the cavalry. An admission of ten cents will be charged to the ball game to cover expenses.

It is hoped that the cavalry will be given the same good reception that was awarded the infantry, and to do that, the call is issued for one dozen dressed spring chickens, and one dozen home-made pies. Will anyone who desires to donate a chicken or a pie, please call the Independent, and send their offering to the Independent office Wednesday forenoon before 10:30. The reception is a volunteer affair, and it is hoped that all citizens will co-operate.

Please list your help at the Independent office early.

BAILEY GETS CONTRACT

E. F. Bailey, of Belmond, was awarded the contract for graveling four miles of main highway entering Clarion, at a special meeting of the city council of that place last week. The contract price was $1155 per cubic yard. The work is to be completed by November 1st. The hauling part of the job was let to Clarion men.

Ku Klux Klan Burn Cross Here Tues. Eve.

Alleged Sign Of Ku Klux Viewed By Many Belmond People At Nine-Thirty.

CROSS AT GOODELL ALSO

A firey cross, supposed to have been placed by the Ku Klux Klan, was burned in Belmond at 9:30 on Tuesday evening.

The cross was burned in the Henry Groen pasture on the hill west of the river, and was plainly visible from town. Numerous Belmond citizens, attracted by the blaze, witnessed the burning from the fiver bridge.

Rumor Wednesday had it that a lodge of the Klan was organized in Belmond. It was stated that a five-foot cross, which this one was said to be, meant that there were fifty members in the town. Considerable excitement over the burning of the cross was in evidence.

Residents of Goodell were awakened last Tuesday night, about midnight, by a heavy explosion, and upon venturing out to ascertain the cause, were greeted by a firey cross, the sign of the Ku Klux Klan, blazing in the Ness pasture at the west edge of the town.

Whether the burning cross was the result of an initiation of Klan members, or merely a sign that the Klan holds forth in Goodell, is a matter of conjecture. Residents of the town have been talking of little else since. It is said that several members were taken into the Klan that night, from Goodell, and that they are known by many residents.

Business Places Painted Yellow

Wednesday night three business places of Goodell were given a coat of yellow paint, it is presumed by anti-Klan sympathizers. At the same time, an effigy was hung to a tree in the vacant lots on the north side of the main street, with anti-Klan warnings attached. A cross, made from two steel fence posts, and bearing more anti-Klan warnings, was erected beside the effigy.

Klan Active In Hancock County

The K. K. K. appears to be quite active in Hancock county. A page ad in a Britt newspaper recently created much comment, and it is claimed there are numerous members there and at Garner. Ex-Chaplain Tom Roberts, of Sheffield, was scheduled to give a free lecture on the principles of the Klan, at Kanawha, last week Friday evening. This lecture was advertised in a quarter-page ad in the Klemme Times, at which place more members are thot to reside.

Mrs. L. R. Parsons entertained the Kensington club last week Wednesday.

EAGLE GROVE POKER PLAYERS HELP GRAVEL CITY STREETS

Eight Eagle Grove men were busily engaged in raising the ante and endeavoring to fill a flush recently, when the limb of the law fell on them. His honor the mayor, who was short on his graveling fund, set in the deal, raised their ante, and after betting each one of the eight $13.50, called their hands, and the city now has $108.00 more to gravel with.

MURIEL LUCILLE HILL

Muriel Lucille Hill, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hill, was born Friday, Aug. 15, 1919, and died at the Lutheran hospital at Hampton, Friday, Sept. 7, 1923. Death was caused by ether pneumonia, following an operation for the removal of a pin from her stomach.

A day or two previous the little one swallowed a pin, which lodged in her throat. She was taken to the hospital, and an operation performed to remove it. The pin had fallen to the stomach, and pneumonia setting in caused her death.

She was beptized at the hospital the day of her death. Little Muriel had a most sweet and loveable disposition, which made her loved by all who knew her, and the whole neighborhood mourns with the grief stricken parents. Altho but four years old she dearly loved to go to Sunday school and rarely missed a Sunday. The parents and little brothers and sister have the heartfelt sympathy of their many friends. Funeral services were held from the home Sunday afternoon, Rev. Wilkinson of the M. E. church having charge. The banks of beautiful flowers surrounding the little white casket gave mute testimony of the friends that loved her.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish in this manner to thank our friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness and sympathy and the beautiful floral offerings in the loss of our beloved little daughter. Such acts as these can never be forgotten.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hill and family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE IS HELD AT GOODELL

Last Sunday was an ideal day for the Institute. Four schools were represented: Liberty, Klemme German M. E., Klemme English M. E., and the U. B. Goodell schools. S. C. Pollock, county Sunday school president, was the first speaker. He impressed on us that one of the good reasons for doing Sunday school work is the good the individual and the community gets out of the Sunday school. What kind of a moral atmosphere would a community have if there were no Sunday schools? Mr. Hutton, state worker, spoke in the morning on the conditions of the times. In the afternoon he took up some of the Sunday school problems. Inspiring music was furnished by the Liberty and Klemme German M. E. and the U. B. Goodell choirs. Many brought lunches and remained thruout the day. About 60 had dinner in the church dining room. The attendance was close to 200.—Goodell Corres.

THE LONGLEY TWINS

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Longley are the proud parents of bouncing twin boys which arrived last Friday. Mr. Cuppett of the firm of Cuppett & Longley, has a pair of twin girls, thinks they should change the name from the Cuppett & Longley Garage to "The Twin Garage—a very appropriate name. Instances of this kind are very rare.—Dows Advocate.

ROCK ISLAND TAKES OFF BOTH PASSENGER TRAINS

According to the "dope" as given in last week's Independent, the Rock Island officials removed the morning and evening passengers from the Dows-Estherville branch Monday of this week. The Klondike has been made over to a passenger, by the addition of a coach. Only a few minutes difference in time was made on the schedule. This move leaves us without any connections with the north and south mails except on the Great Western, that amounts to anything. Local opion defines the move as foolish, and worse. The loss in revenue will offset any saving which the removal of the trains may make. Doubtless the service will eventually be restored, but meanwhile Belmond people should remember the change and govern their mail accordingly.

RUDY QUANDT NIGHTWATCH

Mayor Sullivan last week appointed Rudy Quandt as nightwatch, and that gentleman has been on the service the past week. He takes the place of Pat Dillon, who resigned the first of last week.

Chamber Of Commerce Will Be Organized

Business Men Requested To Be At Library Tonight At Seven-Thirty O'Clock.

GARNER MAN TO SPEAK

A meeting of the business men and farmers of Belmond and vicinity will be held at the library basement tonight, Thursday, at 7:30, for the purpose of organizing a Chamber of Commerce.

C. R. Conway, president of the Garner Chamber of Commerce, will be here to address the audience on the organization, work and success of the Garner club. Mr. Conway is manager of the Farmers Co-operative Creamery at Garner and is one of the most successful business men of that city. His talk will be of interest to all.

All business men, and every farmer interested, is requested to attend the meeting and assist in establishing a live community organization in Belmond.

EMERGENCY DISASTER APPEAL FROM THE RED CROSS

Des Moines, Iowa, September 13, Special:

Iowa's formal call to come to the rescue in "one of the greatest catastrophies in all the world's history" was sent out this morning to every county in the state by Judge Hubert Utterback, chairman of the Iowa State Council of Red Cross chapters.

Iowa is asked to contribute $80,000 to the national fund of $5,000,000 for the Japanese disaster. The fund will be administered by the American Red Cross. Speed is the prime requisite, Judge Utterback points out, if the suffering of the hundreds of thousands affected by the terrible disaster is not to be multiplied many times over. Two to four times as many people lost their lives in a single day in the Japanese disaster as America suffered during the entire war, he says.

"The Red Cross, being on the ground in Japan, has thrown its entire resources into the tremendous rescue work to be done." Judge Utterback's statement declares. "Words cannot picture the terrible situation that exists in these islands. None of us really know all that is to be told. We can say, however, that the Red Cross is on the job as always, and that it needs the backing of every man and woman to carry out this colossal work."

Funds in each county are to be raised by the Red Cross chapters, the American Legion, the newspapers, churches, and special organizations.

AN "IOWA" WHEAT FIELD

From Odebolt, Sac county comes the report that 1,000 acres of wheat were grown this season on the Adams farm near that town. This farm consists of eleven sections of land, a total of 7,040 acres. The 1,000 acres of wheat averaged 35 bushels to the acre. Several thousand acres of oats are grown every season. Threshing outfits belong to the farm management. Corn is grown on a large scale, an entire section of land forming an unbroken field. Houses, for tenants present the appearance of a town. A large hospital is maintained on the premises. Motive power for farm operations is provided by tractors and mules.

CEDAR RAPIDS BOOSTERS VISIT US WEDNESDAY

The special train of Cedar Rapids boosters, consisting mostly of wholesalers in various lines, were in Belmond yesterday morning with their band and paid the local businessmen a good-will visit. The band rendered several selections on Main street, and Belmond is perfectly willing to admit that the booters had a good band. The visit of the Cedar Rapids men was much enjoyed. such affairs being creative of valuable good will.

MRS. ANNA THOMPSON DIES

Mrs. Anna Thompson, mother of Rich and Honus Thompson, died at the home of her son here Monday. Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the house, Rev. Wilkinson in charge. An obituary will appear next week.

Many Belmonders were out with a smoked glass Tuesday to view the eclipse of the sun. About one-quarter of the sun was covered here.

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Editorials

WHITE MULE VS. GASOLINE

Times change, and conditions with them. What might have been common 50 years ago may be criminal today. New conditions require new measures to meet. One of these is the recent state law making it a criminal offense to operate a motor-driven vehicle while in an intoxicated condition.

Fifty years ago if the driver of a horse became soused, old Dobbin was pretty apt to plod along home with him safely. The horse often had more sense than its driver. But today old Dobbin munches peacefully in the back pasture, and a firey steed, feeding on high-power gasoline, tears up the highway at a frightful speed, instead. The driver of the olden days did not need to be able to see the road; the modern driver, if he leans back to snooze, or should his eyesight become blurred, lands in the ditch, if he does not ram into and wreck, or possibly injure and kill, a fellow driver.

Of all the laws placed on the statue books of Iowa, the law against the drunken auto driver is one of the wisest and best. There are enough fools driving high-powered cars today without adding the menace of the soused chauffeur. The sober fool may see you and avoid you; the tank may see two or three of you, and in trying to avoid one of you, hit the other one of you.

Driving an automobile on the public highway nowadays calls for steady nerves and watchful eyes. The chance of safety is large. But in meeting an intoxicated driver, whether he be going slow or fast, you must take your life in your hands. He may miss you, or he may hit you. You can do nothing about it to help yourself. You do not know which way he is going. Neither does he.

Booze and gasoline will not mix. One or the other must go. And the times have decreed the going of John Barleycorn.

THE FREE PRESS

Henry Ford, in a recent issue of his Dearborn Independent, says the "editorial mind" of the public press is gone. The big corporations, he claims, find it increasingly easier to secure free publicity, "thanks to the disappearance of the editorial mind."

Ford, to a large extent, is right, but not altogether right. The editorial mind of the public press has disappeared to a large extent, but not entirely. There's a reason. In the ordinary small town newspaper office the editor usually must be printer, pressman, reporter, proof reader, editor and office boy. He has not the time to hold up the editorial end of the buiness as it should be.

Running a newspaper today is a business, first and last. It has to be. If it were not so conducted it would not last long. Money nowadays is what makes the wheels go 'round, and only by keeping the wheels going can a newspaper succeed. The most valuable asset of any community is its newspaper. By that, more than by any other thing, is a town judged. It is the modern way of spreading knowledge; it has taken the place of the old town crier. To the extent that a community supports its newspaper will the success and standing of that community be measured.

And because of this, has the editorial mind of many modern newspapers deteriorated. The average small town editor has his policies and his editorials—one might almost say his business—more or less controlled and dictated by his advertisers. This is not right nor just; it is neither fair to the advertiser nor the editor. The press should be free. And be it said to the credit of the fraternity that there are many who are not, and will not be, controlled.

If Henry Ford knew the thousands of tons of "free publicity" that goes in the waste baskets every week, he would not be so certain big business is in the saddle and riding the neck of the press. And all over the country every day it is becoming more and more difficult for the kind-hearted corporations to use the columns of the press without paying the honest space rates therefore. Some weak brethern, more or less lazy, or to save expense, have used the "free" stuff sent them, but they are learning that this free material is in the end the most expensive thing they can print.

The "editorial mind" has not entirely disappeared, and Ford will be considerably surprised at the fact if he ever makes the race for president. There are many left among the ranks who will run their business to suit themselves, and leave their stand to be judged by the supreme court of public opinion. The editor who does that is bound to win in the end, because above all else the American people believe in fair play. The editor who aims to make his paper a true servant of the people will endeavor to feel the public pulse, and to lead his community always toward the better things of life. He will not permit either himself or his paper to be controlled, but will endeavor faithfully to follow the dictates of his conscience. And in the end the right way will win.

Here and There

Rebuilding a home is not what it is cracked up to be. Sometimes it causes a man to leave home and this is what happened when our honorable mayor started the job. The Pritchards vacated their house two months ago, and carpenters began work on remodeling the large part of the old house after it had been moved to the lots on the west side of their block. The Pritchards first occupied a cottage at the lake for a month. Then they went to Belmond and lived on the A. E. Martin farm for another month. Now they are back at the lake in the cottage. The children are driving to school. Walt thought it was a good time for him to get away, and last week he spent with his son, Paul and family, at Tulsa, Oklahoma.—Signal.

A novel arrest was effected by our novel mayor when he mailed a novel letter to Charles City addressed to the Hart-Parr Co. apprising them of the fact that they were "pinched" for an infraction of the Britt ordinances, the offense being driving a tractor on asphalt pavement to demonstrate it. The Hart-Parr Co. pleaded guilty and paid a fine of $10.00 and costs, which Mayor Armstrong assessed.—Britt News-Tribune.

Mrs. Ethel Papousek and little daughter came Monday for a visit at the Chris Jacobs home. This is the little one's first visit to the home of her grandparents and we'll bet she will be some spoiledbaby.—Signal.

Mrs. Ed Eilers visited Saturday at Belmond with her sister—Monitor.

Mrs. Louise Veeder and Miss Mildred, of Belmond, were Clarion visitors, Friday.—Monitor.

Mrs. Harry Brooks and son James and Mrs. Harvey Meachem were at Belmond visiting yesterday.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Del Luick and daughter, Cecilia, of Belmond, were shopping and visiting here, Monday.—Times.

The city officials, not being satisfied with the electric siren received some time ago, had another installed Saturday afternoon. This will be given a trial and if found satisfactory will no doubt be purchased.—Reporter.

Between the state and county fairs and the big Legion Day celebration at Belmond last week our people did not find it hard to amuse themselves. The ball game at Belmond between the Spencer and Bayside Cubs teams was a big drawing card and those who witnessed it were not disappointed. Spencer won by the close score of 3 to 1.—Reporter.

Mrs. C. A. Norby and children, of Belmond, visited several days last week at the W. A. Connor home.—Chronicle.

A Ku Klux Klan cross of large dimensions was burned on the school campus here Wednesday night of last week. The burning was witnessed by a large number of people. This is the second cross that has been burned here.—Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Saatoff were in Kanawha, Tuesday renewing acquaintances. Mr. Saatoff recently returned from Minneapolis where he went some time ago to learn the barber trade. He hasn't decided as yet where he will locate but expects to follow this line of work in the future.—Reporter.

The council decided at its meeting Tuesday night to pave the cemetery, accepting a bid from Will Fisher for $2.10 per yard.—Eagle Grove Eagle.

Quite a number from here went to Belmond last Thursday to take in the Legion celebration there. The celebration was quite a success.—Klemme Times.

HOTEL MARTINIQUE, BROADWAY, 32nd AND 33rd STS., NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 7, 1923.

Dear Harry:

Here it is Friday and almost two weeks gone since I arrived in New York buying merchandise for the Greater C. & C. of Fort Dodge by day and seeing the sights by night. You know, Harry, I had planned to stop at the Pennsylvania, but when I arrived, the cheapest single room I could get was $7.00 per night. That is too rich for yours truly. No wonder they have been and are building sky scrapers on almost every block.

I dabbled in marks, roubles, and kronens yesterday, bought between $2,000 and $3,000 worth, original values, at a cost of less than a 49 pound sack of Occident flour. There's a sucker born every minute, and I guess the fellow that sold me this paper money thought I was the easy "mark." However, I bought some to show with the many purchases I bought for our army department.

Do you know, Harry, the $1,000 I spent in silks last week is worth about $1,200 today. Silks have gone up 10 per cent to 25 per cent in the last few days. While Japan has my sympathy, these 4th Avenue and Broadway sharks certainly take advantage of the other fellow's misfortune. My silk purchase includes charmeuse, canton crepe, brocades, tinsels, novelties and the new and big selling flat crepes. Prices will range from $1.65 to $5. a yard. Harry, base selling prices on prices paid, not what the silks are worth. Tuesday I bought my silk dresses first, as prices are up. Mark according to what they cost, not new higher prices.

All told, Harry, I bought close to 200 women's silk and wool dresses in the most wonderful stunning styles. I'll promise any girl without a beau that will wear one of those fussy frilly kind or satin, will have her wish filled mighty soon. There's an age limit to this guarantee. Nevertheless, the C. & C. has never shown such a smart collection of dresses in its history. The prices are $9.98, $19.98, and $29.98.

My next big purchase was coats. Spent around $2,000 and bought the choice values in the market. Our New York office certainly gave me a real help in selecting only the cream. Fur trimmed bolivias are promised big. Secured some unusual ones to sell at $24.75. Also plaid coats to sell at $9.98 and $19.98. In the better coats bought only one of a kind to sell at $29.95, $39.50, and $49.50. By the way, picked up a remarkable lot of good values to sell at $13.98. Fur trimmed ones too. In children's coats bought 145 to sell at $2.98, $4.98, and $5.98.

I never bought so many skirts in all my life as I did on this trip. Pleated models promise to take the lead again for fall. Mighty good ones can be had at $3.98 and $4.98; while you will find some stunners in my purchases at the prices of $7.45, $9.98 and $10.98.

In trimmed hats, Harry, they all looked mighty good to me so to make sure I called in the ladies from the office, who specialize in millinery to assist in the selections. We got the big sellers; hats that can be retailed at $2.98, $3.98 and $4.98. Embroidered felts are going like a house a-fire. Bought plenty to sell at $3.98 and $4.98.

In blouses I bought plain tailored and novelties galore, to sell at $1.98, $3.98, and $5.98.

Was scared to do much in suits. Many manufacturers have quit making them because of the poor demand. Bought only the best selling tailored styles to sell around $24.75.

What else did I buy, Harry? Oh, just a few dray loads of gloves, Beacon blankets, novelty woolens, work clothing, yard goods, including non-crush dress crepes, embroidered Xmas merchandise, small rugs, fibre silk shirts, knee and hip boots for men, girls' dresses in serge, velvets, tweeds and ginghams, boys' suits, boys' overcoats, boys' trousers, felt slippers, army goods of every description, genuine army shirts, and a lot more things too numerous to mention.

By the way, I bought 100 per cent men's all wool suits to sell at $24.75 with two pair of pants at that. Also real gabardine and whip cord coats to sell at $19.75. Ever hear the like? Also bought men's stouts to sell at $24.75, One pair pants and men's two pant suits to sell as low as $19.95. They are values that will put the C. & C. clothing department on the map.

Of course I spent $3,000 to $4,000 more than I had planned, but that is getting to be a habit. Was glad to note, Harry, that last Saturday's business was the greatest in our history. C. & C. values did it.

Will close with best wishes to the C. & C. bunch. Expect to leave tonight for Columbus, Ohio, to see what's what in shoes.

So Long,

Herbert

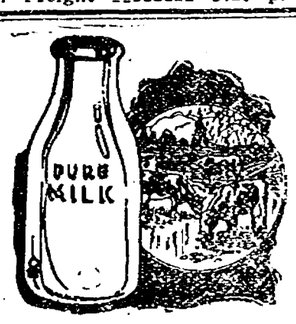
BELMOND TRAIN SCHEDULES

(Corrected to date.)

ROCK ISLAND
Going North
Freight, daily ..... 11:46 a. m.
Passenger, daily, ... 2:10 p. m.
Going South
Freight, daily ..... 1:10 p. m.
Passenger, daily ..... 11:50 a. m.

M.& ST. L.
Going West.
Combination, daily ..... 8:30 a. m
Going East
Combination, daily ..... 3:35 p. m.

GREAT WESTERN
Going North
Motor, daily ..... 10:03 a. m.
No. 16, pass., D & S ..... 1:30 p. m.
No. 12, pass., D & S ..... 1:26 a. m.
Local Freight ..... 7:55 a. m.
Going South
No. 11, pass., D & S ..... 1:24 a. m.
No. 15, pass., D & S ..... 3:15 p. m.
Motor ..... 5:19 p. m.
Local Freight ..... 3:20 p. m.



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Eggs are up too, the price we are now paying being 27 cents a dozen. This is an increae of three cent, and we will pay you the cash for all you bring us.

Heavy hens are selling at 17 cents this week, an increase of two cents a pound. Springs are steady at 18.

We can handle all you have and will be glad to have a part of your patronage.

Old roosters are at seven cents. A fair market, but we do not believe one that is apt to go higher. Now is the time to sell old roosters; they are only eating and doing no good.

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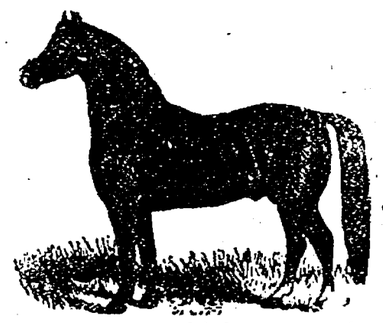

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FEDERAL FARM LOANS

Estimates of Benefits of Co-operation Based On Past Record

First: After 5 years, and with reasonable provisions before, the borrower can pay off his loan on interest dates as fast as he wishes.

Second: No matter how fast the borrower pays off his loan, the semi-annual payments always remain the same in size. The result of extra payments is to decrease the loan and shorten its life.

Third: So that the amatorization table will tell at a glance the balance due on a loan, it is necessary that extra payments made be always sufficient in amount to take up one or more of the installments of the principal as shown on the table. If at the end of the fifth year the borrower pays off principal payments No. 11, 12 and 13, or $6.56, $6.74, $6.92, his next payment is No. 14.

Fourth: A co-operative amortization loan saves money for the farmer in the same manner as the private money lender makes it.

Borrowers from the Federal Land Bank are required by law to take 5 per cent of their loan or $50 of each $1,000 in stock. No other stock can be sold and each borrower's stock must be retired at par when the loan is paid off. Thus the Bank is entirely co-operative. Bonds are sold at 4 1-2 per cent secured by farm loans at 5 1-2 per cent. From this spread the expense is paid and the profit distributed on the basis of the amount of stock owned by each borrower. The dividends materially reduce the net rate of interest, or if applied on the principal shortens the life of the loan. The stock remains constant at $50 per thousand and borrowed while the principal of the debt becomes less and the participation by the borrower in the profits becomes proprtionately greater.

Semi-Annual Dividends Paid Association To Date:

January 1, 1919— 4 1-2 per cent or 9 per cent per annum
July 1, 1919—4 1-2 per cent or 9 per cent per annum
January 1, 1920—6 1-2 per cent or 13 per cent per annum
July 1, 1920—4 1-2 per cent or 9 per cent per annum
January 1, 1921—4 1-2 per cent or 9 per cent per annum
July 1, 1921—4 1-2 per cent or 9 per cent per annum
January 1, 1922—5 1-2 per cent or 11 per cent per annum
July 1, 1922—6 1-2 per cent or 13 per cent per annum
January 1, 1923—6 1-2 per cent or 13 per cent per annum
July 1, 1923—5 per cent or 10 per cent per annum

Estimating a continued semi-annual dividend of 4 1-2 per cent net to the borrower, which seems probable, and applying accumulations of same to retirement of the principal at each opportunity would eliminate the 11h, 12th 13th, 17th, 22nd, 27th, 34th, 41st, 51st and 65th installments and by adding $5.10 and the surrender value of the stock to the fund retire the 68th and 69th payments. Thus a 5 1-2 per cent contract which is written by various Insurance Companies and Joint Stock Land Bank to require $22,424.20 in payments may be reduced by the Federal Land Bank's Co-operative Participating Plan to $18,576.00 effecting by the investment of $500 in stock on each $10,000 loan.

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MESERVEY SECTION

MESERVEY LOCAL NEWS

Phone your news to 41 or 54.

Mr. H. Grosz was at Mason City for medical treatments several days last week, returning Friday.

Mrs. H. K. Pals and daughters Grace and Anna were Mason City business callers last Wednesday.

Heiko Janssen took in the Algona Fair last week, exhibiting Hampshire hogs.

Mrs. Fred Schluter and Fred Lemke were Mason City callers last Saturday, going up to visit with their mother, who is in the Park Hospital.

Rev. and Mrs. H. Raecker and G. E. Raecker, wife and daughter visited with the former's daughter and husband at Arnold's Park, where they have a cottage, several days last week.

Milton Wirtz, of Des Moines, visited at the home of his uncle, H. Fischer over Sunday.

We have bought our coal. How many tons do you need? See Meservey Shipping Association. 42tfc

Mrs. Lemke was taken to Mason City last Friday, where she underwent an operation for the removal of a cataract, at the Park Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schluter and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Zimmerman accompanied her.

Mrs. Ed Wirtz and son stopped off here for a day's visit with relatives, enroute to their home in Des Moines. They had been to Rochester where the latter is receiving medical treatments.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Foss and Miss Irene Guth motored to Ft. Dodge Saturday to visit until Sunday with relatives.

Mrs. E. A. Strasburg and daughter, May, were Mason City callers Saturday.

Mrs. Emma Dorenkamp was a Mason City business caller last Thursday, between trains.

Mrs. Anna Bonte and daughter visited with relatives in the vicinity of Ackley, the past week.

Frank Ostendorf and family motored to Mason City on Thursday of last week, spending the day shopping and sight-seeing.

The Misses Esther Merkle and Dorothy Marty and Henry Marty, of LuVerne visited at the home of Mrs. August Prelipp last Sunday afternoon.

During the thunder storm last Thursday afternoon a bolt of lightning struck the barn of Chas. Halfpap. Mr. Halfpap, who had gone inside the barn to seek shelter from the heavy rain, received a violent shock, rendering him unconscious. His wife found him directly following the hard crash, she calling their daughter for assistance and bringing him to the house, they called Dr. Agler, who attended him. At present he is feeling better, altho the effects are still causing him pain. A horse tied in the barn also was stunned. The barn did not burn, although light damage was reported.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Burns, of Laurel, Nebraska, spent Thursday of last week at the C. F. Lemke home.

Mrs. V. A. Cook returned last Friday from her sojourn in California.

Mrs. Wm. Gealow visited relatives at Belmond over Sunday.

Miss Sylvia Blum, of Renwick, arrived last week for a visit at the Rev. Schlesselman home.

Mrs. Thomas Sloss and daughter, Martha of Ames, and son A. C. Sloss of Cedar Rapids, spent Wednesday of last week at the Frank Nissen home.

Bruno Bruns left the fore part of the week for German Valley, Ill., for a visit with friends before taking up the year's school work at Holland, Mich.

The Misses Grace and Anna Pals Peter Koenen, Herman Dirks and Herman Ostendorf departed on last Monday via Sheffield for Pella, where they will enter Central college.

E. G. Thomas and family spent Sunday at West Bend, the object of their visit being the veiwing of the grotto.

Miss Ollie Pals returned from her visit with relatives at Little Rock, last Monday. She was accompanied by her uncle, Mr. Beck, and his daughter Grace, of that place, the two latter leaving Tuesday for Cedar Falls where Miss Block will enter the state teachers college for another year.

Mrs. M. L. Fuller of Arkansas spent several days with Mrs. C. F. Lemke.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Thomas accompanied their daughter Evelyn to Cedar Falls last Monday, where the latter will attend the I. S. T. C.

Harm Koenen and family from Superior, Wis., are visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Chas. Kienenberger and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Eimbrink and daughter of Goodell spent Sunday at the Geo. Langlitz home.

Miss Sadie Frohling of Belmond was calling on friends in town last Saturday.

C. F. W. Paul and wife and younger children and S. P. Fischer and family were Mason City visitors on Sunday. The Pauls' visited at the Fred Enabnit home, the latter at G. J. Fischers'. Mr. Paul remained to be on hand for jury duty the following day.

Mrs. J. A. Moore and son, Elmer, of St. Paul, were calling on friends here last Sunday. They were returning to their home, resuming their journey the same day.

Ben Gruis motored to West Bend last Tuesday to view the grotto.

Those who spent Sunday at the C. F. Lemke home are Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Muhlenbruck of Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Avery, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Avery and daughter, Mrs, Hansen and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Avery.

Mrs. Unferferth returned from her visit to Ft. Dodge last Friday.

A. E. Muller and family and Mr. and Mrs. Hulsebus were calling on the Brogan family in Garner Sunday.

Death again entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gerdes when on Wednesday evening of last week their youngest daughter, Lena, answered the summons. The obituary was not available at this writing but will appear next week.

Dr. Woodward and family, of Mason City, motored to this place Wednesday evening for a combined professional and social call at the C. J. Wendell home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Sprau accompanied their daughter Eva to Cedar Falls last Tuesday, where she will enter the teachers college.

Statement of Condition of

Farmers Savings Bank

organized under the laws of Iowa, located at Meservey, in the County of Cerro Gordo, at the close of business on the 4th day of September, A. D. 1923.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, bonds and s curities		$262,103.70
Banking House	$ 5,000.00	
Furniture and Fixtures	4,030.00	9,030.00
Due from banks and banks, cash and cash items		27,575.39
Total Resources		298,709.09

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	20,000.00	
Surplus Fund	5,000.00	25,000.00
Undivided profits (after deducting expenses)	4,652.13	4,652.13
Individual deposits subject to check	*109,829.13*	
Demand deposits	668.95	
Time certificates of deposit	153,199.25	
Savings deposits	5,359.63	269,056.96
Total Liabilities		298,709.09

STATE OF IOWA,
CERRO GORDO COUNTY, ss.

We, A. J. Nissen, President; Conrad Bier, Vice President, and K. Clarence Ruigh, Cashier of the bank above named, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is full, true and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

A. J. NISSEN, President.
CONRAD BIER, Vice President.
K. CLARENCE RUIGH, Cashier.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence by A. J. Nissen, Conrad Bier and K. Clarence Ruigh this 10th day of September, 1923.

M. E. GEALOW,
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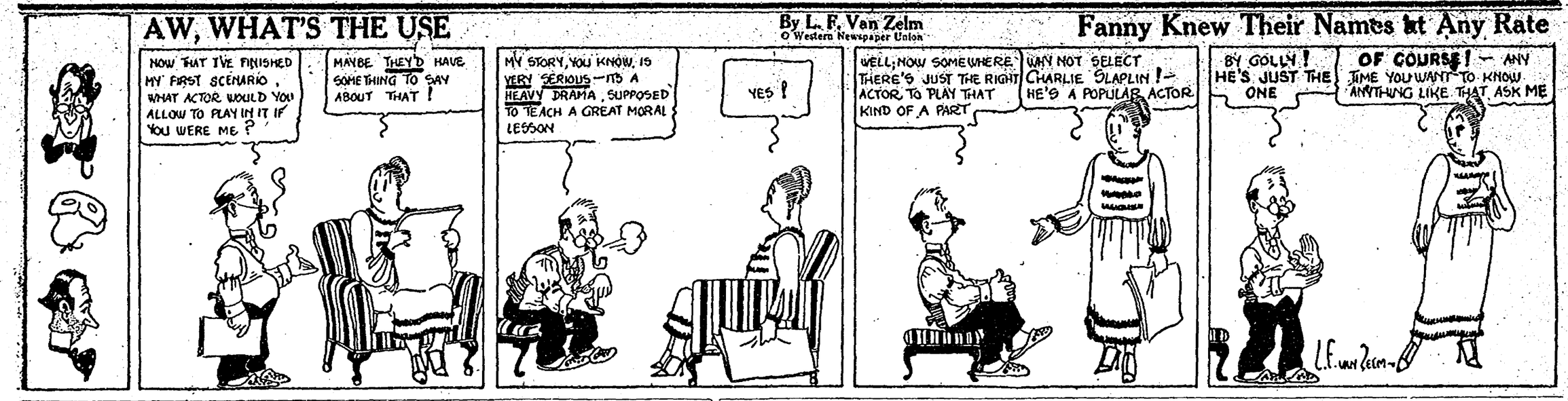

MESERVEY SCHOOL NOTES

High School: Three more students enrolled in high school last Wednesday. They are Harry Smith, Gerald Braga and Kenneth Herbster. Kenneth Herbster is a younger brother of Supt. Herbster.

The American Literature class are beginning to study the autobiography of Benjamin Franklin. Better than almost any other book, the autobiography gives to the student a knowledge of conditions when our country was very young and of the ideals the people of that time have handed down to us.

The teachers spent Monday and Tuesday at institute at Mason City.

Grammar Room—Both the 7th and 8th grades have been writing interesting papers on the "Life of Columbus."

Last Thursday the following students wrote special papers on Cortez, Ponce De Leon, De Soto and Balboa. The students were Dorothy Schlesselman Olive Olson, Grace Boelman and Walter Lauster. The other students of the class gave reports on the "Invincible Armada."

Alma Dorenkamp was a perfect speller in the seventh grade last week.

Last Thursday the eighth grade drew maps of Cerro Gordo county.

Last Friday afternoon the grammar room ciphered. Lucile Paul and Marie Krass chose. Lucile's side won, the score being 5 to 4.

Evelyn Thomas and Agnes Fischer were visitors in our room Friday afternoon.

3rd and 4th Grades: The 3rd and 4th grades were very much surprised on entering school last Wednesday morning to find their desks facing the north instead of west as before. We all agree this was a very fine move and every one seemed satisfied with their new location.

Ethel Bier was absent Wednesday and Thursday on account of sickness.

5th and 6th Grades: Many of the 5th grade students are still unable to get their new arithmetic books. We are planning on becoming acquainted with the Greek gods next week.

Edna and Leona Koenen and Arnold Groen were absent Friday.

Christopher Groen has been wearing brown glasses a few days.

1st and 2nd Grades—Illness kept Avery Bier from his duties in the second grade Wednesday.

Hienie Winters was absent on Wednesday and Thursday.

Alice Boelman again entered school Thursday.

Kenneth Sprau has not returned from his trip.

Elcanor Muller succeeded in pulling a tooth Friday afternoon.

Altho we do not have the sand for the sand table, we have pitched our tents on the fair grounds. First aid was given to the cut on Anita Herman's hand.

Our visitors were Mrs. Boelman, Mrs. Prilipp, Miss Boelman, Anna Pals, Evelyn Thomas and Agnes Fischer.

Fred Schluter, H. F. Reif, C. Brogan and A. E. Muller attended a special meeting of the Masonic order at Thornton last Monday evening.

The Helping Hand society will meet with Mrs. Cooper on Thursday p. m., Sept. 20th. All are requested to be present.

Hartley Blewitt, wife and son of Thornton visited at the J. F. Hartfelder home last Sunday.

G. Lauster and famly motored to Ft. Dodge last Sunday to spend the day with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Nissen and son, Elmer, Mrs. Frank Nissen and Mrs. W. F. Hartfelder were Mason City callers last Tuesday.

Mrs. Paul Willer is reported on the sick list this week.

Ed. Books suffered with a severe attack in his back on Monday, causing him considerable pain.

Those who attended the Mission Feast of the Reformed church at Ackley last Tuesday were Rev. Pannkuk, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stattlander, Mrs Frohling, Frank Ostendorf and Harm Groen.

Frank Hafferman was a Mason City business caller last Tuesday.

ROWAN NEWS

Rowan Methodist Church Notes
Geo. A. Osborn, Pastor

Class Meeting at 9:30 a. m. Start the day with prayer and praise.

Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Classes for all ages.

Divine worship at 11:00 a. m. Theme, the meaning of Holy Communion, followed by the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Epworth League at 7:00 p. m. Leader, Mrs. Oscar Isenberger.

Evening Worship at 8:00 p. m. Subject, Pitching Toward Sodom.

Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30.

If you are not an attendant elsewhere we invite you to worship with us.

Rev. J. B. Walker, pastor of the Methodist church at Clarion, and family were callers in our city Saturday evening.

A good audience enjoyed the lecture given by Dr. J. J. Bushnell in the Methodist church on Thursday evening.

The W. F. M. S. of the Methodist church met this week at the home of Mrs. Walter Whitten.

Rev. Geo. A. Osborn went to Clarion on Tuesday to attend the Coun-Ministerial Association meeting.

Howard Myers and family arrived from Minnesota last Thursday for a few days' visit with relatives.

E. R. Ballou and wife, who were here for a few days looking after the renting of their home, returned Wedneday to Des Moines to make their home this winter.

Clint Whitten is assisting at the Miller store in Clarion.

R. H. Virden was on the sick list the first of the week, unable to attend to his duties at the drug store.

Miss Pearl Whitten is staying with J. D. Brooks'.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Keith, Kenneth and Markaret returned Saturday from an auto trip to different points in Minnesota, North and South Dakota, going as far north as Fargo, N. D.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Whitten, Elfreida and W. A. Reitz went to St. Paul last Wednesday, returning on Sunday. Mesdames A. O. Pelley and W. A. Reitz, and Kathrine, who had been visiting there for several days returned with them.

Messrs. A. E. and A. H. Emerson departed the first of the week for an auto trip into Wisconsin. Our mail carrier, Arthur Emerson, has been in poor health for some time, and it is hoped that this trip will be a benefit to him.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Fletcher are the proud parents of a baby girl, born early Sunday morning Sept. 9th. The little miss has been named Mildred Marie.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosman Simpson of Corwith were entertained Sunday at the home of Mrs. Simpson's brother, Geo. Liming and family.

Wm. Brooks and family drove from Waverly last Saturday to visit his mother, Mrs. J. D. Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hackley, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hackley, Alt Hackley from here, and Mr. and Mrs. Vern Kelcy of Sioux Falls, S. D., who have been visiting the Hackleys, autoed to Oskaloosa the last of the week to visit friends and attend the fair.

The Epworth League, assisted by the ladies of the church, held a get-acquainted reception in honor of Rev. Osborne and family and the members of the school faculty, Tuesday evening at the M. E. church. A program of music and speeches was given after which the reception committee introduced the honor guests to the company. Coffee and cake were served.

Miss Viola Charter and her music class are rendering a musical recital t the M. E. church Fridy evening, Sept. 4. Admission free. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Mesdames Chet. Moellering, Edgar Mantle, James Burt a nd F. H. Brooks were the hostesses at a prenuptial shower in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Utz, held at the F. H. Brooks home Monday evening. The house was very tastefully decorated with red hearts and streamers. The evening was spent in playing games and it was much enjoyed by the 50 guests who were present. The couple were the recipients of many beautiful and useful gifts.

Jap Riis of Latimer was a business caller in town Tuesday.

GOODELL NEWS

Mrs. Earl Tingley of Ann Arbor, Mich., is visiting with her friend, Ina Ahrnekeil.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinseth of Belmond spent Sunday at the Avery home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wagoner and daughter, Janice, of Algona, and Harvey Benson of Kanawha, called at the Sandberg home Sunday.

Louisa Ahrenkeil, Louise Mason, Dorothy Okrueg, Cloe Thomas and John Miller, of Goodell, left Monday morning for Coe college.

Mrs. S. S. Matson, Mrs. O. Sandberg, Mrs. Hasselberg of West Brooklyn, Ill., Mrs. Amos Hanson and Edith Sandberg spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Pete Benson of Kanawha.

Oscar Hasselberg of West Brooklyn, Ill., autoed to Little Falls, Minn., Monday and returned Sunday. He and his mother returned to West Brooklyn, Tuesday, after spending two weeks at the Sandberg home.

The John Dominy family were entertained at the Burgess home Sunday.

The Sandberg family, Earl Jenison family of Belmond, and Pete Benson family of Kanawha were at Lake Mills visiting relatives Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Christenson and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Conklin autoed to Independence, Saturday, and returned Sunday. They were visiting Mr. Conklin's brother.

The Elmer Schneider family drove to Estherville and spent Sunday with Sam Dominy.

Mr. Gerald Chase was in Goodell Monday afternoon.

Friends in Goodell are sorry to hear of Irene Wolf, of Ackley, having to undergo another operation.

Miss Adelia Hill spent the week end at her home in Clarion.

The Ladies Aid was entertained by Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. Clark, at the church last Wednesday. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. O. Sandberg on Sept. 19.

Miss Bernice Butts spent the week end at Belmond.

Mark Smith left Monday noon to resume his college work at Cedar Falls.

Miss Clara Johnson went to Cedar Falls, Tuesday, to enter college. She will specialize in certain teaching course. Miss Mae Griggs accompanied her and will take a teaching course also.

Election of officers was held at the last meeting of the Aid society. For the coming year the following were chosen: Mrs. Edna McNutt, president; Mrs. Thada, vice pres; Mrs. Heitland, secretary; Mrs. Zellie, treasurer. The Aid is busy getting ready for their bazaar which is to be held sometime in November.

The Missionary society met at the Sherwood home, Friday.

The Avery and Twin Lake Farm Bureau held a meeting in the church basement Monday.

Mrs. Veeder and daughter of Belmond were callers at the John Savogue home Sunday evening.

James Schneider has been on the sick list suffering with hay fever and asthma.

The Earl Clark family of Garner spent Sunday in Goodell.

Miss Clara Johnson and Mrs. Amos Hanson visited school in the grades Friday p. m.

The Sandberg and Hanson families were guests to a six o'clock dinner Friday at the Matson home.

Mrs. Matson and daughter Alva, Mrs. Peters and Ina Ahrenkeil were shoppers in Mason City, Thursday.

Robert McNutt is enjoying his vacation at this time, from his duties as mail carrier. Mrs. McNutt is filling his place.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Houghton from Kanawha spent Sunday at the Houghton home.

Owen Conwell, Walter Mason and son Francis, drove to Minneapolis, Wednesday, to attend the fair and enjoy the fishing at different lakes.

Lud Johnson and family from near Olaf visited at the Lewis Johnson home Sunday.

Miss Marie Ludke of Belmond is teaching in the school three miles west in Twin Lake township. She is staying at the Will Heginger home.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook and daughter, Delorus, and Maude Griggs were Belmond visitors Thursday. Little Delorus had to make a call at the dentist's office.

Mrs. T. O. Letch and Mrs. Lew Avery were callers at Belmond between trains Thursday.

Tom Burgess moved his house, formerly occupied by Warner Butts, to his farm northeast of Goodell, on Monday.

There is an enrollment of about 85 in the Goodell school at present.

The Ralph Jenison family of Belmond were guests at the Hubbard home Sunday.

The Harry and Arthur Ruka families returned home Saturday from their trip thru Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Boller, Clement Houghton and Arthur Lowenberg were at Clear Lake, Sunday.

The Heitland family and Ruth Ness autoed to Story City, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hood went to Staples, Minn., Tuesday, to take Mrs. Hood's sister, Edith Finn, to her home. She has spent the summer at the Hood home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Evers of South Dakota spent a few days at the Matson home last week. Mr. Evers and Mrs. Matson are cousins.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Kutzner, of Mason City, called at the T. O. Letch home Sunday evening.

Miss Leona Sandry is assisting Mrs. Gus Okrueg with her household duties since Dorothy left for college.

Mrs. Eric Osman and three children of New Richland, Minn., returned to their home after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Johnson.

Lewis Johnson is out at his farm improving his buildings.

STATE OWNS MUCH LAND

The people of Iowa will be interested to know how much land belongs to the various state institutions under the government of the state board of control. Here is the list: The Mens' Reformatory, Anamosa, 1404; Cherokee State Hospital, Cherokee, 998; Clarinda, 859; Iowa Soldiers Orphans' Home, Davenport, 294; Training School for Boys, Eldora, 868; State Penitentiary, Fort Madison, 10289; Institution for Feeble Minded Children, Glenwood, 1015; Independence State Hospital, Independence, 1349; Iowa Soldiers Home, Marshalltown, 156; Training School for Girls, Mitchelville, 175; Mt. Pleasant Hospital, Mt. Pleasant, 1065; State Sanitorium, Oakdale, 274; The Womans Reformatory, Rockwell City, 220; Juvenile Home, Toledo, 123; State Hospital and Colony for Epileptics, Woodward, 1152; Clive Farm, 781; total 11,761.—Leader.

ALEXANDER NEWS

Leonard Arends was a caller at Meservey last Thursday.

Mrs. Albert Larsen and daughter Mildred were business callers at Latimer last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith and baby were callers in Hampton last Thursday.

Arthur Winwood and Miss Nellie Bell were visitors at Eagle Grove on Sunday.

H. A. Peters was a business visitor at Dows, Saturday.

Miss Erma Wilkinson of Belmond was a yisitor at Alexander, Sunday.

Mrs. Younglin of Latimer visited with Miss Anna Beenen several days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Butler were callers in Hampton, Saturday.

The Misses Alma and Ruth Johnson, of Latimer, were callers in town Thursday.

Miss Jessie Benard of Eagle Grove visited at the A. M. Butler home last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Veeder and daughter, Virginia Ruth, of Hampton, spent Sunday at the Chas. Winwood home.

A. L. Johnson of Hampton was a business caller in town the fore part of the week.

The Misses Loraine and Elizabeth Aldinger of Hampton spent a few days last week visiting at the W. P. Aldinger home.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Larsen and Clarence Smith, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Vern Finkle, of Hampton, autoed to Algona, Wednesday, and attended the County Fair held at that place.

Mrs. A. B. Arends, John Arends, and Mrs. Oscar Hensel and sons Carrol and Donald Paul, visited at the Rev. Ed. Arends' home at LaSeur, Minn., several days the past week, making the trip by auto.

The Ladies Aid society of the M. E. church will be entertained at the home of Mrs. W. P. Aldinger next Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Tinkey and children and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pals and children were Sunday visitors at Iowa Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Reed and two children and Walter Smith were callers at Eagle Grove last Sunday.

Will Foughty and daughters Wilma and Mrs. Anna Pekarek and daughter Josephine were callers at Rowan last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell and daughters, Jessie and Nellie, were callers at Dows last Saturday.

A. L. Nelson and son Theodore were at Des Moines last week on a business mission.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Scott and children of Rowan visited at the John Modderman home last Sunday.

Frank Bohlen and son, Herbert, were business callers at Dows last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bell and children were callers at Meservey on Sunday.

Ben Arends has erected two new silos on his farm north of Alexander.

Some of the young people who expect to leave soon to attend different colleges are Theodore Nelson, Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Ill; Walter Smith, Iowa Medical college at Iowa City; Leonard and Bennie Arends, Elmhurst college, Elmhurst, Illinois; Alfred Ammerman and Jerry Blau, Medical college at Iowa City.

Mrs. A. L. Larson has been enjoying a visit from her parents, from Illinois.

Mrs. Grace Dirksen and daughter, Miss Grace, and Mrs. Mable Symens were business callers at Belmond on Monday.

Ray Isenberger and family of Latimer were visitors at our city Sunday.

A company of relatives were entertained on Sunday at the Carl Bohlen home in honor of Leonard and Bennie Arends, who leave this week for college.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Greenfield and son Frederick, and the Misses Bernice Morrison and Leora Fairbanks were visitors at Clear Lake on Sunday.

Chris Schulte is improving his residence by adding the second story and raising the house and putting in a basement.

Leonard and Bennie Arends were callers at Belmond.

Mrs. Rudolph Beenen is visiting with relatives at Hampton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Claas Symens and family were visitors with friends at Geneva on Sunday.

Miss Evelyn Pekerak of Hampton visited at the Foughty home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Murphy from Hampton spent Sunday at the Clarence Murphy home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Rodemeyer and children visited with relatives near Hampton last Sunday.

Leonard Arends was a caller at Hampton last Monday.

The annual picnic of the Methodist church was held at the Otto Kieslich grove last Tuesday. The main attraction of the afternoon sports, was an auto race in which Mrs. A. C. Lieuwen won in the demonstration of the Ford car.

Fred Greenfield won in the home run with his Dode. W. P. Aldinger was able to change tires on the Overland in the shorest order, while Mrs. Clarence Murphy succeeded in landing the booby prize in the last race with the Buick.

After the auto races the quarterly conference meeting was held at the residence, after which the gentlemen all quietly slipped away to engage in barnyard golf while races were held for the young people.

As the day was perfect a large crowd was present and all report a jolly good time.

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FARM BUREAU NOTES

(By County Agnt Edwards)

Boys and Girls Win Prizes

All baby beeves were sold at auction at the fair grounds on Friday morning, August 31st, and an average of 12¼ cents per pound was received for all Wright county calves. The highest price paid for baby beeves from Wright county was received by Ralph Harring, of Galt, who received 13½ cents per pound, for one weighing 1040 pounds.

The lowest price received for any of the Wright county calves was 11 cents per pound. The top price in the Chicago market on cattle on the date the calves were sold was $13.10 per hundred, so our boys feel that on a whole they received good prices for their calves.

Eagle Grove Entertains Successfully

The county Farm Bureau wishes to express its sincere appreciation of the support accorded the picnic club exhibit by the Eagle Grove business men on August 22nd. Every desire of the farm bureau was freely granted and in many cases anticipated. It is felt by all officers and directors of the farm bureau that the accommodations furnished by Eagle Grove and the splendid spirit of co-operation exhibited by the business men of that city are factors which are responsible for the success of the picnic.

The farm bureau wishes to especially thank Ed. Davis of Eagle Grove for the efficient preparations made for handling the livestock and poultry exhibits. The pens for the livestock were well constructed and roomy with plenty of accomodations for all. Special thanks are also due Mr. MCarty and the management of the Princess theater for the fine free exhibition of moving pictures given the members of the boys' and girls' clubs. Greenwood Park, at Eagle Grove, afforded ample accomodations for handling the picnic and exhibitiong the livestock and poultry products and the efficient manner in which the management was handled by the Eagle Grove people is greatly appreciated by all farmers who attended the picnic.

Considerable credit is due Guy E. Toyne, of Rowan, who was in charge of the livestock exhibit both at Eagle Grove and at Des Moines. It is due to the untiring efforts of Mr. Toyne that the boys and girls of our county were able to make the proper showing of their livestock and poultry exhibits. All boys and girls who exhibited at Des Moines, also the parents of these youngsters, as well as the county agent, are very grateful to Mr. Toyne for his assistance in preparing the exhibit.

L. E. Wilson, of Eagle Grove, is entitled to great credit for the efficient manner in which he handled the poultry division of the boys' and girls' club exhibits. The farm bureau officials feel that they were fortunate in securing Mr. Wilson on the poultry committee. Mrs. A. L. Middleton of Eagle Grove and Mrs. L. F. Dorr, of Clarion worked faithfully in planning and arranging the girls' club exhibit and the splendid showing which was made at Eagle Grove shows that their efforts were well spent. F. F. Soults, of Clarion should be congratulated for the splendid manner in which finances of the farm bureau picnic were handled. There was an endless amount of work connected with the paying of the premiums and keeping definite account of the winnings. J. E. Kirstein arranged an athletic program which was enjoyed by everyone. The Eagle Grove picnic was a great success in every sense of the word and everyone who took part in making plans for the picnic should be proud of the record which has been made by our boys and girls in their first exhibit. Harry Poundstone, Mrs. Harry Woodley and Will Tillman were the wheel horses in planning and organizing the picnic and their efforts were reflected in the success of the affair.

Iowa Social At Richards' Farm

The regular monthly meeting of the Iowa Township Farm Bureau was held at the Charles Richards home two and one-half miles east of Rowan last Tuesday evening, September 4th. This meeting was in the nature of a business meeting and social. A short business meeting was held, after which an interesting program was enjoyed by all.

L. E. Hall, director of the farm bureau, was in charge of the meeting and opened the program with a short talk followed by a recitation by Lenora Olson and a reading by Doris Gunderson. This was followed by a violin solo by Anna Reitz, of Rowan. Mrs. A. C. Lieuwen, vice-director of the township farm bureau, gave a reading on "The Home." The county agent then gave a short talk, after which the speaker of the evening was introduced.

Rev. George A. Osborn, pastor of the Methodist church at Rowan, who gave the address of the evening, brought a message to the Iowa farmers which was interesting and inspiring. According to Mr. Osborn, the past two or three years have been a most depressing period for ministers of the gospel as well as farmers, business and professional men. Mr. Osborn says that farmers should organize because all other interests are organized and he thinks that the farmers' problems will be solved, not by organization alone, but by organization coupled with co-operation, coordination and an efficient and economical production.

Mr. Osborn's address was followed be a lively social in which all people of the community touched shoulders with one another and talked over problems of common interest. People of Iowa township feel that the social part of the programs is the important thing and the element which cements the people of the community closer together. Ice cream and cake were served by the good housewives of Iowa township, after which the party broke up at a late hour.

Lively Social At Sampson Home

The Joe Sampson home, two and one-half miles southeast of Belmond, was the scene of a lively social gathering last Wednesday when the regular monthly meeting of the township farm bureau was held at this place. The front yard was well lighted by an independent lighting system and seats were arranged to accomodate everyone.

Mrs. J. F. Henn, vice director of the Pleasant Township Farm Bureau, and Miss Grace Gartz, one of the local teachers, are responsible for the splendid program which was arranged. The first number on the program was .. selection by the mixed quartette from Belmond which was followed by several recitations and readings by school children under the direction of Miss Gartz. This was followed by a solo by Miss Lola Jenison. Special music was rendered by the local orchestra under the direction of Miss Barry. Everyone was well pleased with the music furnished by the orchestra, which is composed entirely of local young people.

A. L. Middleton, of Eagle Grove, who was to have given the address of the evening, was unable to be present and R. E. Lee Aldrich, of Iowa township, who happened to be present at the meeting, kindly consented to substitute for Mr. Middleton. Without any preparation or forethought Mr. Aldrich gave a short address which was very interesting to all who had the pleasure of hearing him. Mr. Aldrich is a student of farm problems and agricultural conditions in general and is always equal to the occasion when he is called upon to speak on any agricultural subject.

The remainder of the eening was spent in a real community social during which ice cream and cake were served by the ladies of the community. This part of the program is the part which is of most value to the members of the organization because it is during this time when the farmers of the community really get together and talk over one another's problems.

Joint Four Township Picnic Coming

Plans have been completed for holding a joint picnic between Vernon township of Wright county, Oakland township, of Franklin, Alden township of Hardin and Williams township of Hamilton. The picnic will be held on Wednesday, September 19th, in the Ed Evans grove in the southeast corner of Vernon township.

Soy Bean Demonstration Coming

Many livestock raisers are anxious to secure a home grown protein supplement to reduce the cost of production. Indications are that soy beans will be grown quite extensively to fill this need as soon as the methods of growing, harvesting and feeding the crop are thoroughly understood.

There is a great difference in the different varieties of soy beans and the success secured from the crop depends quite largely upon securing a variety suitable for the purpose intended. In order to determine in so far as possible varieties best adapted for local conditions, soy bean variety tests have been conducted on the W. F. Meachem form 2½ miles southeast of Clarion and the Louis Hauge farm. 2½ miles northwest of of Belmond, this year. Among the ten varieties in the tests are included early, medium and late maturing soy beans.

The county agent and Prof. M. A. Hauser, specialist from the extension service, will be at the test plats at the W. F. Mechem farm at 10:00 a. m., Friday, September 21st, and at the Louis Hauge farm at 2:00 p. m., on the same date, to secure the results and conduct a demonstration.

A group of five farmers of the Clarion territory including Harry Poundstone, Guy Holmes, Geo. Milled, N. H. Cooper and Lee Hill made a trip into southern Wisconsin near Blanchardville, Lafayette county, last week, where they purchased a carload of high grade and purebred Holstein dairy cattle.

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LOCALS

Miss Alice Munson went to Roland the first of the week to visit her sister, Mrs. Otis Twedt, a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hereim, Otis and Avis Hereim visited friends at Forest City, Sunday.

A. L. Nelson and son Theo. visited relatives at Des Moines, Sunday and Monday.

Leo Barry left Sunday evening for Dubuque, where he will attend Columbia college.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Martin and son, of Belmond, and "Bud" (Walter Jr.) Pritchard returned last week from a trip to Minnesota and Canada. They visited many points of interest and had a lovely trip. "Bud" was telling us of the trip and the thing that seemed to impress him most was the boat ride they had on Rainy Lake. They were gone about a month, and the Pritchard family managed things on the Martin farm at Belmond.—Signal.

Kinseth's Store News

Lots of excitement in the old town the past few days. Getting to be a regular city for having something doing.

—K—

There's always lots doing at the Store on the corner. One of the things doing this week is a special on dried plums at 9c a pound. Can you beat that? You can't! And we are offering apricots at 14th cents a pound too.

—K—

Then we have a Soap Deal, 20 bars of Grandma's Laundry Soap at 98 cents, with a ladies leather hand bag thrown in free. Now that's a real offer, folks, and we want you to take advantage of it. Come early, because 9those bags won't last very long.

Good graham crackers at 8 pounds for four dozen cents.

—K—

And the fresh fruit—peaches in boxes and bushels, fresh prunes in boxes, pears by the bushel, and the Bartlett pears in boxes—they are a combination of fruits that will be bound to tempt the taste of any one. Order yours early.

—K—

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—K—

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SYNOPSIS

Book One.

CHAPTER I.—Joan Landis, eighteen years old, wife of Pierre, is the daughter of John Carver, who murdered her mother for adultery. Her lonely life, with her father, in a Wyoming cabin, unbearable, Joan leaves him, to work in a hotel in a nearby town.

CHAPTER II.—Joan meets Pierre, and the two, mutually attracted, are married.

CHAPTER III.—Carver tells Pierre the story of Joan's mother. Days afterward, Pierre, seemingly for no reason, forges a cattle brand, telling Joan it's their brand, the Two-Bar.

CHAPTER IV.—In Pierre's absence Frank Holliwell, young minister, asks shelter for the night. Joan interests him, and finding she is anxious to learn he offers to bring her books.

CHAPTER V.—Holliwell brings the books. Pierre, jealous, forbids Joan to read them. He leaves, to be gone a week, and Joan turns to the books.

CHAPTER VI.—Pierre, returning unexpectedly, finds Joan reading. Maddened by jealousy and liquor, he ties Joan and burns the Two-Bar brand into her shoulder. Hearing her scream, a stranger bursts in and in a duel Pierre is shot. Joan faints.

CHAPTER VII.—The stranger revives Joan and, telling her Pierre is dead, urges her to go with him.

CHAPTER VIII.—At the stranger's home Joan's hurt is attended to.

CHAPTER IX.—The house belongs to Prosper Gael, writer, he living there with his Chinese valet, Wen Ho. With returned strength Joan would return to her home and "do something" for Pierre. Convinced her she has not the strength, Gael promises to go.

CHAPTER X.—Gael finds Pierre alive. He returns to Joan without being seen and tells the girl Pierre has been "cared for." She has no idea he is alive.

CHAPTER XI.—When her full strength returns, Gael, intensely interested in his companion, begins her "education."

And, in the Meantime, Her Education Went On.

She spread the silk out on the bed and found it a loose robe of dull blue, embroidered in silver dragons and lined with brilliant rose. There was a skirt of this same rose-colored stuff. In one weighted pocket she found a belt of silver coins and a little vest of creamy lace. There were rose silk stockings stuffed into the shoes. Joan eagerly arrayed herself. She had trouble with the vest, it was so filmy, so vaguely made it seemed to her, and to wear it at all she had to divest herself altogether of the upper part of her coarse underwear. Then it seemed to her startlingly inadequate, even as an undergarment. However, the robe did go over it, and she drew that close and belted it in. It was provided with long sleeves and fell to her ankles. She thrilled at the delightful clinging softness of silk stockings and for the first time admired her long, round ankles and shapely feet. The Chinese slippers amused her, but they were beautiful, all embroidered with flowers and dragons.

She felt she must look very queer, indeed, and went to the mirror. What she saw there surprised her because it was so strange, so different. Pierre had not dealt in compliments. His woman was his woman and he loved her body. To praise this body, surrendered in love to him, would have been impossible to the reverence and reserve of his passion.

Now Joan brushed and coiled her hair. Then, starting toward the door at Wen Ho's announcement of "Dinner, lady," she was quite suddenly overwhelmed by shyness. From head to foot for the first time in all her life she was acutely conscious of herself.

On that evening Prosper began to talk. It was Joan's amazing beauty as she stumbled wretchedly into the circle of his firelight, her neck drawn up to its full length, her head crowned high with soft, black masses, her lids dropped under the weight of shyness, vivid fright in her distended pupils, scarlet in her cheeks—Joan's beauty of long, strong lines draped to advantage for the first time in soft and clinging fabrics—that touched the spring of Prosper's delighted egotism.

He told anecdotes, strange adventures; he drew his own inverted morals; he sketched his fantastic opinions; he was in truth fascinating, a speaking face, a lithe, brilliant presence, a voice of edged persuasion. She drew herself up straight in the big red-lacquered chair, sipped her coffee in dainty imitation of him, gave him the full, deep tribute of her gaze, asked for no explanations and let the astounding statements he made, the amazing pictures he drew, cut their way indelibly into her most sensitive and preserving memory.

Afterward, at night, for the first time, she did not weep for Pierre, the old lost Pierre who had so changed into a torturer, but, wakeful, her brain was on fire, she pondered over and over the things she had just heard, feeling after their meaning, laying aside for future enlightenment what was utterly incomprehensible, arguing with herself as to the truth of half-comprehended speeches—an ignorant child wrestling with a modern philosophy, tricked out in motley by a ready wit.

He gave her "pretty things," whole quantities of them, fine linen to be made up into underwear, soft white and colored silks and crepes, which Joan, remembering the few lessons in dressmaking she had had from Maud Upper, and with some advice from Prosper, made up not too awkwardly, accepting the mystery of them as one of Prosper's magic-makings. And, in the meantime, her education went on. Prosper read aloud to her, tutored her, scolded her so fiercely sometimes that Joan would mount scarlet cheeks and open angry eyes. One day she fairly flung her book from her and ran out of the room, stamping her feet and shedding tears. But back she came presently for more, thirsting for knowledge, eager to meet her trainer on more equal grounds, to be able to answer him to some purpose, to contradict him, to stagger ever so slightly the self-assurance of his superiority.

And Prosper enjoyed the training of his captive leopardess, though he sometimes all but melted over the pathos of her and had much ado to keep his hands from her unconscious young beauty.

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It was a January night when Joan, her rough head almost in the ashes, had read "Isabella and the Pot of Basil" by the light of flames. It was in March, a gray, still afternoon, when, looking through Prosper's bookcase, she came upon the tale again.

Prosper was outdoors cutting a tunnel, freshly blocked with snow, and Joan, having finished the "Life of Cellini," a writer she loathed, but whose gorgeous fabrications her master had forced her to read, now hurried to the bookshelves in search of something more to her taste. She had the gay air of a holiday-seeker, returned "Cellini" with a smart push, and, kneeling, ran her finger along the volumes, pausing on a binding of bright blue-and-gold. It was the color that had pleased her and the fat, square shape, also the look of fair and well-spaced type. She took the book and squatted on the rug happy as a child with a new toy of his own choosing.

And then she opened her volume in its middle and her eye looked upon familiar lines—

"So the two brothers and their murdered man—"

Joan's heart fell like a leaden weight and the color dropped from her face. In an instant she was back in Pierre's room and the white night circled her in great silence and she was going over the story of her love and Pierre's—their love, their beautiful, grave, simple love that had so filled her life. And now where was she? In the house of the man who had killed her husband! She had been waiting for Holliwell, but for a long while now she had forgotten that. Why was she still here? A strange, guilty terror came with the question. She stared around the gorgeous little room, snug from the world, so secret in its winter canyon. She heard Wen Ho's incessant pattering in the kitchen, the crunch and thud of Prosper's shoveling outside. It was suddenly a horrible nightmare, or less a nightmare than a dream, pleasant in the dreaming, but hideous to an awakened mind. She was awake. That little homestead of Pierre's! Such a hunger opened in her soul that she bent her head and moaned. She could think of nothing now but those two familiar, bare, clean rooms—Pierre's gun, Pierre's rod, her own coat there by the door, the snowshoes. There was no place in her mind for the later tragedy. She had gone back of it. She would rather be alone in her own home, desolate though it was, than anywhere else in all the homeless world.

And what could prevent her from going? She laughed aloud—a short, defiant laugh—rippled to her feet, and, in her room, took off Prosper's "pretty things" and got into her own old clothes; the coarse underwear, the heavy stockings and boots, the rough skirt, the man's shirt. How loosely they all hung! How thin she was! Now into her coat, her woolen cap down over her ears, her gloves—she was ready, her heart laboring like an exhausted stag's, her knees trembling, her wrists mysteriously absent. She went into the hall, found her snowshoes, bent to tie them on, and, straightening up, met Prosper, who had come in out of the snow.

He was glowing from exercise, but at sight of her and her pale excitement, the glow left him and his face went bleak and grim. He put out his hand and caught her by the arm and she backed from him against the wall—this before either of them spoke.

"Where are you going, Joan?"

"I'm a-goin' home."

He let go of her arm. "You were going like this, without a word to me?"

"Mr. Gael," she panted, "I had a feelin' like you wouldn't 'a' let me go."

He turned, threw open the door, and stepped aside. She confronted his white anger.

"Mr. Gael, I left Pierre dead. I've been a-waitin' for Mr. Holliwell to come. I'm strong now. I must be a-goin' home." Suddenly she blazed out: "You killed my man. What hev I to do with you?"

He bowed. Her breast labored and all the distress of her soul, troubled by an instinctive, inarticulate consciousness of evil, wavered in her eyes. Her reason already accused her of ingratitude and treachery, but every fiber of her had suddenly revolted. She was all for liberty, she must have it.

He was wise, made no attempt to hold her, let her go; but, as she fled under the firs, her webs sinking deep into the heavy, uncrusted snow, he stood and watched her keenly. He had not failed to notice the trembling of her body, the quick lift and fall of her breast, the rapid flushing and paling of her face. He let her go.

And Joan ran, drawing recklessly on the depleted store of what had always been her inexhaustible strength. The snow was deep and soft, heavy with moisture, the March air was moist, too, not keen with frost, and the green firs were softly dark against an even, stone-colored sky of cloud. To Joan's eyes, so long imprisoned, it was all astonishingly beautiful, clean and grave, part of the old life back to which she was running. Down the canyon trail she floundered, her short skirt gathering a weight of snow, her webs lifting a mass of it at every tugging step. Her speed perforce slackened, but she plodded on, out of breath and in a sweat. She was surprised at the weakness; put it down to excitement. "I was afeered he'd make me stay," she said, and, "I've got to go. I've got to go." This went with her like a beating rhythm. She came to the opening in the firs, the foot of the steep trail, and out there stretched the valley, blank snow, blank sky, here and there a wooded ridge, then a range of lower hills, blue, snow-mottled; not a roof, not a thread of smoke, not a sound.

"I'm awful far away," Joan whispered to herself, and, for the first time in her life, she doubted her strength. "I don't rightly know where I am."

She looked back. There stood a high, familiar peak, but so were the outlines of these mountains jumbled and changed that she could not tell if Prosper's canyon lay north or south of Pierre's homestead. The former was high up on the foothills, and Pierre's was well down, above the river. From where she stood, there was no river-bed in sight. She tried to remember the journey, but nothing came to her except a confused impression of following, following, following. Had they gone toward the river first and then turned north or had they traveled close to the base of the giant range? The ranger's cabin where they had spent the night, surely that ought to be visible. If she went farther out, say beyond the wooded spur which shut the mountain country from her sight, perhaps she would find it.

Continued next week.

SEEING AND HEARING

Two students on a train were telling about abilities to see and hear. The one says; "Do you see that barn over there on the horizon?

"Yes."

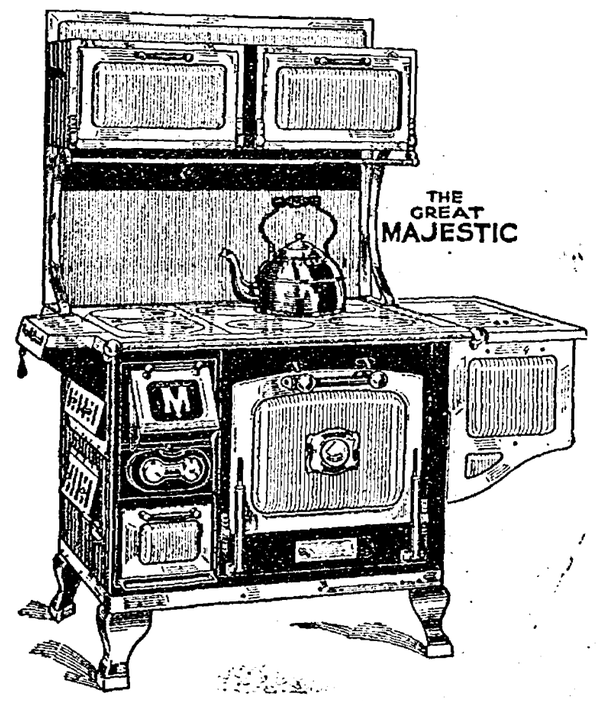
"Can you see that fly walking around on the roof of that barn?"

"No, but I can hear the shingles crack when he steps on them."—Awgan.

Some people in this burg never become so scared their hair stands on end. Ain't got no hair.

Your Opportunity

THIS is your opportunity to place a *New 1923 Model Great Majestic Range* in your kitchen at a real bargain.
By all means don't fail to see the NEW MODEL MAJESTIC. It's the last word in modern range construction. Many, many improvements have been added to this already famous range and its graceful stream line beauty will please you immensely. Make it your business to drop in our store at least one day during our



Special Exhibit and Sale of GREAT MAJESTIC RANGES

ONE WEEK ONLY!

September 10th to 15th

Ask your friends and neighbors to come with you—we are so delighted with the New Model MAJESTIC that we want everyone to see it. Come whether you buy or not. Let the factory representative, who will be with us all week, show you just how the MAJESTIC is made—inside and outside—show you the true reasons why this wonderful range performs, looks and lasts so much longer than other ranges.

FREE--During This Exhibit Only!

Look at this fine set of cooking utensils! This set may be yours absolutely without cost, just for deciding to buy your Great Majestic Range this week instead of later.

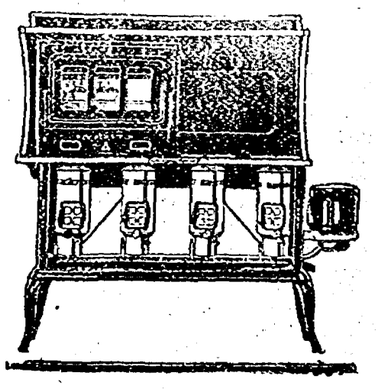
It is of pure heavy copper highly polished and of exquisite design. Every woman falls in love with it on sight—don't fail to drop in and see it.

As a further inducement to visit our store during Sale Week, we will give a 15 per cent Cash Discount on all New Perfection and Superfex Oil Ranges sold from Sept. 10th to 15th.

Let the factory representative give you the opinion of an experienced expert. He will show you the many features of the new MAJESTIC that have gained for it the proud position of being the most dependable and beautiful range in America.

Reputation in a range is something to be carefully considered before buying, for reputation is made up of tests successfully passed.

Choose the style of new MAJESTIC that meets your individual need and preference, the practical, durable economic and matchless cooking qualities that have always distinguished the MAJESTIC ranges are the same in every type. In addition to its superior working qualities, the new MAJESTIC by its handsome design and graceful artistic appearance, gives a touch of beauty to any kitchen. It is not only the best range to work with, it is the best to live with.



CATO C. GRIESY

Belmond, Iowa

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

The Frank Barry family entertained a number of young folks from Forest City, last week, in honor of Leo Barry, who left Sunday evening to attend school at Dubuque.

Mrs. Brand returned from Henry, South Dakota, Tuesday. She had been there this summer visiting her son, C. G. Glidden.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Meyer, of Titonka came Sunday for a visit at the home of Mrs. Ben Stadtlander.

E. A. Pierce is improving his residence by a coat of paint.

Louis Tokman is in Duluth, Minnesota, this week on a business mission.

Elmer Sheriff, John McCabe, Andrew Coppernagle and J. S. Kernan were visitors last week at the Minnesota State Fair.

E. Bock was a visitor last week at the Minnesota State Fair.

Celia Finn went to Dumont, Tuesday, to attend the wedding of Carl Nordschow and Irma Leese.

Miss Veronica McNamara left last week for Fort Dodge, where she will attend Tobin college this year.

Mrs. Tom Whelan had the misfortune to fall off the back step at her home last week, suffering a badly sprained and dislocated ankle.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Woods, of Chicago, came Sunday for a few days' visit at the home of John Zook. Mrs. Woods is a sister of Mr. Zook. Tuesday the three of them left for Greenfield, Iowa, where they will visit another sister for a few days.

R. D. Box is the owner of a new Overland Red Bird.

The city of Clarion has opened a large amount of its new paving, and a vast improvement is evident. You can now travel all over the town without danger of getting stuck in the mud. As soon as the roads leading into town are graveled, Clarion will be in fine shape. The roads are graded up, ready for gravel, and until the gravel is spread the wise motorist will stay off in wet weather.

Jack Dempsey, the heavyweight champion, and Lewis Angel Firpo, the Argentine contender, will mix tomorrow night at the Polo grounds, New York City. Local fight fans are planning to get the returns via radio and save that ten dollars for a seat.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fetrow started Sunday for points in Minnesota on a vacation and fishing trip.

This warm weather is doing wonders for the corn crop. A large amount of corn is now beyond danger of frost, and a few more days of sunshine will bring it all over the danger line. The crop, from present prospects, will be a good one, altho not an exceptionally large yield.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Nihoof returned last Saturday from Albert Lea, Minnesota, where they had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nelson. Mrs. Nelson is a niece of Mr. Nihoof.

C. J. Schmalle brought the Independent editor a sample of his 1923 muskmelon crop the other day. Said sample was as large as a watermelon, dripping with juices, and we wish to extend our thanks. Mr. Schmalle's "compliments" are certainly good ones.

Mr. Chas. Best, of Burchinal, Iowa, motored to Belmond last Wednesday to visit his son, Ray, and family.

A card from Mrs. Carrie Sheffield, who is enroute by auto with her daughter to California, where they will make their home, reports that they are having a nice trip. While near Lake City, Iowa, a road hog crowded their car to the side of the road, where they tipped in the ditch. Fortunately no one was injured and the party were soon on their way again. As Mrs. Sheffield expressed it, "Scared but whole." They are headed for Long Beach.

That the modern way to sell goods is to let the buyer know all about them, is well illustrated at the demonstration of the Majestic Range in the store of Cator C. Griesy, all this week. An expert from the factory is showing how the Majestic has won its reputation through its rugged construction, heat-tight seams, perfect damper and draft control, fine, permanent finish, and other characteristics. A fine set of cooking utensils is being given away free, with every range purchased during the week.

Mrs. Martin, of Superior, Wisconsin, returned to her home Thursday after a few days' visit at the Ray Best and Edwin Schmalle homes.

Chas. Thiltgen, of Belmond, and R. C. Morrison, of Fort Dodge, are looking forward with pleasure to a contemplated trip to Clear Lake for a battle with the reported school of young whales that have gotten into the lake. Bets are heavy on Charley.

Mrs. M. S. Harrison has returned from a trip to Omaha, Nebraska.

B. T. Benson, of Kanawha, was in town last week, enroute to Santa Rosa, California, where he will visit his folks, Rev. and Mrs. Geo. Shurson, and Mrs. R. Benson.

Thursday last a storm hovered over the town, which looked rather dangerous for a time, but which passed on east and southeast, where a very heavy rain fell, accompanied by a hard wind. A little damage from wind was done on some farms.

E. E. Boughton and family and guests spent Sunday at Clear Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hughes went to Montana last week, to look after their ranch. Oil has been discovered near their land.

Mrs. Berighter from Peru, Illinois is visiting friends here this week, and looking after her farming interests east of town.

Miss Grace Boughton went to Mason City, Sunday, to visit relatives, and to shop. She returned Monday evening.

Geo. Loupe and family from Newton spent the week end at the E. E. Boughton home.

D. E. Packard and son, Ned, drove to Wisconsin, Sunday, where they will spend a week fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Hero Frohling returned Sunday from Clear Lake where they had been visiting two of their daughters, who reside there.

Rev. and Mrs. Wipperman drove to Grimes, Iowa, Monday, for a few days' visit with relatives.

Jas. Kenefick, Bob Wilson and Pete Amblie returned last week from their Minnesota trip, where they spent a couple of weeks fishing and camping. Jim says they had a fine time, and that the fishing was great. Crops up there he reports as good as Iowa's in the southern part of the state, especially the corn. He was very much struck with the tourist camp at Brainard, and says it is worth the while of any motorist to go out of his way to camp there.

The Royal Neighbors met at the home of Mrs. E. M. Lathrop on Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Geo. Butts was taken into the order as a member. Delicious refreshments were served by the committee in charge.

Dr. C. W. Wassam of Iowa City paid a flying visit to his sister, Mrs. W. J. Buchanan, last Saturday. He had just finished his lectures on a chautauqua course and was on his way home. He has taught in the State University for 20 years.

The Cemetery Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. Ed. Bailey on Friday, September 14th. The hostesses are Mesdames Bailey, Webb, H. F. Luick and Miss Tracy.

E. E. Boughton has moved his second hand store from the building near the Community station to the building recently occupied by the Jones Harness Co.

A slight change has been made in the time of the Rock Island passenger train left for service. The only passenger left is the combination, which goes north now at 2:10 p. m. instead of 2:15, and south at 11:50 a. m. instead of 11:46.

Mrs. M. C. Barry and Mrs. Wm. Nelson entertained at an afternoon tea at the home of Mrs. Barry, Saturday afternoon. It was quite an elaborate affair. The color scheme was white and yellow, even the waitresses costumes being in those colors. A two-course luncheon was served.

H. G. Nordschow and family drove to Dumont this week Tuesday, to attend the wedding of his brother, Carl, to Miss Irma Leese.

If you have a stove to sell, now is the time, and an Independent Want Ad will sell it for you.

Miss Mary Brown, Miss Selma Hill and Miss Ferriel went to Mason City, Saturday, with Mr. and Mrs. Anderson in their car and spent the day.

Mr. Hauge, from Des Moines, was a guest of his brother, E. G. Hauge, last week.

Twenty per cent discount on all Royal Society school dresses at the Hat Shoppe.

Mrs. Rosecrans drove to Des Moines, Tuesday to purchase some new goods for the Hat Shoppe.

SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY
We have placed on sale one lot of Ladies Fall and Winter Hats. Your choice for only $4.98.—Mrs. Emma Norton.

Mr. and Mrs. Major, of Mason City, attended the funeral, Sunday, of little Murieul Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Bailey autoed to Iowa City, Tuesday, Mrs. McBurney accompanying them as far as Cedar Rapids.

The F. O. Fitts and I. H. Benson families returned Monday from their Minnesota trip.

Mrs. Jas. Adams was hostess to the Priscilla club on Wednesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stebbleton of Britt were guests at the Wallace Ramsay home Sunday.

Mr. Anderson, of Iowa City, spent the week end with his wife, who is 8th grade teacher here.

Miss White spent the past week with Miss Miller. She left for school at Cedar Falls, Monday.

Word received by friends of Mr. and Mrs. Fyler of the arrival of a fine baby girl at their home the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Scott returned last week from their auto trip to points in Minnesota.

Wm. Chase was visiting friends in Belmond a few days last week. He has been at Fort Des Moines the past six months, in the Ninth Artillery of the U. S. Army. He went to Chicago the latter part of last week, where he took the examinations for entrance to the Coast Guard. He will go to New London, Connecticut, to government school for a three years' course in engineering. Upon graduation he will rank as Ensign. The coast guard service in peace times is a separate branch, but in time of war automatically becomes a part of the navy. "Bill" was appointed alternate to West Point, but the man receiving first chance took it so he was unable to go to the Point and is taking the coast guard service instead. Bill's host of friends in Belmond wish him every good thing in his work.

Mrs. J. R. Macdonald spent Friday at Belmond.—Monitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Crist Stadtlander and family, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Bekker an Miss Anna Sprenzel were guests at the Bert Stadtlander home Sunday.

Mrs. Lyman Steenblock, who received a broken limb while in the car in which she was riding a few weeks ago, was taken to the hospital at Iowa City last Saturday and will undergo an operation.—Dows Advocate.

The W. F. M. S. closed their business of the year at the last meeting of the Conference year, held at the parsonage Sept. 6th. No lesson was taken up as the time was filled with business, Mite box opening and mystery questions. Mrs. Ramsay was chosen president because she seems to be the right person in the right place. The members felt they could not do without her for another year at least. Mrs. H. F. Luick was elected vice president. Mrs. F. E. Snyder Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. F. Bailey Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. L. Gowdy Treasurer, Mrs. Charles Hedges Mite Box Treasurer, Mrs. Wilkinson, Supt. of Standard Bearers, Mrs. Trafford Supt. King's Heralds, Mrs. Crozier Supt. Little Light Bearers. A good year is anticipated judging by the enthusiasm shown. Mrs. Wilkinson served dainty refreshments.
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Twenty-six million penny Christmas seals have just been received at the office of the Iowa Tuberculosis Association. They will be distributed throughout every county in the state and sold during the annual Christmas seal campaign, which opens formally December 1st.

The work of organization will begin early in September with the appointment of committees in every county by the local health organizations.

The proceeds of the seal sale are used by the local associations in various forms of child health work, nursing, health education, fresh air camps, clinics, etc., and a portion by the State Association in the prevention of tuberculosis both in humans and animals, and in general health work.

This is the fifteenth annual Christmas seal sale. During the fifteen years in which the money thus raised has been used in preventing disease and promoting health the tuberculosis death rate has been reduced fifty cent, infant mortality twenty per cent and the general death rate ten per cent.

The design of this year's seal, possibly in response to the suggestions coming from Iowa local chairmen, contains Santa Claus and the colors are the conventional Christmas green and red.

WANT ADS

Two cents per word first insertion; one cent per word ensuing insertions.

FOR SALE

For Sale—One new Ford touring car and one new Chevrolet touring car.—Nordschow Motor Co.

For Sale—Wagon, disc, scoop board, a barrel, 75 feet of inch and one-four rope, bath tub, and a number of other articles. Call at the house.—D. H. Hake. 43tfc.

For Sale—Check protector, good as new. Inquire at Independent. tf

For Sale—New Chevrolet Coupe. Call or phone 206. 422c

For Sale—Brass bed, spring and mattress. Inquire at Independent. 1*

Wanted—A high school girl to work for board and room. Inquire at Independent.

Found—License plate and tail light. Owner can have same by calling at Independent and paying cost of advertising. 423c

Lost—Sterling Silver Bar Pin, between telephone office and John Dempsey's. Return to telephone office. 1c

For Gasoline, Kerosene and Lubricating oil, call phone 39½.—Belmond Deep Rock oil Co. 32tfc

BELMOND MARKETS
(Subject to change.)

Hens, heavy	17c
Hens, light	12c
Roosters	07c
Springs	18c
Leghorns	08c
Geese	10c
Ducks	12c
Turkeys	25c
Eggs	27c
Cream	42c
Creamery Butter	45c
Oats	31c
Corn	75c

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GOODYEAR Service Station

THE best footing your car can get on rain-swept streets and slippery hills is the gripping All-Weather Tread of a Goodyear Tire. The high, thick, sharp-edged blocks of that famous tread take a slipless hold and hang on with a wedgelike action that prevents side-slip or skidding.

As Goodyear Service Station Dealers we sell and recommend the new Goodyear Cords with the beveled All-Weather Tread and back them up with standard Goodyear Service

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GOODYEAR

THEY GET OVER IT

Old Si Chestnut says: "All men may be born equal, but they get over it before they die."

Indeed they do. Some succeed. Many fail. In which class will YOU be found? Two things are necessary to attain financial success—the opportunity to make money and the ability to SAVE it. In the matter of saving, a good Bank like ours can help you. We invite you to bank with us.

Belmond Savings Bank

Belmond, Iowa

Greater Values---

REMEMBER—Every Overcoat ordered here is made from genuine ALL WOOL FABRICS and strictly made to your own individual measurements.
PRICES FROM $30 TO $60
ALL KINDS OF FABRICS ALL STYLES

New Belmond Tailor Shop
F. J. TUFFREE
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WHERE A DOLLAR DOES ITS DUTY

Mason City and Manly, Iowa

31 years of straight forward merchandising with none of the quack methods.

When we buy we consider wear, style, size and all-round goodness.

When we sell you, you get this same all round goodness---there is no gamble.

Our stocks for Fall and Winter are ready.

Lots of style
Fine quality
Wide variety
at the lowest prices that this satisfying clothing can be sold.

PUMPKIN CONTEST
Boys, bring in your pumpkins week of October 1st

Quality Food

FRESH MEATS
FRUITS
GROCERIES

Cash Market

The Place of Everything To Eat
J. P. Larsen & Sons Belmond, Iowa
Phone 60 and We'll Deliver

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Belmond People In Auto Wreck Friday

Supt. Guthrie And Three High School Boys Crashed Into By Aged Speeder.

NOT HURT SERIOUSLY, THO

Supt. W. J. Guthrie, Sam Leinbach, Claude Johnson, and Ira Studebaker were victims of a speed demon last Friday night when the car they were riding in was struck head-on by a Buick, driven by Henry Dickman, of Sumner, Bremer county. All four were more or less bruised and shaken up, but fortunately none of them seriously.

The four were returning from Clear Lake, where the school foot ball team had played that afternoon. Supt. Guthrie was driving his own car, a Chevrolet touring, with Leinbach in the front seat beside him, and Johnson and Studebaker in the back seat. The accident occured on the paving between Garner and Clear Lake, about two miles east of Garner. Dickman, a man of close to 75 years of age, and his wife were coming from the west at a rate of speed said to have been 35 miles an hour. Dickman, not knowing the road, did not see the turn going north in time to slow up, and attempted to make it on the wrong side of the road. Guthrie was going about 10 to 12 miles an hour, preparatory to making the turn. The big Buick swung around the corner on the wrong side of the paving and smashed squarely head-on into the Chevrolet. Guthrie was thrown forward against the wheel, while Leinbach and Studebaker shot out sideways with such force that they took practically the whole side of the car with them. Leinbach struck on his head, suffering a concussion which left him dazed for some time. Studebaker was cut and bruised, as was Johnson. Guthrie suffered several bad cuts and bruises and a sprained knee. All of them, however, are coming fine and were not seriously injured.

Mrs. Dickman was quite badly injured, being thrown forward against the instrument board and suffered very badly injured knees. The injured were all taken to Garner for treatment, and Saturday Mrs. Dickman was reported doing nicely.

Guthrie's car was a total wreck, and Saturday Dickman gave him a check for the whole thing and took it off his hands. Crowds of Garner people were out to view the scene and the wrecks of the two cars, the universal opinion being that Dickman was old enough to know better than drive so fast on a strange road, a narrow pavement, after dark. As it turned out, it was a lucky accident for all concerned but it might very easily have been a fatal one. The Belmond folks do not understand yet why it wasn't.

BELMOND FIREMEN GIVEN HIGH PRAISE BY KLEMME

The Klemme Times last week pays high tribute to the valor and efficiency of the Belmond Fire Department, which assisted in fighting the recent blaze at the neighboring town. The Times said in part:

"A call was put in for the Belmond Fire Company to bring their chemical truck. They made a record run and arrived in 25 minutes. They got their engine in operation and turned chemicals into the pool hall and checked the fire which was then raging high and was very threatening. The Belmond fire boys are to be complimented on their quick trip and ability as fire fighters, and it was demonstrated that a chemical truck should be installed in Klemme. The fire had too great a start to really show the best work of chemicals, but those who stood in the alley and had a full view of the entire building declare the flames seemed to sink away as the chemical was applied.

AUTO CRASH HERE SATURDAY

Ellis Burke, driving his big taxi car, ran into Mrs. Curtis Luick, driving a Ford touring car, Saturday afternoon at the Independent corner on Main street. Mrs. Luick was just about to turn the corner, and had thrown out her hand signalling her intention. Burke was so close behind her that he could not stop in time, and crashed into the rear end of the Ford. The left rear wheel was broken off. The wrecked car was hauled to the Belmond Auto Co. garage, where Mr. Burke stood the repair bill. No one was injured.

DISTRICT COURT ITEMS

The next term of the Wright county district court which convenes at Clarion October 1st, will be the largest in point of the number of cases in the history of the county. The total number of cases docketed is 365, classified as follows: Old cases carried forward from previous terms, 173; new cases 97; probate 77; criminal 16; juvenile 1; widow pensions 1. To complicate matters there is some talk of bringing the Sheffield bank failure case from Franklin county to this court on a change of venue. The bank case would probably take at least two weeks of the four alloted to the October term and that would be equivalent to throwing a monkey wrench into the "wheels of justice" as the local bar has spent much time, in preparing their own cases for trial. It is doubtful if officers of a defunct bank would find any more sympathy in this county than at home.

Thursday, September 20th. was the last day for filing cases for the October term of court. There is an unusually large docket this term.

R. N. Cowin, Ralph Storm and Nicholas Webber pray the insurance of a temporary writ of injunction restraining Frank Patton, John Hammill. Walter C. Ramsay, Glenn Hayness and W. J. Burbank from interferring with the possession of the plaintiffs in certain real estate lying adjacent to the easterly shore of Wall Lake in Wright county, Iowa from building roads upon said premises or in any manner taking property of plaintiffs: that upon final hearing said injunction be made permanent and that plaintiffs have judgment for costs. A temporary injunction was issued last week by Judge Clock of Hampton.

W. K. Roosevelt of Clarion demands judgment against Clair Meacham and Mrs. Clair Meacham for $143.87 on an unpaid note.

Della E. Lamb of Belmond asks that she be granted a divorce from A. L. Lamb on the grounds of cruelty. She also desires $500 temporary alimony and such permanent alimony as the court may deem fair. They were married November 1907, at Taylorville, Ill., and lived togetner until September 18th of this year.

Unique Fibre Products Co., vs. R. Thompson is an appeal on a decision rendered in the justice court of Pleasant township. The plaintiff sought payment of $49.50 from defendant for merchandise. Jury in above court decided in favor of defendant, hence the appeal.

Board of supervisors of Wright county, acting for drainage district No. 177 vs. Belmond Construction Co., E. F. Bailey manager, is a controversy arising over said drainage ditch. Plaintiff states that due to negligence on the part of defendant in constructing the drain large quantities of dirt entered same; that said defendant has received the full contract price of $9,750. Thereafter said board caused drain to be cleaned at the expense of $1051.63. Defendant has paid on said damage the sum of $500.00, but there still remains unpaid $551.63, in which amount plaintiff asks judgment.

W. A. Parsons of Belmond is defendant in a suit brought by Wyman Partridge & Co. for $355.94, the balance due on a merchandise account. John U. Farwell Co. also brings suit against same defendant for $117.07.

Henrietta Frohling of Belmond appeals to the district court from decision of commissioners of insanity, who held a hearing in Belmond April, 1923 and found her insane and ordered her committed to the state hospital. —Monitor

THIRD INFANTRY NOT TO RETURN THRU BELMOND

The Third Infantry, which camped at Belmond last June enroute from Fort Snelling to Fort Des Moines, and who have been at the latter place all summer, will not return thru Belmond as had been hoped. They began the march back to Fort Snelling last week, taking the Jefferson Highway. They will be at Hampton today. Enroute home they have a few less men, but have more equipment, including 16 machine guns and a tank.

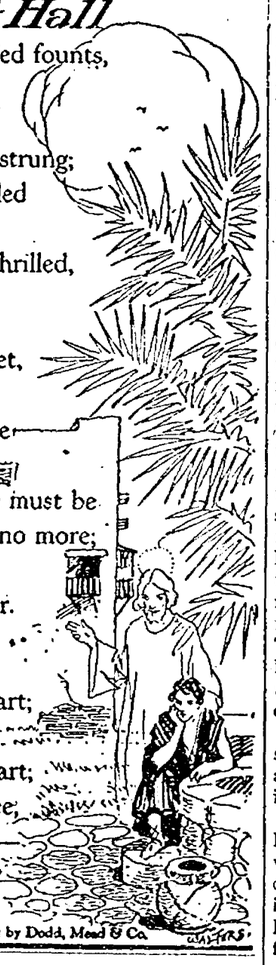
ALL WANT CHEMICAL TRUCKS

Since the recent fire at Klemme, and the practical demonstration given by the Belmond boys with our chemical truck, Klemme and Garner are starting agitation to secure similar protection. Papers in both towns are strong for such a fire truck, and sentiment seems to be favorable.

Dr. G. F. McBurney is the owner of a new Chevrolet coupe purchased of the Belmond Motor Sales Co.

A PRAYER

By Grace E. Hall



Lord, I have drunk from strange and varied founts,
And still a thirst is dry upon my tongue;
I am not satisfied; the fever mounts
Within my veins; my nerves are harshly strung;
No substance have I garnered that has filled
The emptiness of soul that still is mine,
Though mortal joy for fleeting hour has thrilled,
It palled at last, like vapid, tasteless wine.

Lay Thou upon my lips some potion sweet,
For I have tasted aloes—aye, and gall!
'Tis but in fairness I should have complete
In final years, exemption from it all;
Assuage this thirst! Some fountain there must be
Where others have been blessed, to long no more;
Give one full draught of happiness to me,
That Life, long loitering, has failed to pour.

There is a sedative within Thy grace—
I've seen its power transform a human heart;
It leaves a nameless calm upon the face,
Gives strength to live and play a nobler part;
The founts of life are bubbling full and free,
But sediment encrusts each brimming cup—
Hold Thou against my lips eternally
Thy living truth—and let me humbly sup.

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NOTHING BUT PRAISE FOR TREATMENT HERE

The men and officers of Troop "G", 14th U. S. Cavalry, who camped here last Wednesday and Thursday, had nothing but the highest praise for the treatment accorded them during their stay in Belmond. Captain Orland S. Peabody, commanding, desired the Independent to express the most sincere thanks of he and his men to the citizens of Belmond, of the Legion Auxiliary, and the American Legion for the treatment given them. Of all the places they camped, going or coming, the Captain said Belmond was by far the best, and the men hated to leave.

The Troop arrived at 12:45 p. m. Wednesday, camping on the grounds just south of the Pat Dillon residence. A ball game and drill had been scheduled, but owing to the rain was cancelled. Some of the horses were in bad shape, and the Captain decided to lay over a day, give the horses a rest and stage the drill and game Thursday. The rain again made this impossible, much to the disappointment of both citizens and troops.

Spring chickens and home-made pies were sent the men Wednesday, with two boxes of apples. Thursday the Auxiliary ladies sent a batch of pies. The Legion turned their hall over to the men, and furnished them 15 pounds of candy. R. H. Klemme gave them the use of an empty house to bunk in, and the men greatly appreciated this act, their "pup tents" being a poor place in the rain. Bill Dempsey gave them a big feed of fresh pop corn, and the men certainly cleaned it up. They left Friday morning firmly convinced that Belmond is "some town!"

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The Ladies Missionary society will meet at the home of Mrs. C. P. Luick on Thursday afternoon. A full attendance will be appreciated.

Next Sunday we will have with us Rev. Henry Tuttle of Raymond, Illinois, who will preach both morning and night.

Our regular quarterly businesss meeting will be held next Tuesday, October 2. Let us have a full attendance.

COUNTY ATTORNEY GETS ANOTHER HOOCH STILL

County Attorney Jensen gathered in another still last Saturday, when one was found among the effects of one Fred Burback, a Russian residing on the hill west of town, which were being sold at auction to satisfy a judgment for debts. The still was concealed in a box containing some clothing, and consisted of the usual coils and a milk can. It was taken to Clarion, where an indictment will doubtless be returned against the owner. Burback has left the country, going, it is said, to Green Bay, Wisconsin.

SAM LIEUWEN INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Relatives here of Sam Lieuwen receive word last week of his serious injury in an auto mishap at Green Bay, Wisconsin. According to present knowledge, Sam was either struck by another car, or else ran into a culvert, last week Monday. Two men in a car brought him to a doctor, and then went after Mrs. Lieuwen. They told her that Sam had run into a culvert, but when Sam regained consciousness he denied this, declaring he was smashed into head-on by a big car. He was badly cut up, being thrown thru the windshield of his own car. His scalp was cut to pieces, both legs badly gashed in places to the bone, and his nose cut off so that it hung down over his mouth. Reports from Mrs. Lieuwen state, however, that he is coming along very nicely and making a rapid recovery. His car was more or less wrecked, both front wheels being broken, fenders smashed, windshield and top broken, and the engine driven back into the front seat of the car. At this writing, no clew has been found as to the identity of the parties in the other car.

GET STRAIGHT ON GAME LAWS

Once in a while the deputy game wardens get things slightly twisted and lay down the law from their own interpretation of it. Exceptions were taken to such an article published in this and other papers which came from the Clear Lake officer. In order to settle the matter local sportsmen took the same up and Dr. Roosevelt wrote to headquarters for information. Following is the letter in full as it will be of interest to sportsmen throughout the county:

State of Iowa
Fish and Game Department
Des Moines
September 13, 1923

Dr. T. T. Roosevelt,
Clarion, Iowa.
Dear Sir:

This law regarding shooting before sunrise on the waters of the state reads, "no person shall at any time hunt or shoot from any boat, canoe, contrivance or device whatever on any of the waters of this state between sunset or sunrise." The federal law prohibits shooting ducks on land between sunset and one-half hour before sunrise.

Since the law reads that no shooting shall be done on the waters of the state before sunrise from any boat, canoe, or other water conveyance, one would be within the law in wading out and standing in the water and shooting providing it was not before one-half hour before sunrise. Any birds shot from land during the period between one-half hour before sunrise and sunset could be picked up by the hunter if he waded out and got them.

If shooting from a boat, one can go out and get set for the shoot and set decoys at any time but no shooting shall be done before sunrise.

Very truly yours,
I. G. Rhoads,
Secretary
—Monitor

BELMOND SCHOOL NOTES

The Wright County Teachers Institute will be held in Clarion, Thursday and Friday of this week. The Belmond teachers are required to attend. Consequently school will be closed on those days.

Advantage will be taken of the vacation at the end of this week to make certain changes in the school building. The manual training department will be moved to the lunch room south of the gymnasium. The lunch pupils will be accomodated on the balcony of the gymnasium for the present. The manual training room is to be fitted up as a school room and will be occupied by the eighth grade. The partition separating the present eighth grade room from the home economics department will be taken out and moved to the opening from the manual training room into the staining room. Thus the room originally intended as a sewing room will be restored to the home economics department. This room, altho very small has been used as a school room for the past two years. The staining room will be turned into a store room opening off the outer office. This room is badly needed, as there has been no place to keep school supplies, supplementary reading, etc.

Additional pupils entered this week so that our total enrollment is now about 565. Every nook and cranny in the building is in use.

The first fire drill of the year was held Tuesday morning. No attempt was made to establish a speed record. Pupils passed out quietly and in order. There was no confusion. Later on, as plans are perfected, the fire drill can be conducted a little quicker and smoother.

Mr. Varland, of the State Bank, and a Mr. Cobble, from Lincoln, Nebraska, spent Tuesday morning visiting each room in order to talk on the subject of thrift and saving. A well worked out plan for encourageing boys and girls to save their pennies and nickles was presented. This plan contemplates the establishment of a savings account and should be encouraged by every parent. One cannot start too early to inculcate habits of saving and economy in children.

Our football team played Clear Lake, Friday. During the first half our boys held the score 0 to 0. In the second half Clear Lake made two touchdowns. We consider that our boys played very well considering their inexperience.

Next Friday we play Garner at Garner. The boys are having some strenuous practice this week and will be able to play a better game than they did last Friday.

The first Literary program will be given by Division I next week, Friday, Oct. 5.

Harvey Chapman and Caryl McIntyde visited high school Friday. They left Monday for Ames where they will attend scool.

Alvin Hauge of the Sophomore class was operated upon for appendicitis. He is improving, but it will be some time before he can be back at school.

Imogene Goerts from Mason City, a friend of Miriam Gibbs, visited in high school Monday.

The Senior Normal Training students are planning to attend the county institute at Claron.

GOODELL PUPILS STRIKE AGAINST K. K. K.

The pupils of the Goodell school staged a spectacular strike Monday afternoon of this week. The substance of the affair seems to be as follows:

One of the high school teachers was called away by the death and funeral of a relative, and a teacher from Goodell substituted for her. It is claimed that this substitute teacher's immediate male relatives are Klan members, and the pupils refused to go to school under her for that reason, altho, as we understand it, it was not claimed the teacher herself was a member.

The pupils all struck with the exception, it is said, of eight, and after staging a parade down the main street of the town singing the Star Spangled Banner and carrying placards declaring "We Won't Work For The K. K. K." they had a big picnic and weiner roast down by the river.

It is not known at this time what action, if any, will be taken by the school authorities.

Later: It is reported that all who participated in the strike, excepting one or two, have signed an apology and the storm is over.

Wednesday afternoon and evening and all that night, brought about the hardest rain this vicinity has experienced this year. It poured for hours straight Wednesday evening, and did not let up until Thursday forenoon. Roads were a mass of mud, and travel on the dirt almost impossible for a day or two.

Belmond Loses First Game of the Season

Hold Clear Lake Team To A Draw In First Half But Go Down In Second.

BOYS PLAY GREAT GAME

Belmond High went down to defeat before Clear Lake in the first foot ball game of the season, played at Clear Lake last Friday before a mob of wild-eyed fans, 14 to 0.

Clear Lake won, but they can consider that had the god of luck not played a prominent part on their behalf, the result would have been different, far different. The two teams were about as evenly matched as could be, and a terrific struggle for the first half was carried on in the center of the field, with Belmond having a slight edge. The boys fought superbly, and held their heavier opponents to a standstill.

A series of forward passes on the part of Belmond pushed the ball nearly to the Clear Lake line. Three beautiful passes, perfectly executed, netted Belmond over half the field. Line smashes and end runs carried them to within a few feet of a touchdown, where the Lakites made a desperate, last-ditch stand—and held them!

This was the second time Belmond had nearly scored. In the second half, with the ball about a yard from the line, and in Belmond's hands, first down, the whistle blew for the half. Another minute and it would have been over.

In the last quarter, two lucky breaks, combined with some very good work in interference by Clear Lake, gave them their first touchdown. A delayed kick fell into Clear Lake hands, and was returned about 30 yards. An end run, with almost perfect interference, netted six points, and the extra on the kick for goal.

Clear Lake then used a series of end runs with a punt, and placed the ball next to Belmond's line, where two line smashes carried it over, with a point for goal.

Clear Lake outclassed the boys in end runs and interference, which, with their additional weight, counted. But Belmond had them dizzy on forward passes, and worked the fake pass to tatters for big gains. They held the line equally as good, and were faster on their feet. Their interference was poor, however, and the Lakites took every advantage of this fact. The break of luck gave the game to Clear Lake; with the two teams so evenly matched nothing, really but luck could decide it. The Clear Lake boys are a mighty good outfit, heady and willing and full of pep, and are going to make a good team. Belmond does not feel at all bad over losing, and in truth are as proud as peacocks over the showing of the boys. We are going to have an honest-to-goodness foot ball team here before very long, and it deserves the strongest support of the town. The first home game, with Kanawha on October 5, should see Belmond on hand in full war paint.

The next game on the schedule is with Garner, at Garner, tomorrow, Friday afternoon.

TILTON-COATES

Mrs. Mary Tilton and Mr. Wm. M. Coates were united in marriage at the Congregational church, Monday afternoon at three o'clock, the Rev. S. U. Leinbach officiating. They will reside in Belmond.

Mrs. Coates has been making her home for some time with Mrs. Pernell. Mr. Coates is a mill worker, and comes from Fort Dodge.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP SOCIAL

The regular monthly meeting and social time of the Pleasant Township Farm Bureau will be held at the J. F. Henn home next Wednesday evening, October 3rd. Miss Hazel Thomas, of the Belmond High School, will give an address. The usual good program has been arranged, and everybody is invited.

KLEMME FIRE LOSS $20,000

The Klemme Times, summing up their fire, says, Aaron Grieman, proprietor of the Ford Garage, estimates his loss at $12,000, with no insurance. He lost the building, 12 cars, five of them being new, one tractor, $2,400 in tires, and $5,000 in repairs, accessories, oils, greases, etc. Two car owners who had their autos in the garage also lost them, and these, with the pool hall building, run the total loss to about $20,000.

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Editorials

CO-OPERATION

In this day and age no one gets much of anyplace unless he will co-operate. Co-operation is the keynote of success in any business, and in all organizations. The farmer will never get anywhere with his organizations unless he co-operates with his fellow farmers. The business man must co-operate with his fellows to a large extent or he does not progres. The town must have the co-operation of its citizens or it stands still if it does not go back.

Co-operation is simply working together for a common good. Just as two heads are better than one,, so are two citizens of a town working together better than one.

Belmond needs some co-operation. It needs its citizens working together for the common good, instead of hanging back or knocking. All together we can get somewhere; separtely we won't even get started.

THE NEW WORLD

Capper's Weekly has an article in a recent edition that ought to interest everybody. It tells what kind of a mess we are going to be in, in ten years. This prediction is by a Southern gentleman who hails from the land of the once-famous mint julip. And the present famous moonshine, some of which we think he imbibed before he wrote the spiel.

Says he, the world is a gonna go into convulsions. It's going to get all messed up, and Europe is going to disappear under the water and become a big pond, and the United States is going to stay right here and have a lot of more ground added to it, so that New York will be an inland city, just like San Francisco is going to be. This will certainly annoy the folks in those two villages something awful . The center of the United States will become the equator, with the earth turning on its axis until the north pole is lost among the Bolshevik whiskers in Siberia and the south pole melts in the Pacific ocean. And a lot of other moonshine notions that makes one shudder to see the things some folks will do to get a little publicity.

Well, anyway it won't be so expensive for clothes and the coal bills will be light.

DOES FARMER NEED COLLEGE?

Shall I go to agricultural college or shall I stay on the farm during the coming winter?"

That's the question that a great many Iowa boys who have finished high school and who intend to be farmers are asking themselves.

Will it pay we wonder to spend four years at college. The question will be threshed out one way or the other in a good many homes within the next two weeks. This was a live question also a year ago. Statistics seem to show that in Iowa it was answered in the affirmative in the majority of cases for the attendance in agricultural courses at Ames held up better last year than was the case in most of the other agricultural institutions of the country . President R. A. Pearson of the college at Ames has dealt with the question briefly in a statement just issued.

Such times as these thru which we are passing," says President Pearson, "emphasize more than ever the importance of agricultural education. Not less special training for his work, but more; not less knowledge of the science of agriculture and of the principles of management, but more, are needed by the individual farmer to make the best success of his farming operations. One of the great problems of the day for agriculture is to reduce the cost of production and education, which will help the farmer to do what is of inestimable value to him."

Here and There

Mr. and Mrs. H. Saatoff of Belmond were Kanawha callers for a few hours, Sunday.—Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. LuVerne Smith and Albert Luick were at Belmond Sunday for a visit with Mrs. Smith's parents.—Times.

Mrs. Tom Hake was at Belmond Monday between trains visiting with relatives.—Times.

Arthur Wellemeyer was a business caller at Belmond between trains, Monday.—Times.

The Belmond Sugar Beet Company is putting up a big beet dump at the Rock Island tracks near the Standard Oil Co. tanks. It will be a permanent affair. An office is also being put up near the dump—Times.

Mrs. J. P. Larsen came up from Belmond Saturday for an over Sunday visit with relatives—Times.

The Rock Island Superintendent from Estherville was in Garner last Thursday. He came down by way of Emmetsburg and the Milwaukee. The train service from Estherville this way is so poor that even the Rock Island Superintendent doesn't use it. If he gets in a hurry to go any place he better use a jitney.—Signal.

Our neighbor Ed Wellemeyer told us about seeing a white robin a while ago. Then another of our neighbors, Ed Haskins, also told us about it. We were rather skeptical until Neighbor Haskins called us over the other morning to see it. And sure enough, out in his garden was the white robin. Its head and tail were sort of a grayish color, and its breast was of a brownish tinge, but otherwise it was almost pure white.—Signal.

CELEBRATE 20TH ANNIVERSARY

The 20th anniversary of the founding of Waldorf college at Forest City will be celebrated October 11. Five presidents of the college, students, teachers, alumni and citzens will participate in a big observation of the event.

DO "TOURISTS" COME FIRST?

Hampton Chronicle—The Belmond Press in a recent issue gently criticizes the board of supervisors for building Primary road No. 10 thru Wright county instead of first building a road down thru the swamps in the southwest part of that county which starts nowhere and ends nowhere as far as the people of Wright county or its neighbors are concerned. The Press admits that the action of the board was probably in the interests of the people of Wright county, but it wants to know, "how about the rest of the world."

The Press wants a road built north and south, straight from Des Moines, so the aforesaid tourists can save a few miles going north when they hit it for a fishing trip to Minnesota. Yes, the people of Wright county ought to be penalized 365 days in the year just to make it more convenient for some tourists who happen along once or twice a year. It might be said that we are all tourists but there are few of us who want to inconvenience the residents and tax payers of a county every day in the year just to help us save five or ten miles in a day's travel. The people of Wright county paid for the roads built in that county, so why not allow them a little consideration instead of giving it all to an occasional tourist,

The tourist is not kicking, either. He is willing to travel a few miles farther. All he wants is a road. He wants the roads of his own county built for the benefit and convenience of the people of his own county, and to be consistent he must favor the same policy for other counties.

Wright county will receive a far greater benefit by the outside travel on Primary road No. 10, that it would by any road built along the north and south route proposed by the Belmond paper, because No. 10 hits Rowan, Clarion, Holmes and Goldfield, and there is also a fine gravel road connecting Belmond with No. 10, so that the residents of that town can travel to the county seat of Wrigh county in any kind of weather. The proposed north and south road would help Belmond, but not another town in Wright county.

The greaest apposition to the state highway commission at this time, and it is a growing opposition instead of a waning opposition, is that the highway commission wants to build air lines for the tourists and let the people of the respective counties of the state wallow in the mud. Most of the county boards of supervisors in the state are taking the same view of the road building proposition as the Wright county board—they are insisting on building roads for the benefit of the people of their own county first.

Teacher: "Bobby, how many times have you whispered today?"
Bobby: "Onct."
Teacher: "Willie, what should he have said?"
Willie: "Twict."

RECENT DELIVERIES OF FORD CARS, TRUCKS AND TRACTORS

The Belmond Auto Co. report the following sales and deliveries:

E. Poulson, Clarion, touring.
W. W. Weld, Galt, runabout.
Albert Rust, Goodell, runabout.
J. W. Scott, Belmond, touring.
Mrs. Harry Mitchell, Mason City, runabout.
Wm. Retliff, Belmond, touring.
R. E. Lee Aldrich, Belmond, runabout
Ed. Didio, Belmond, touring.
Geo. Dirks, Belmond, touring.
Claude Thayer, Belmond, touring.
Harry C. Hanson, Alexander, runabout.
Peter Dorenkamp, Belmond, touring.
Pearlie LaGue, Rowan, touring.
C. C. Parks, Belmond, touring.
Geo. Gelder, Belmond, touring.
Clarence S. Johnson, Belmond, coupe
Clarence Gordon, Rowan, touring.
Lester Gobeli, Meservey, touring.
J. R. Christie, Belmond, touring.
Percy A. Swenson, Belmond, touring.
Mason City Oil Grease Co., coupe.
Adeline Sharon, Belmond, coupe.
R. C. Coulson,, Belmond, coupe.
C. C. Johnson, Alexander, truck.
Albert Smit, Belmond, touring.
Melvin N. Smith, Meservey, touring.
J. B. Tiara, Belmond, 4-door sedan.
Pete Evanovitch, Mason City, touring
Dewey Simmons, Clarion, touring.
Wm. Coburn, Rowan, runabout.
Jewell Tea Co., Chicago, model T chassis.
Jess Hartwig, Thornton, touring.
Arthur Enabinet, Swaledale, touring
F. J. Weeks, Belmond touring.
Wm. Collins, Belmond, truck.
E. C. Schalinske, Britt, touring.
P. J. Kiley, Kanawha, 4-door sedan.
Marie Johnson, Belmond, coupe.
Belmond Furniture Co., runabout.
Harm Pals, Belmond, touring.
Ben Vierkant, Meservey, tractor.
Adolph Minne, Belmond, tractor.
Clarence Scott, Belmond, tractor.
R. E. Butterbaugh Alexander, tractor.
Elmer Lineweaver, Rowan, tractor.
Nyscoe Boelman, Belmond, tractor.
Harvey Bjelland, Clarion, tractor.
Hio Goeman, Belmond tractor.
Bernard Rasmussen, Alexander, tractor.
R. A. Walters, Belmond, tractor.

Los Angeles is immensely progressive, yet at the same time antiquated It pulls its city dierectory as evidence that it has more population than the census bureau gives it.

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FORD CLOSES SUMMER SEASON

August closed the summer season for the Ford Motor Company with sales of 161,567 cars and trucks, 39,608 more than were delivered at retail during the same month last year, it is just announced.

The remarkable increases which have characterized Ford sales so far this year, bringing them to a total of 1,212,553 for the eight months up to Sept. 1, promise to maintain the same proportions during the fall season.

At least, this is indicated by the number of orders on hand at the first of the present month. The new type cars, now in the hands of practically all dealers in the country, are attracting widespread attention.

The tendency toward closed car buying is growing more noticeable and in this connection the four-door sedan is gaining in popularity as the family car. This sedan has enjoyed a lively demand ever since its introduction and now, with improvements which have come as a result of the higher radiator, it is more attractive in appearance than ever before. The coupe, which is new in design and with many refinements, is enjoying unusual popularity.

Another though! If gasoline stays down in price we can all afford to have our clothes dry cleaned.

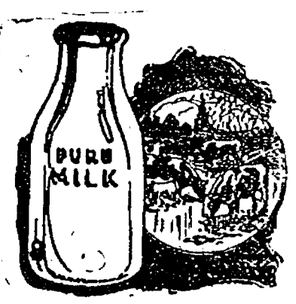
BELMOND TRAIN SCHEDULES

(Corrected to date.)

ROCK ISLAND
Going North
Freight, daily ..... 11:46 a m.
Passenger, daily, ... 2:10 p. m.
Going South
Freight, daily ..... 1:10 p. m.
Passenger, daily ..... 11:50 a. m.

M.& ST. L.
Going West.
Combination, daily .... 8:30 a. m
Going East
Combination, daily ..... 3:35 p. m.

GREAT WESTERN
Going North
Motor, daily ..... 10:03 a. m.
No. 16, pass., D & S .... 1:30 p. m.
No. 12, pass., D & S .... 1:26 a. m.
Local Freight ..... 7:55 a. m.
Going South
No. 11, pass., D & S .... 1:24 a. m.
No. 15, pass., D & S .... 3:15 p. m.
Motor ..... 5:19 p. m.
Local Freight ..... 3:20 p. m.



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Eggs this week are 30 cents, the same as last week. The market is steady. We will be glad to have a case from you and offer you cash on the spot.

Cream is down to 42 cents this week. It went up to 45, but took a three-cent drop. Rather an unsteady market, inclined to be weaker. At all times we pay the highest prices for cream, and our service will please you.

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MESERVEY SECTION

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HATS!—HATS!—HATS!
Hats for the ladies,
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Hats for the babies,
At the Belmond Hat Shoppe. Come in and look them over.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Fischer and baby were Mason City callers on Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Henrietta Wilkinson and daughters of near Klemme were callers in town last Friday. Mrs. Meinderts returned with them having visited with her daughters for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Nissen and daughter were in Mason City last Wednesday on business.

Frank Haferman and wife accompanied by C. Bier and wife, motored to Mason City last Wednesday, the men going on a business errand, and the ladies calling on Mrs. G. J. Fischer.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Kolb were county seat callers last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Fischer and two younger children departed last Friday for Hampton, Minnesota, in response to a telegram received telling of the death of the former's father, known among our citzens as "Grandpa" Fischer. We are expecting to be in receipt of a copy of the obituary in time for this issue, otherwise it will appear later.

Louie Meyers departed last week Wednesday for his old home in Bloomington, Wis., where he will visit his brother and other relatives and friends.

A. Schlichting and family moved from their home near Klemme to their new place southwest of town the forepart of last week.

John Watermiller and son Jake were Mason City business callers on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Thomas and Lois and Esther Smith motored to Dows, Saturday p. m. to meet Miss Alma Ralston, who visited with home folks until Sunday p m. when she returned to her school work at Wellsburg.

The Misses Tillie and Ollie Pals, Mildred Gealow and Jennie Meinderts motored to Mason City last Monday to spend the day.

A. E Muller and family were calling on Belmond friends Sunday p. m.

E. G. Thomas and family visited at the J. B. Thomas home near Hampton last Sunday.

Frank Knoll and family of near Dumont were visitors at the W. F. Butz home, also at the former's sister's home, Mrs. Mary Butz on last Sunday.

Mrs. F. Lemke returned home from Mason City Sunday, after having been confined in the Park hospital for two weeks following an operation for the removal of a cataract. Her many friends will be pleased to learn that the operation proved successful and that she is getting along nicely.

MESERVEY SCHOOL NOTES

Anita Herman, Alice Boelman and Arlo Paul have been absent the entire week.

Ruth Pals, George Frey and Hiene Winters were each absent one day this week.

We collected nearly four dollars for the Japanese relief fund last week.

We have had three callers these last two weeks. They were Mrs. I. F. Bier, Mrs. H. Blewett and Mrs Hartfelder.

Hiene Winters and Marvin Prilipp had their teeth treated this week at school.

The 5th and 6th grade rooms were honored by a visit from Mrs. H. Blewett and Mrs. Hartfelder.

The 5th grade were quite skillful in their dramatization of Harmosan.

Thursday the 6th grade had a perfect spelling lesson.

Drop in and see our whisperers—next recess.

Chas. Zieman and family and Mr. and Mrs. C. Mayers visited at the Robert Enabnit home near Clear Lake last Sunday.

Olliver Yelland and family from Sheffield were visitors at the C. J. Wendel home last Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Schlesselman were making pastoral calls last Monday, southeast of town.

Albert Wendel and wife were week end visitors with the latter's relatives at Waseca, Minn.

Wm. Messelheiser and family and the former's mother from Chicago, who has been a guest at their home for the past month, visited with relatives at Hampton Sunday.

The program giveny b the school last Monday evening on the grounds was largely attended and a splendid program rendered. Much credit should be given the teachers and pupils or the amount of work put on these entertainments.

Mr. and Mrs. Typer of Hampton visited at the home of their daughter Mrs. H. C. Barger and family.

Mrs. Laura Strosnider of Hampton is a guest at the Wm. Messelheiser home this week.

K. C. Ruigh and wife were Mason City callers Tuesday.

Mrs. A. E. Muller was a Mason City caller Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stadtlander, Miss Minna Freese, Miss Tillie Kilman and Miss Lydia Pannkuk drove to Chapin Sunday, to visit Harm Meints.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stadtlander autoed to Mason City Monday.

Heinie had a little birthday party Sunday. One year older, that's all.

Work on Theo. Wendell's house, which he is having rebuilt, is progressing rapidly and the carpenter crew of six will soon have the outside finished.

For Sale—Spotted Poland Male pigs. Sired by Victor's Advancer No. 75027. If you want the heavy bone with plenty of length, we have them.—P. H. Pals & Sons. 44tfc

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

From Sept. 26 to Oct. 14 services every night except Monday. Prof. Wieand and Prof. Dingman will have charge of the special meetings and music. Come and enjoy the meetings.

A. W. Schlesselman, Pastor.

IOWA BEING WATCHED ON PROHIBITION ENFORCEMENT

The world still watches Iowa for evidence of the success or failure of prohibition, says S. P. McNaught, supt. of the Iowa Anti-Saloon League, who has recently received requests for aid from Scotland and Germany.

Thru the Iowa Anti-Saloon League the Scottish Commission of Churchman is this week making a survey of the results of prohibition in Iowa, preparatory to a campaign for a dry Scotland.

Secretary Rodeick Manson, heading the commission is ciculating questionaires reaching several lines of professional and business endeavor.

Prominent agriculturists are being interviewed on the effect of prohibition upon grain profit, the extent of the abandonment of crops formerly raised for brewing and distilling purposes. where these grains are now being shipped or disposed of, and how the entire institution of prohibition is affecting standards of living.

IOWA GOES OVER, AS USUAL

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 27—Special: Iowa subscribed $27,035.52 more than was asked of her for the Red Cross Japanese relief, according to semi-final reports from the state given out today by Judge Hubert Utterback, State Chairman.

In cash and pledges the figures now stand at $107,035.52, with 106 Iowa chapters reported. The quota for the state was $80,000. Several chapters have not reported as yet.

Judge Utterback also announced great progress in the work of giving immediate relief to the Japanese. In the national drive the figure swept well past the $5,000,000 mark. The purchasing division of the Red Cross has already sent out practically $4 000,000 worth of supplies for Japan. The expenditures include rice, hospital supplies, milk, canned fish, flour, underwear, stockings, lumber and blankets. Large cash donations have been made to the Japanese Imperial Emergency Bureau, and to the State Department for assistance of Americans in Japan. The fact that the Red Cross was on the ground in Japan from the moment of the disaster has helped to save thousands of lives.

In a small town righteousness prevails, largely because the neighbors' eagle eye prevails.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER

A jolly company of ladies gave the newly-weds, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin N. Smith, a miscellaneous shower at their home one mile west of Meservey on last Thursday night, Sept. 20. Many beautiful and useful gifts were left for the bride and groom, which will add greatly to their already cozily furnished little home. Well filled baskets in the line of eats were taken along by the visitors, and a social evening was pleasantly spent until a late hour. Those present were the Mesdames Louis Foss, W. J. Hartfelder, Nels Faaborg, H. B. Frey, H. F. Reif, Albert Wendel, A D. Brogan, Frank Nissen, G. Raecker and J. H. Sprau and the Misses Jennie Meinderts, Fannie Bruns, Mildred Gealow, Ollie Pals and Tillie Pals.

Did you mail those two letters I gave you, Norah,

Yes'm, at the post office, but I noticed you had a two-cent stamp on the foreign letter and the five-cent stamp on the city one.

Oh dear, what a blunder

But I fixed it all right, m'am. I just changed the addresses on the envelopes.

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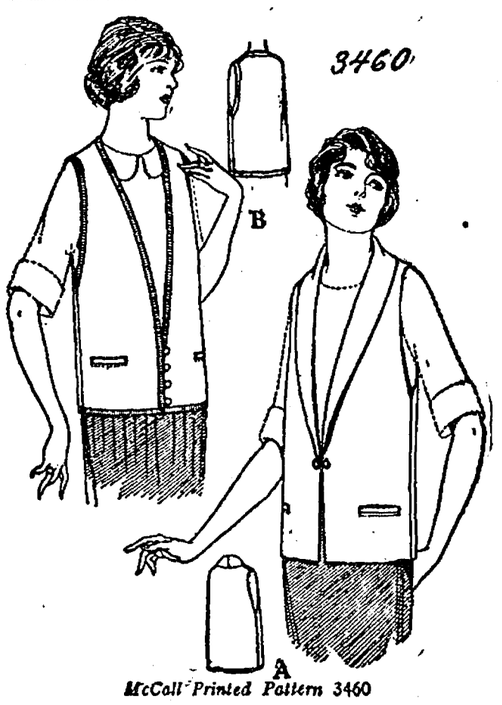

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ROWAN NEWS

Messrs. A. H. and A. E. Emerson arrived home Sunday from their trip to Comal, Ark., where they visited a brother, William, whom they had not seen for years

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Boyington and two children departed Monday for Gilmore City.

Otho Ballou of Cedar Rapids called on friends and relatives here last week.

R. H. Keith and Floyd Whitten were business callers at Dumont on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Heath were Sunday callers at the Cyrus Church home in Belmond.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Baines and son Darrell of Dows were Sunday visitors at the Mrs. Hannah Whitten home.

Mrs. Tom Whitten is visiting at the home of her daughter Mrs. Andrew Sorenson at Duncombe for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jurden Brinkman and two children from Mankato arrived last week for a visit at the J. A. Whitten home and with other relatives.

Miss Pearl Whitten is working at the telephone office in Dows.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harris and son of Thornton spent Sunday at the L. W. Stevenson home.

Mr. and Mrs Elmer Boyington of Dows have purchased the M. E. parsonage for the consideration of $1500. They expect to take possession immediately.

Rev. Osborn and family have moved into the Nagle house which was recently vacated by W. R. McCallum. They will occupy this home until a new parsonage is built.

Mrs. Albert Erickson and son Ivan of Reddick, Ill., arrived to make an indifinite visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Whitten, and with other relatives.

While assisting with silo filling at the Frank Drury farm Earl Sellers met with what might have proved to be a very serious accident. One of the boards of the hay rack broke letting Mr. Sellers fall between the horses and wagon scaring the horses so they ran. Mr. Sellers escaped with only a badly sprained foot.

Mrs. E. W. McKinley drove to Hampton, Saturday, to bring home his wife, who underwent an operation there several weeks ago.

Carl Steffens was a Ft Dodge visitor Wednesday.

Mesdames F. H. Brooks F. M. Myers, C. W. Fowler, R. E. Hadley and G. S. Liming were Fort Dodge shoppers last Thursday.

Mrs. Harm Brinkman and children of Latimer were in Rowan Tuesday on their way to the Baines funeral at Dows

Mrs. Hannah Whitten, Laurel and Harold Miss Angie Baines, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Whitten, Mr. and Mrs G. W Whitten, Mrs. H. J. Whitten and Mrs. A. O. Polley attended the funeral service of H. W Baines Mrs Hannah Whitten's brother, at Dows last Saturday.

Mrs Mary Braden has sold her property just east of the Congregational church to H. J. C. Box, the consideration being $1650. Possession will be given Oct. 1.

Miss Lillian Shreck of Sheffield, spent the week end with her friend, Miss Frances Farran.

Coach Nabholtz and some of the high school boys went to Dows to attend football game Friday.

Ray Williams has been suffering severely with an infection in his head.

Kenneth Keith attended the foot ball game at Hampton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert McKinstry were up from Cedar Falls the first of this week, calling on old friends and relatives.

A goodly number of the friends and neighbors of Mrs. Arthur Emerson assisted her at a carpet rag bee on Friday. Dinner was served. About 50 pounds of rags were sewed, and the day was immensely enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Keith were at Goldfield, Sunday.

Mr. Chas. Hill, father of George Hill, at Clarion, passed away Sunday morning. Several families from Rowan attended the funeral which was held at Clarion, Tuesday at 10 o'clock. Burial was in Graceland cemetery, Rowan.

Mrs. Henry Proctor and son Frank and family of Hampton were Sunday callers at the home of Mrs. J. D. Brooks.

Mrs. O. E. Ballou, LaVonne and Mrs. Kate Conn attended Eastern Star meeting at Dows, Friday eve.

There will be no school Thursday and Friday of this week, on account of the teachers institute at Clarion.

The Epworth League had their regular business meeting and social on Tuesday evening at the church basement. The evening was enjoyably spent playing games. Refreshments were served.

Rev. Osborn departed Tuesday to attend the Northwest Iowa Conference at Sioux City this week. Prof. T. K. Holliday was elected lay delegate from the M. E. church and expects to be in Sioux City, Saturday to be present at the lay delegates conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Hake and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lineweaver were up from Elma to spend the week end here, returning Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hohn and two sons from Clarion spent Sunday at the D. K. Stout and Harry Harson homes.

Mrs. J. D Stevenson and Mrs. Frank Fritz of Blakesburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stevenson of Goldfield visited Saturday at the L. W. Stevenson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Whitten were guests Sunday at the Scott Myers home in Dows.

The Epworth League are starting a Bible study class to be held on Wednesday evening in connection with prayer meetings. Rev. Osborn will have charge of the class and will take up the study of the Gospel of St. John. The class will begin their work after Rev. Osborn returns from conference at Sioux City. All young folks and older ones as well are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Whitten, Mr and Mrs D. W Whitten, Mrs. Chas Burger and Mrs. Floyd Whitten were Clarion visitors Monday afternoon.

ALEXANDER NEWS

Dick Stoffer was a caller at Rowan last Sunday.

Peter Bohlen was a Dows caller last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bell and baby, and Miss Jessie Bell visited at the Geo. Rusch home, near Dumont, Sunday.

Herman Depping and family of Chapin visited at the Hilko Pals home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Modderman and sons visited at the Charlie Scott home in Rowan last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Arends and children, Jessie, Sylvia and Robert, were Belmond callers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bohlen and sons were callers at Goodell on last Sunday.

Mrs. Mabel Symens and son Lewis Schulte were callers at Belmond on Saturday.

Mrs. Annabel Overman and Emmet Scales of Hampton spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Mary Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. John Arends and children, and Susie Schulte, visited with relatives in Dumont last Sunday.

Alvin Greenfield of Williamsburg was visiting relatives in this vicinity the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hensel and two sons autoed to Webter City on Sunday and spent the day with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Larsen and two sons, Elmer and Wilbur, visited relatives at Dumont last Sunday.

Mrs. John Murphy and two children of Aredale visited with relatives at Alexander the past week.

Rev. W. A. Wilkinson of Belmond was a caller at this place on Thursday and Friday.

Henry Kliffel of Ogden was transacting business here several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell and two daughters, Nellie and Jessie, were callers at Belmond Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Veeder and daughter Virginia Ruth, of Hampton, were callers at this place last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bohlen spent the last of the week with relatives at Dumont.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hansen from Rowan were Sunday visitors at the Dick Stoffer home.

Next Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 3, the Dorcas society will meet at the home of Mrs. F. D. Rodemeyer, the annual business meeting and the election of officers to be held at this time. It is requested that all members be present.

A. L. Nelson and daughter Bertha were Belmond callers Monday.

Miss Edith Beenen was having dental work done at Belmond last Saturday.

Ben Arends was transacting business in Hampton on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Kinseth from Belmond were visitors at the Clarence Bohlen home Sunday.

There will be no services held at the Methodist church next Sunday as this is conference Sunday.

St. John's Evang. Church.

Sunday school at 2 o'clock.

Preaching service at 3 o'clock.

All services in the English language. Come and bring a friend with you.

C. J. Barth, Pastor.

The cemetery society will meet at the home of Mrs. A. C. Lieuwen on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 4. The hostesses are Mesdames Lyle Hall, Lloyd Green, A. C. Lieuwen and Mrs Mary Hall.

Yes, American Beauty roses are quite attractive—when our women are not around.

Never ask a pretty woman her age. She might destroy the delusion by telling you.

Changing your mind is commendable, provided each change records an improvement.

There's one consolation in not being a governor or a president. We don't have to settle coal controversies.

GOODELL NEWS

Grandma McNutt left Friday for Garner to pay her granddaughter, Mrs. Eal Clark, and family, an extended visit.

Mrs. John Ahrenkeil and Mrs. Savogue spent a few days in the country visiting at the George and Leo Ahrenkeil homes.

Word has been received in Goodell of the marriage of Ellen McCormick to Mr. Martin.

The Markle house vacated by Mellums is being fixed up and will be occupied by the Harry Buss family.

A. D. White has been on the sick list, suffering with rheumatism.

The Ladies Aid met at the Sandberg home. About 50 people were present, and three new members were taken in.

Mrs. O. A. Nelson and daughter Helen, of Thompson, came Wednesday for a visit at Sandbergs.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Houghton of Kanawha visited relatives Friday.

Edith Sandberg, Mrs. Nelson and Helen were entertained at the Graeber home for supper Friday.

Mrs. Homer Ness is enjoying a visit from her sister.

Mrs. Reynold Kinseth of Belmond spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Avery.

Mrs. Avery and daughter, Mrs. Kinseth, were guests for dinner on Tuesday at the T. O. Letch home.

The third division of the Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Robert McNutt, Friday.

Ladies Aid will be held in the church basement Oct. 3. The hostesses will be Mesdames Hubbard and Burgess.

Mrs. Owen Conwell and son, Junior, returned from their visit.

The Rosary society met in the Catholic church basement Saturday. A large crowd enjoyed the supper which was served by the Mesdames Hemmingway, Kearney, Finn and Wilkins.

Mrs. L. W. Wesenberg left Thursday a. m. for Des Moines to attend the church conference and visit her brother, Glenn Emerson.

Miss Bernice Butts was on the sick list Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Clara Butts is assisting in caring for the Wesenberg children while their mother is away.

Mrs. Fred Wilkins and daughter of Belmond visited here Saturday.

Several of the Belmond ladies attended the Rosary Saturday.

O. Sandberg was called to Meservey Saturday, to do some plow repairing for the Meservey blacksmith.

The Sherwood family and Maude Griggs drove to Iowa Falls, Sunday, to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Graeber and Dorothy Allaben drove to Thompson to spend the day with the Nelsons. Mrs. Nelson and Helen accompanied them home after spending several days at Goodell.

Miss Udelia Hill spent Saturday with her sister near Belmond.

Miss Veronica Finn, who is teaching in Ventura, spent the week end with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Newberger of Ventura visited with relatives in Goodell, Sunday.

The Will Ritter family of Waterloo spent a few days at the Beier home.

The free movies were shown to a packed house Saturday night. They are now being shown in the Star treatre owing to the chilly weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Thorson from Burt are enjoying a week's vacation. They are spending part of it with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Wilson

Election of officers was held in the Sunday school, Sunday. Mr. Peters was elected Supt., Donell Myers, secretary, and Archie Conklin, librarian.

Promotion exercises will be held next Sunday. Let all those who are interested attend.

Miss Adelia Hill was called to her home Sunday morning due to the serious illness of her aged grand father.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Kinseth spent Sunday at the Avery home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hughes from Belmond Sundayed at the White home.

Peter Peterson, a farm bureau man of Cedar Rapids, gave a splendid talk to a large crowd after the movies Saturday night.

Mrs. Harm Rust is suffering with a severe case of rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. Beier visited relatives at Garner, Sunday.

The Madison family of Thompson spent Sunday at the home of her brother, Mr. Enderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Carpenter Sundayed with A. C. Capenter.

The Thomas McNulty family of Belmond visited in Goodell, Sunday.

The Ed. Shoenwetter family near Klemme were Sunday visitors at the Jack Zeilie home.

Lud Johnson and family visited with Lewis Johnson's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willus Kinsley of Belmond called at the McNutt home Sunday.

Roy Buchanan is now loading a carload of wood to ship to LeMars.

Steve Hamilton and family from Clarion visited with the Tom Hamilton family Sunday.

Matt Smith and Warner Butts were fishing at Clear Lake, Sunday.

Beulah Smith of Belmond spent Sunday at Bachman's.

Amos Hanson, Donell Meyers, and Harold Savogue autoed to Ames Monday, taking Carl Sandberg there to attend college.

Mrs. Amos Hanson substituted for Principal Hill, Monday.

BANCROFT PRINTING PLANT ADVERTISED FOR SALE

The Livermore Gazette states that the Bancroft printing plant that has been making unheard-of prices on printing through this section, is advertised for sale. Many times during the past few years this office has been up against printing bids from this firm that were away below what is known to be actual cost. Each time our representative had to lose the job, and he was oftimes branded as a highway robber because of the prices he asked. This is in the face of the fact that he had quoted the proper price. There are printers in every locality who are so hungry for orders that they are bidding the pices down away below cost, but time will put them out of business.—Republican.

NEEDED SOME ASSISTANCE

An editor wanted a vacation, so he got one of the ministers of the village to run the office for him during his absence, relates the Centralia, Mo., Fireside Guard. The second week of the minister's duties was going along nicely until he opened the mail. One letter said: "I got a dun from you for $2.00—now I paid for my paper and if you say I didn't I will come in and knock hell out of you." The minister wrote the man and said: "I see by the books that you did not pay for your paper this year. Your subscription was in arrears and you paid for last year only. Now, if you come in and knock hell out of me, I will employ you to do the same for about 50 more in my congregation and 50 more in the town at large, for I have tried for three years and I cannot do it."

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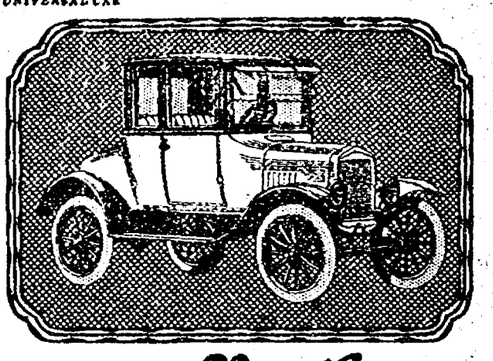

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The Overland has a 1 3-8 drive shaft, 1 1-2 inch axle shafts, Timkem roller bearings in differential, one piece differential casting (no danger of splitting), also making larger gears possible, axle shafts removable without removing gears, heavy rear axle housing without any truss, larger brakes than any light car, with three adjustments. The engine has a double crank case for additional strength and the proper distribution of oil, larger timing gears, lighter pistons and connecting rods that can be removed from the motor without taking off the cylinder head, an oil pump that will never wear out and always pump oil under all conditions.

Competitive Car for Same Money has lighter frame, lighter spindles and bushings, smaller cross rods and yokes, BALL BEARINGS in front wheels, a tested axle showed only 40,000 lbs. elastic limit.

Competitive car does not have inclosed motor which is subject to dirt and dust from the road getting into the small working parts, wearing them out. Starting motor exposed and oftentimes will not work because of dirt collected on shaft. Engine mounted in frame with smaller bolts and not as rigid. Transmission rests on back end of rear engine support making it hard to keep in alignment and strains clutch and crank shaft. Clutch is steel stamping with leather face which is obsolete, no adjustment for tightening clutch tension spring and all parts exposed to dirt. Must be oiled by hand. Overland automatically lubricated. Their car has good units for starting, lighting and ignition. Carbureter connected to long manifold that extends almost to mud pan with only one adjusment for low speed. Much lower priced radiator used with water pump in circuit. Pump must be used because their type motor CANNOT be cooled any other way. Many objections to pump such as packing, leaking, wearing out and getting damaged in freezing weather. Overland uss no pump and you CANNOT MAKE IT BOIL.

Competitive car uses smaller drive shaft, 11-16 inch axle shafts that cannot be removed from the car except by dismantling the rear axle and all gears from the rear axle.

No Timkem roller bearings and all driving strain is carried on axle shafts next to differential, not on differential housing as the Overland does. The best way to understand this is to see it. Come in and prove it to yourself. Only two cars made use this type construction. Competitive car uses two-piece differential and smaller gears thruout. Also uses smaller axle housing and the truss rod used is an admission of weakness. Smaller brakes with only one adjustment worked with cable which does not permit brake to release properly. Engine has single crank case and when you want to get to the working parts of the engine underneath the steering gear must be disconnected to get the mud pan off. Did you ever try taking the pistons out thru the lower opening in motor or reset the main bearings without loosening engine in the frame? Does the oil pump ever fail? Turn to the second paragraph of their instruction book on page 42 if you have one, and read what it says. Ten connections to keep tight, count 'em.

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FARM BUREAU NOTES

(By County Agnt Edwards)

Joint Picnic At Evan's Grove

The joint picnic between Oakland Alden, Williams and Vernon of Franklin, Hardin, Hamilton and Wright counties, respectively, which was held at the Ed. Evans' grove in the southeast corner of Wright county last Wednesday, September 19th, proved to be a success in spite of the rainy weather and muddy roads. About 300 farmers and their families from the corner townships of the four counties who had assembled to hear the addresses of the day were not to be outdone by the weather and grouped themselves under cover of the specious machine shed on the Evans' farm to hear the two unusual addresses given by Mrs. Ellsworth Richardson of Pella and C. W. Huntley, vice president of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation.

The Meeker orchestra, which furnished the music for the occasion, added considerable life and enthusiasm to the picnic.

A Ford truck driven into the center of the machine shed served as a stand for the speakers and the orchestra and with the improvised seats made by laying planks upon nail kegs furnised reasonably comfortable place in which to enjoy the addresses which were given by those speakers from the state federation office. A horseshoe pitching contest with representatives from each of the townships was held between showers, while the baseball game was played under difficulties and was witnessed only by the fans who were determined to have the game played in spite of the rain. A sumptuous picnic dinner was enjoyed by everyone who attended the picnic, and while the elements seemed to be somewhat against the committee in making arrangements for this community affair, everyone seemed to enjoy the big feed which was prepared.

That the farmers of this section of our state are anxious to get first hand information relative to the activities of the state and national farm bureau is evidenced by the fact that altho it began raining about 2:30 the time at which the speakers began, not a single person left the picnic grounds, but remained and made themselves as comfortable as possible under the conditions so as to have opportunity to hear these two splendid messages from the state farm bureau federation office. In speaking of the accomplishments of the organization, the fact was brought out by the speakers that over 300 different projects have been planned and completed, any one of which has more than paid the annual dues to any member in the organization.

Action was taken at the picnic to make this joint four township social gathering an annual affair. A permanent committee consisting of a chairman and one representative of each of the counties represented was elected and will be authorized to plan and organize another picnic for next year to be held at the same place, although it was suggested that the picnic should be held earlier in the season, probably sometime during the month of June. While the attendance was reduced materially by the rainy and muddy reads, everyone who attended the picnic seemed to agree that it was a great success and that this co-operative four township picnic should be continued permanently.

Lime Applied On Simon Farm

J. C. Simon, one mile east of Rowan, has just completed the application of lime to his soil with a view of freeing the land from acid in order that it may produce clover and alfalfa more effectively. Mr. Simon has distributed a 40-ton car of limestone which was shipped from the quarries at Alden. According to Mr. Simon, the lime application has cost him about $1.25 per ton including freight and hauling charges.

Favorable farm conditions, good roads and nearby quarries with an abundant supply of limestone on hand makes the best time to apply the most important fertilizer and consituent of Iowa field crops. By getting the lime onto the soil a few months in advance to the time it is needed usually gives best results.,,

Replies from 400 queries sent to Iowa farmers who had previously used lime show that it returned a profit of eighty per cent of the farms where it was used. Figures compiled by the extension department show that the average yield of clover per limed soil is two tons per acre as compared to the state yield of one and one-third tons per acre while alfalfa on limed soils yields an average of four tons per acre to the comparison of the state average of three tons per acre.

Wright county farmers who wish to increase the net profits from their land and at the same time increase the fertility of the soil, will do well to investigate the good qualities of lime and the possibility of securing enough to make a trial on a small scale.

Needs Closer Co-operation

It goes without saying that these are strenuous times for our farmers and through it all each and everyone are compelled, through financial stress, to exert ourselves to the utmost for personal and individual gain. In this time of keen competition and general dissatisfaction, there may be a tendency on the part of some to forget that the welfare of all depends upon united action, and team work—upon co-operation.

No one denies that hardships have surrounded us but in order to break down this barrier to prosperity and happiness, we must not strike aimlessly about, hitting whoever and whatever may come within our reach because such action can only result in further hardship to our fellow farmers. Our only solution in this problem lies in the hands of the farmers themselves by getting together oftener and co-operating with one another effectively.

The greatest gain in agriculture can be attained only by the united action of the representatives of this great industry. For too long farmers have ignored their problems, sidestepped them and let them grow bigger and more serious from one generation to another until today they have reached a point where a solution must be found or a collapse of the whole prosperity of the great agricultural industry is inevitable. Orgonization, co-operation and loyalty of farmers to their organization are factors which will carry our farmers thru the present strenuous period.

Soy Beans

The soy bean demonstrations which were conducted Friday brought out some interesting facts in connection with the growth of soy beans in our county. The forenoon demonstration was held at the W. F. Mechem farm near Clarion and the afternoon meeting near the Lewis Hauge home northwest of Belmond. The results brought out by these two demonstrations are practically the same as have been shown in all other counties in the state where the same experiment plots on soy beans have been conducted.

It will be remembered that ten varieties of soy beans were grown on each of these farms during the past season. The ten varieties grown include the Ito San, Manchu, Black Eyebrow, Medium Green, Midwest, Morse, Peking, Columbia, Wilson and Virginia, which are advertised and sold by the leading seed companies of the state. The results of these demonstrations have shown beyond a doubt that the Manchu soy bean is the best for hogging down purposes, while the Ito San would be second best for the same purpose and the Black Eyebrow just fair. The demonstration also showed the Midwest bean to be the best for silage purposes and the Medium Green next best. It was brought out also that the Peking is the best bean for hay purposes. The other varieties of beans in the list did not prove to be of any value in our county conditions and it might be said that a number of varieties were included in the list so as to show, in a comparative way, which ones are best adapted to local conditions.

In many cases there has been dissatisfaction on the part of our farmers in the results they have obtained from the growth of this crop, and many times this has been due to the fact that they have tried to grow varieties which were not adapted to this community. The experiment plots, which have just been completed, have shown very definitely which varieties of soy beans are best adapted to local condition and at the same time has showed the varieties which should not be planted. The growth of soy beans in Wright county has increased at the rate of about 200 per cent during the past year and it would seem that with this increasing interest care should be exercised in the varieties which are planted next year.

Soys Stand Frost

Northern Iowa farmers need not be worried about their soy beans for seed if growth has been stopped by frost before the pods were ripe or before the leaves have dropped off, according to the farm crops section of the Iowa agricultural experiment station. If the beans have made their full growth and the pods are full, seed of average germination can be expected, in the opinion of F. S. Wilkins, chief in forage crops at the station.

It is good plan to let the beans stand a week or two after they have been killed by frost after which they may be cut with the binder. They may then be left to cure on the ground in the bundle for a day or so. After that they should be shocked in two-row shocks with six or eight bundles to a shock. Curing in the shock should progress until the beans are "bone dry." They can then be threshed easily and will make good seed.

Not To Normalcy Yet

In no case in July, 1923, did the purchasing power of either corn beef cattle or hogs, taking the 1913 price as 100, equal the 1913 purchasing power of the same products, when applied to the purchase of either food, clothing, fuel, building material, or all commodities, according to the extension service of Iowa State College.

The nearest approach to the 1913 purchasing power of 100 was made by corn during the month of July when purchasing power of corn was 94 per cent of the 1913 purchasing power. When applied in buying clothing and building material, the purchasing power of hogs was only 43 per cent of the 1913 purchasing power of hogs, according to the extension service.

The exchange value of corn and hogs increased during July as compared with the level the month before, while the exchange value of beef cattle remained about the same.

Some people believe in asking the Lord to provide their daily bread because it is less trouble than working for it.

There is a vast jocosity in public prints about the shooting of husbands, but that sort of pleasantry is building up a propaganda of its own. What will be the outcome?

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Belmond, Iowa

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For 31 years this store has given its customers the newest styles and best values in clothing.

The new Fall suits and overcoatsare well worth seeing.

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Mason City and Manly, Iowa

Griesy's Store News

Vol. 2 BELMOND, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 27, 1923. No. 28.

Fall Days Are Approaching

and winter is just around the corner. It may seem early to you to be thinking about Heaters, but the wise householder will be looking after that now.

We have a complete line of Heaters, all sizes for all size homes. We will be glad to have you call and look over our line. Pick out what you are going to need. We will deliver whenever you say.

GRIESY'S

The Friendly Place

WE USED T'—BUT NOW!

The way we're spendin' money t'day is enuf to make the ole-time banker and leading citizen that washed his own buggy an' milked a cow squirm in his grave, but t'day it's all we kin do t' find parking space in a Greek shinin' parlor.

T'day we don't think no more o' gittin' our car smashed up than we'd used t' think o' breakin' th' crystal of a watch.

Women used t' be satisfied with ther own faces, but nowerdays they won't even let a meter reader see-em before ten o'clock.

We used to doll up a little on Saturday night, but t'day we're slicked up all th' time.

We used t' drop a pustal card occasionally, but now we use th' long distance or wire.

We used t' keep butter in th' cistern, but t'day we have ice making machines.

We used t' steal off t' Niagary Falls ever' summer or so, but these days goin' t' bed is a bigger event than goin t' Europe.

Doctors used t' whittle up great people only as a last resort t' save ther lives; bu t'day ever-body we meet is jest out o' ether or about t' go under it.

We used t' run three blocks t' see a dude, an' t'day we're all dudes.

T'day we kin buy a pair o' fairly good socks fer what it costs t' have our nails plowed an' polished.

Calico is no longer worn, except in reformatories.

We could keep a cow fer what it costs t' keep our hair washed.

We used to spend a little money, ever' Christmas, but t'day we go th' limit for a dozen anniversaries.

We used t' go t' th' theatre in th' winter, bu' now we go all th' time.

Gasoline stations are three times as thick as saloons used to be, an they don't give away no bologna.

A husband now squanders three times as much on his wife's feet as he used t' spend on her back.

We used t' study a long time before we broke a dollar, but t'day we don't even choke up when we lose ever-thing we got.

But what's t' be done? The only way t' combat th' present system is t' die or cut out th' necessities o' life.

Some fellers even wear a belt an' suspenders too.—Abe Martin.

"AUNT JEMIMA" OF PAN-CAKE FAME MEETS DEATH IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 13.—Mrs. Nancy Green, eighty-nine years old, known to thousands as "Aunt Jemima" of pancake fame, is dead, the victim of an automobile accident.

The aged negress first became famous for her skill with a flapjack turner at the Chicago world's fair in 1896. A milling concern obtained her recipe and since then her picture has appeared on the pancake flour bearing her name.

She was killed when a car driven by Dr. H. S. Seymour collided with a truck and hurtled onto the sidewalk where she was then standing.

A judge is to be envied. He can always enforce silence—inside his court room, anyway.

Buy Your Tires from a Firestone DEALER

At the Latest Prices—The Lowest in History

You will find the Firestone Dealer one of the stable business men of your community. He offers a clean, fresh stock, backed by a well organized service. He wants you as a permanent customer.

That is the reason he sells Firestone tires. He knows and has plenty of proof that they are the best tires on the market. He can give you the greatest value and thereby retain your trade for years.

Every day you find new proof of this unequalled value. On the 15th of this month, Firestone Tires set two new dirt track records at Syracuse when Tommy Milton slid around four turns at every mile and covered the 100 miles in 75 minutes, 33 hundredths seconds. He also established a new world's record for one mile by covering it in 42 and 28 hundredths seconds. The next four cars to finish were also equipped with Firestone Gum-Dipped Cords. Each one of them went the entire race without a stop. This and every other important race this year was won on Firestone Gum-Dipped Cords and Steam-Welded Tubes. Such performance gives you conclusive proof of their strength and durability.

Not only do race drivers use Firestone Tires as protection to their lives and the surest way to victory, but the largest tire buyers in the world insist on and buy Firestone Tires for economy and service. These buyers include the leading car manufacturers, the biggest commercial car operators and the taxicab and motorbus operators. 57,639,714 tire miles were sold to taxicab and motorbus operators in the month of August.

Think this over. You cannot afford to accept anything less than Firestone service and economy. You can buy this service and economy from any of the dealers listed below.

Belmond Auto Company

Belmond, Iowa

America Should Produce Its Own Rubber—

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SYNOPSIS

Book One.

CHAPTER I.—Joan Landis, eighteen years old, wife of Pierre, is the daughter of John Carver, who murdered her mother for adultery. Her lonely life, with her father, in a Wyoming cabin, unbearable, Joan leaves him, to work in a hotel in a nearby town.

CHAPTER II.—Joan meets Pierre, and the two, mutually attracted, are married.

CHAPTER III.—Carver tells Pierre the story of Joan's mother. Days afterward, Pierre, seemingly for no reason, forges a cattle brand, telling Joan it's their brand, the Two-Bar.

CHAPTER IV.—In Pierre's absence Frank Holliwell, young minister, asks shelter for the night. Joan interests him, and finding she is anxious to learn he offers to bring her books.

CHAPTER V.—Holliwell brings the books. Pierre, jealous, forbids Joan to read them. He leaves, to be gone a week, and Joan turns to the books.

CHAPTER VI.—Pierre, returning unexpectedly, finds Joan reading. Maddened by jealousy and liquor, he ties Joan and burns the Two-Bar brand into her shoulder. Hearing her scream, a stranger bursts in and in a duel Pierre is shot. Joan faints.

CHAPTER VII.—The stranger revives Joan and, telling her Pierre is dead, urges her to go with him.

CHAPTER VIII.—At the stranger's home Joan's hurt is attended to.

CHAPTER IX.—The house belongs to Prosper Gael, writer, he living there with his Chinese valet, Wen Ho. With returned strength Joan would return to her home and "do something" for Pierre. Convincing her she has not the strength, Gael promises to go.

CHAPTER X.—Gael finds Pierre alive. He returns to Joan without being seen and tells the girl Pierre has been "cared for." She has no idea he is alive.

CHAPTER XI.—When her full strength returns, Gael, intensely interested in his companion, begins her "education."

CHAPTER XII.—Gael begins to realize the beauty of his "captive leopardess."

CHAPTER XIII.—Gael induces Joan to put on a woman's suit he gives her. The girl laughs at its smallness, remarking that it must have been made for a "tall child." In his absence, Joan starts for home, but, helpless, is compelled to return. Prosper's delight awakens the girl's heart.

She Was Truly Sorry That She Had Hurt Him by Running Away.

"Yes, yes; all the while I'm thinking of you. I wisht I could do more for you. Why do I make you so angry? I know I'm awful—awfully stupid and ignorant. I—I must drive you most crazy, but truly"—here she turned quickly in his arm and put her hands about his neck and laid her cheek against his shoulder—"truly, Mr. Gael, I'm awful fond of you." Then she drew quickly away, quivered back into the other corner of her great chair, put her face to her hands. "Only—I can't help seein'—Pierre."

Just her tone showed him that still and ghastly youth, and again he saw the brown hand that moved. He had stood between her and that sight. The man ought to have died. He did not deserve his life nor this love of hers. Even though he had failed to kill the man, he would not fail to kill her love for him, sooner or later, thought Prosper. If only the baleful spring would give him time. He must move her from her memory. She had put her hands about his neck, she had laid her head against his shoulder, and, if it had been the action of a child, then she would not have started from him with that sharp memory of Pierre.

Joan had made her plans. She would wait till spring, partly to get back her full strength, partly to make further progress in her studies, but mostly in order not to hurt this hospitable Prosper Gael. The naivete of her gratitude, of her delicate consideration for his feelings, which continually triumphed over an instinctive fear, would have filled him with amusement, perhaps with compunction, had he been capable of understanding them. She was truly sorry that she had hurt him by running away. She told herself she would not do that again. In the spring she would make him a speech of thankfulness and of farewell, and then she would tramp back to Pierre's homestead and win and hold Pierre's land. As yet, you see, Prosper entered very little into her conscious life. Somewhere, far down in her, there was a disturbance, a growing doubt, a something vague and troubling. . . . Joan had not learnt to probe her own heart. A sensation was not, or it was. She was puzzled by the feeling Prosper was beginning to cause her, a feeling of miserable complexity; but she was not yet mentally equipped for the confronting of complexity. It was necessary for an emotion to rush at Joan and throw down, as it were, her heart before she recognized it; even then she might not give it a name. She would act, however, and with violence.

So now she planned and worked and grew beautiful with work and planning, while Prosper worked, too, and his instruments were delicate and deadly and his plans made no account of hers. He worked on her subconsciousness, undermining her path, and at nights and in her sleep she grew aware of him.

But even now, in his cool and passionate heart there were moments of reaction, one at last that came near to wrecking his purpose.

"Your clothes are about done for, Joan," Prosper laughed one morning, watching her belt in her tattered shirt; you'll soon look like Cophetua's beggar maid."

"I'm not quite barefoot yet." She held up a cracked boot.

"I was going to tell you that there are a skirt and a sort of coat in—in a closet in the hall. Do you want to use them?"

She went out to look. In five minutes he heard her laugh, and, still laughing, she opened the door again.

"Oh, Mr. Gael, were you really thinking that I could wear these? Look."

He turned and looked at her. She had crowded her strong, lithe frame into a brown tweed suit, a world too narrow for her, and she was laughing to show him the misfit.

"These things, Mr. Gael," she said—"they must have been made for a tall child."

Prosper had too far tempted his pain, and in her vivid phrase it came to life before him. She had painted a startling picture and he had seen that suit, so small and trim, before.

Joan saw his face grow white, his eyes stared through her. He drew a quick breath and winced away from her, hiding his face in his hands. A moment later he was weeping convulsively, with violence, his head down between his hands. Joan started toward him, but he made a wicked and repellent gesture. She fled into her room and sat, bewildered, on her bed.

All at once the question came to her: for whom had the delicate fabrics been bought, for whom had this suit been made? "It was his wife and she is dead," thought Joan, and very pitifully she took off the suit, laid it and the other things away, and sitting by her window rested her chin in her hands and stared out through the blue pines. Tears ran down her face because she was so sorry for Prosper's pain. And again, thought Joan, she had caused it, she who owed him everything. Yes, she was deeply sorry for Prosper, deeply; her whole heart was stirred. For the first time she had a longing to comfort him with her hands.

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For all that day Prosper fled the house and went across the country, now fording a flood of melted snow, now floundering through a drift, now walking on springy sod, unaware of the soft spring, conscious only of a sort of fire in his breast. He suffered and he resented his suffering, and he would have killed his heart if, by so doing, he could have given it peace. And all day he did not once think of Joan, but only of the "tall child" for whom the gay canyon refuge had been built, but who had never set her slim foot upon the threshold. Sunset found him miles away in the foothills of a low, many-folded range across the plain. He was dog tired, so that for very exhaustion his brain had stopped its tormenting work. He lit a fire and sat by it, huddled in his coat, smoking, dozing, not able really to sleep for cold and hunger. Prosper hated the night and its beautiful desolation, he hated the God that had made this land. He cursed the dawn when it came delicately, spreading a green arc of radiance across the east. And then, as he arose stiffly, stamped out his fire and started slowly on his way back, he was conscious of a passionate homesickness, not for the old life he had lost, but for his cabin, his bright hearth, his shut-in solitude, his Joan. Very dear and real and human she was, and her laughter had been sweet. And she must be anxious about him. She would have sat up by the fire all night. . . . His eagerness for her slighted comfort gave his lagging steps a certain vigor, the long walk back seemed very long indeed. Noon was hot, but he found water, and by sundown he came to the canyon trail. He wanted Joan as badly now as a hurt child wants its mother. He came, haggard and breathless, to the door, called "Joan," came into the warm little room and found it empty. Wen Ho, to be sure, pattered to meet him.

"Mister Gael been gone a long time, velly, long, all night. Wen Ho, he fix bed, fix breakfast—oh, the lady? She gone out yestiddy, not come back. She leave a letter for him, there on the table."

Prosper took it, waved Wen Ho out, and, dropping into the big chair, opened the paper. There was Joan's big handwriting, that he himself had taught her. Before, she could only sign her name.

"Mister Gael, dere frend:

"You have ben too good to me an it has ben too hard for you to keep me when you were all the wile amissin her an it hurts me to think of how it must have ben terrible hard for you all this winter to see me where you had ben ust to seein her an me wearin her pretty things all the wile. Now dere frend this must not be no more. I will not stay to trouble you. You have ben awful free-hearted. When you come back from your wanderin an tryin to get over your hein so unhappy you will find your house quiet an peaceful an you will not be hurt by me no more. I am not able to say all I am feelin about your goodness an I hev not always ben as kind to you in my thoughts an axions but that has ben my own fault not yours. I want you to beleave this, Mister Gael. I am goin back to Pierre's ranch to work on his land an some day I will be hopin to see you come ridin in an I will keep on learnin as well as I can an mebbe you will not be ashamed of me. I feel awful bad to go but I would feel more bad to stay when it must hurt you so. Respectably

"JOAN."

There were blistered spots above that pathetic, mistaken signature. The poor girl had meant to sign herself "Respectfully," and somehow that half broke his heart.

He drank the strong coffee Wen Ho brought for him, two great cups of it, and he ate a piece of broiled elk meat then he went out again and walked rapidly down the trail. It was not yet dark; the world was in a soft glow of rose and violet, opalescent lights. The birds were singing in a hundred chantries. And there, through the firs, a sight to stop his heart, Joan came walking toward him, graceful, free, a swinging figure, bareheaded, her rags girded beautifully about her. And up and up to him she came soundlessly over the pine needles and through the wet snow-patches, looking at him steadfastly and tenderly, without a smile. She came and stood before him, still without dropping her sad, grave look.

"Mr. Gael," she said, "I hev come back. I got out yonder an'"—her breast heaved and a sort of terror came into her eyes—"an' the world was awful lonely. There ain't a creature out yonder to care fer me, fer me to care fer. It seemed like as it was all dead. I couldn't bear it."

PUBLIC SALE

As we are dissolving partnership we will sell at public auction at our place, known as the J. H. Scales farm, 2 1-2 miles west of Alexander, 3 miles south and 4 1-2 miles east of Belmond, 1 1-2 miles east and 4 miles north of Rowan, on

Wednesday, October 3

Commencing at 10:00 O'clock A. M., the following described property:

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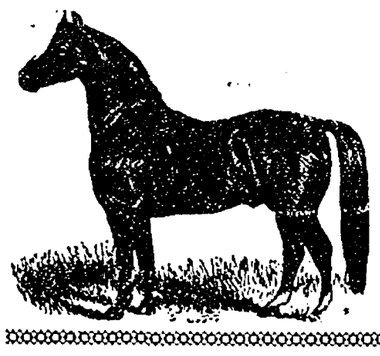

2 MULES, 1 YR. OLD AUG. 6TH.
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57 Head of Cattle

14 MILK COWS, GUERNSEYS AND HOLSTEINS, SOME FRESH NOW, BALANCE FRESH SOON. THESE COWS ARE TIP-TOP MILKERS, IN GOOD CONDITION, AND ALL YOUNG BUT ONE. TEST OF EACH ONE WILL BE GIVEN DAY OF SALE.

3 SUCKING CALVES
23 HEAD OF 2-YEAR-OLD STEERS
4 GUERNSEY HEIFERS 8 MONTHS OLD
10 HEAD OF 1-YEAR-OLD STEERS
2 HEIFERS 1 YEAR OLD
1 PEDIGREED SHORTHORN BULL, 4 YEARS OLD, PAPERS FURNISHED

70 - Head of Hogs - 70

CONSISTING OF SOME GRADES AND SOME PURE BRED SPOTTED POLAND CHINAS, ELIGIBLE TO REGISTRY

Farm Machinery, Etc.

1 hog oiler
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1 hand corn sheller
1 large tackle block
1 Chatham fanning mill
2 hay rakes, 8 and 11 ft.
3 sets double work harness
1 McCormick mower, 5-ft. cut
2 wagon boxes
1 potatoe scoop
1 single harness
1 heavy log chain
1 16-ft. feed bunk
1 14-ft. hay rack
1 Dain hay loader
1 End gate seeder
1 10-ft. iron drag
2 P & O cultivators
1 8-16 Keystone disc
1 Independent cultivator
1 garage, frame, 10 x 16
1 60-gallon storage tank
1 20-ft. wooden drag, new
1 16-in. Emerson sulky plow
1 Moline 3½ in. tired wagon
1 New Idea manure spreader
1 kerosene barrel with pump
1 P & O 8-16 disc, nearly new
2 high wheeled narrow tired wagons
1 International 2½ h. p. gasoline engine, nearly new
1 14-in. Moline walking plow, nearly new
1 14-in. J. I. Case gang plow, in good condition
1 40-ft. Meadows grain elevator, in excellent condition
1 Deere Mansur corn planter with 80 rods of wire
1 Deering Ideal 6-ft.-cut grain binder.
5 tons tame hay in stack
4 straw stacks
About 20 tons good clover hay in barn.

Free Lunch At Noon

TERMS OF SALE: All sums of $10 and under, cash. Over that amount 12 months' time will be given on approved security at 8 per cent interest. No property removed until settled for.

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Positions at $15.00 per week to $1,500.00 per year are going begging. Fit yourself for one of them at The Hamilton University, Mason City, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hetland and sons, Raymond and Eldon, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Frohling and daughter, Frances and son Jake were Sunday visitors at the George Bohning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Berwick of Roland are visiting at the T. A. Hereim home.

Miss Alice Ersland visited with her friend, Grace Bohning, Sunday.

Mrs. Lydia Luick Shaver of Lincoln, Nebraska, has been visiting at the home of relatives here the past week. Mrs. Shaver is a daughter of S. D. Luick.

Miss Mary Forristall and Mrs. Harvey Boller were shopping at Mason City, Friday.

Miss Elsie Davis of St. Paul spent Friday with her folks in Belmond.

Rev. B. K. Barstad, who has conducted evangelistic meetings in St. Olaf and Trinity churches the past week, left early Monday morning for his home at Minneapolis.

For better bread ask for Hava-Slice Bread. Made clean, sold clean. Made with milk.—Belmond Bakery.

One year from now you can be holding a good position if you attend The Hamilton University, Mason City, Iowa.

HATS!—HATS!—HATS!
Hats for the ladies,
Hats for the girlies,
Hats for the babies,
At the Belmond Hat Shoppe. Come in and look them over.

Mrs. Geo. Dunn of Alexander was a shopper in this city on Saturday last.

Mrs. Clare Clark of Denver, Colorado, is visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Sarah Zook, and with other relatives.

There will be no Community club meeting this month.

The editor of the Independent is indebted to D. E. Packard for two fine pike, part of the haul that Dite made on his fishing trip last week. They were "some fish" all right, and we certainly enjoyed them. Whenever Dite gets out his hook and line some fish is a gonner.

We have a dandy line of cake and pastry on hand at all times.—Belmond Bakery.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Braun and family from LaSalle, Illinois, arrived Saturday for a visit with his brother, George, and with other relatives here.

Look forward one year. Will you be any better off than you are now? A business training will do wonders for you. The Hamilton University, Mason City, Iowa.

The Independent can give you the best of service on your farm sale advertising. Let us figure with you. Eighty per cent of the farm sales are advertised in the Independent.

Elmer Larsen came home last Thursday, Harry Nordschow driving him up from Story City, where he has been in the hospital. Aside from a few scratces and cracked ribs, Elmer is coming nicely since his recent automobile accident.

Local hunters have been touring the adjacent lakes and swamps the past week, seeking the wild duck, but to date we have heard of no record bags. Every year it seems like game becomes more and more scarce.

Buy your Christmas Cards NOW while you have a choice. The Independent has a wide variety and will be pleased to show them to you.

Hand Picked Wealthies and Greenings, from sprayed orchard. Phone No. 8. 442c

If you have a stove to sell, now is the time, and an Independent Want Ad will sell it for you.

Electrical fixtures; wiring; service at all hours. C. H. Wallace. Phone 366. 44tf

Mr. and Mrs. Joe White returned Saturday night from their western trip, where they have been touring the country as far as Portland, Oregon. Joe says they had a wonderful trip and enjoyed it, but that Iowa is the best place he has seen yet. They average 22 miles a gallon on gasoline, for which they paid from 16 to 36 cents.

Buy your Christmas Cards NOW while you have a choice. The Independent has a wide variety and will be pleased to show them to you.

Frank Jacobmeyer and family of Frazer, Minnesota, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Jacobmeyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Meacham. They made the trip in their car

Louis Storck visited at the F. T. and Burt Mecham homes Sunday. He is from Ft. Dodge.

F. T. Meacham's held a family reunion at their home in east Belmond Sunday, Sept. 23rd. The Frank Jacobmeyer family of Frazer, Minnesota, Louis Storck family of Ft. Dodge and Burt Meacham family of Belmond were present

Mrs. John Martin of Council Bluffs is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Richard Ziska, this week.

For electrical wiring and fixtures see C. H. Wallace. Phone 366. 44tf

Wm. Stadtlander, son of E. Stadtlander, returned to school Monday after an absence of two weeks on account of an infected leg, which had to be lanced twice.

Tuesday afternoon the Progress club held their first meeting of the season at the home of Mrs. A. W. Martin. New officers were installed. Mrs. A. W. Martin, pres; Mrs. C. P. Luick, vice pres; Mrs Williams, corres. sec; Mrs. J. E. Wallace, rec. sec. The club will study the New Testament this year. Last year's calander committee served refreshments

The Congregational Missionary society meets at the home of Mrs. C. P. Luick this afternoon. Mrs. Thiltgen is the leader. The hostesses are Mrs. Val Griesy, Mrs. Goelz, and Mrs. C. P. Luick.

Steenblock & Loats have improved their store building with a coat of paint

Miss Jennie Shaw went to Clarion the first of the week to visit her sister, Mrs. E. R. Boggs.

Rev. W. A Wilkinson received word Monday that his mother had passed away at her home in Arkansas. He left that afternoon to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Shrauger from Atlanta, Iowa is visiting at the home of her friend, Mrs. Herman Schultz.

The ladies of the Clarmiond Country club held a bridge luncheon at the club house on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Daisy Pierce of Britt is visiting friends and relatives here.

Miss Mary Barry entertained the girls' bridge club on Monday evening.

Mrs. Curtis of Webster City spent a few days last week visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Riley and daughter of Rowan spent Sunday at the Fuller Bailey home.

Mrs. Herman Schultz entertained a number of friends at a bridge luncheon Wednesday afternoon, in honor of her friend, Mrs. Shrauger.

The annual Methodist Bazaar will be held on November 24.

Miss Esther Amblie and Miss Mildred Hauge spent the week end with friends at Clarion.

Our candy stock is fresh and the best that can be bought.—Belmond Bakery.

Mrs. Richards of Rowan was a shopper in Belmond on Saturday afternoon.

We are giving away a dandy basket of candy worth $2.00. Buy a dime's worth of any candy in our store and get a guess at the number of pieces of candy in the jar. The person guessing the closest will get this dandy basket of candy.—Belmond Bakery.

Minnesota Red River Valley Early Ohio potatoes on Rock Island tracks at Belmond last of this week. Delivered, or come and get them.—Emmet Hood.

Special for Saturday: Rolls of all kinds.—Belmond Bakery.

PUBLIC SALE DATES

(List your sale with the Independent to avoid confusion in dates.)

Wm. Moellering, 1-2 mile north of Rowan. Shorthorn sale, Thursday, September 27.

Hall Brothers, general farm sale, 2½ miles west of Alexander, on October 3rd.

The Motor Inn has been greatly improved by a coat of paint on the outside.

REV. LEINBACH RESIGNS

Rev. S. U. Leinbach, pastor of the Sands Memorial Congregational church, has tendered his resignation to his congregation, to take effect as soon as a new minister can be secured. We understand Mr. Leinbach will devote his time to his large farming interests on his land east of Belmond. His successor has not been chosen as yet.

EAGLE BOOTLEGGER GETS $100

The Eagle Grove mayor added one hundred dollars to the city's funds last week, when one Ole Nelson was arrested with a mess of moonshine in his possession. The Eagle mayor seems to be cleaning up the town in pretty good hape, eight poker players getting theirs the week before.

LET CONTRACT TO GRAVEL 10

Last week the board of supervisors let the graveling contract for the final two miles on primary No. 10. The Belmond Construction Co. is to furnish the gravel, their price being $1.20 per cubic yard f. o. b. Clarion. The hauling was awarded to Pewick Bros. of Des Moines at 47 cents per yard for the first mile and 9 9-10 cents for each additional half mile. The total yardage is 3124 cubic yards of gravel for the two miles of highway and the total cost to the county is $1.81 per cubic yard, including labor. The total of the next lowest bid came to $2.22. The price to the county is 21 cents lower than that received by the city, which is due to the fact that the Pewick Bros. have a steam clam shell and unload their own gravel from the cars, whereas the city had to pay for this service. The work is to begin October 1st, and be completed by November 1st, weather permitting.

Other Court House Notes

A week or so ago a Clarion man visited the "sugar factory town" on the north and among other things got his hootch and gasoline mixed to such an extent that he made a pretty bad mess of matters. It's a long story with a woman in the case and may come to light later on. Suffice to say for the present that when Sheriff Lang was about to make an official call the man wanted saw him coming and took to the corn field. At last reports he was still going and has probably reached Canada by this time.

Lyman Moats of Eagle Grove was committed to the state institution at Cherokee on Wednesday last. At one time he was clerk of the district court and one of the most prominent attorneys in the county.—Monitor.

WANT ADS

Two cents per word first insertion; one cent per word ensuing insertions.

FOR SALE

For Sale—Wagon, disc, scoop board, a barrel, 75 feet of inch and one-four rope, bath tub, and a number of other articles. Call at the house.—D. H. Hake. 43tfc.

For Sale—Check protector, good as new. Inquire at Independent. tf

For Sale—One new Ford touring car and one new Chevrolet touring car.—Nordschow Motor Co.

For Sale—New range and two second hand cook stoves. Inquire at Independent. 45tf

For Sale—John Deere outside elevator, in good condition.—Ole Hanson. 442*

For Sale—Kimball organ, good as new. Ideal for school. Price $10. Inquire at this office. 452*

For Sale—My Short Horn herd bull. Breeding papers furnished. Also a few heifers. Inquire of M. Halfwassen. 452*

For Rent—Rooms. Board if desired. Also home baking by order. Phone 275. 451*

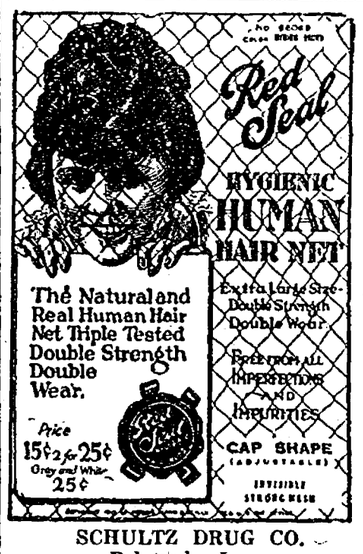
For Rent—Seven-room house, one lot, in Barry addition. Phone 2109. —Howard Forristal. 1c

Lost—Black plush robe, between my place and Johnson & Wright's store. Reward. —Theo. Bonte. 1c

Found—Young black boar; came to my place Sept. 21, 1923. Owner is requested to prove property, pay cost of feeding and advertising, and remove property.—C. F. Hedges, Belmond, Iowa. 453c

EAGLE STARTS PAVING JOB

Work began last week on the resurfacing of the main street in Eagle Grove. The contract with the paving company calls for a completed job within three weeks, and after October 15 a $25 a day forfeit if not completed.



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Kinseth's Store News

Winter is just around the corner and time to be thinking about our potatoes for winter. We will have a carload of potatoes on the Rock Island tracks next week Monday and Tuesday October 1 and 2. These potatoes are good ones, mealy and firm and good keepers. We have already book orders for a good many bushel of them, and advise that you call us at once and place your order. If you don't like them when you see them, you don't have to take them.

—K—

Special this week is on fresh Italian Prunes, juicy and sweet. Better have some sent up, they are dandy eating.

—K—

Got some good sweet potatoes in now. The real thing.

And that coffee at 38c is still on hand, but we're selling a heap of it. If others have found the bargain of bargains in coffee you can too.

—K—

Blankets, warm ones, with a good appearance. Just the thing for the cool fall days.

—K—

Shoes for men and boys. All sizes for all people.

—K—

And dress goods! Pretty goods for ladies dresses. Look our stock over.

—K—

And follow the crowds to the Store on the Corner. Don't let your neighbor be the only wise one. Every day in every way they keep coming more and more. We'll say that business is good!

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP NEWS

Rev. Landsiedel of Wellsburg, Ia., will occupy the pulpit of the Immanuel church next Sunday morning and evening.

The next farm bureau social will be held at the Jake Henn home on next Wednesday evening, Oct. 3. A cordial welcome is extended.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dorenkamp and son, Elmer, were Sunday visitors at the parental Jake Dorenkamp, Sr., home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Mennenga spent Sunday evening at the Wm Boelman home.

Schoolmates of little Howard Finn are glad that he has fully recovered from his operation for appendicitis and is now able to resume his school duties.

Mr. and Mrs. Hio Goeman are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl, Sept. 22.

For Gasoline, Kerosene and Lubricating oil, call phone 89½.—Belmond Deep Rock oil Co. 32tfc

BELMOND MARKETS
(Subject to change.)

Hens, heavy	17c
Hens, light	14c
Roosters	07c
Springs	16c
Leghorns	12c
Geese	10c
Ducks	12c
Turkeys	25c
Eggs	28c
Cream	42c
Creamery Butter	45c
Oats	33c
Corn	75c

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Belmond Wins Over Kanawha Friday 14-12

Kanawha Scores First And In First Half Holds The Advantage Clearly.

BELMOND COMES UP FINE

The Belmond foot ball team won the first game of the season on the home grounds when they defeated Kanawha 14 to 12 last Friday.

Kanawha scored first, in the first quarter, with a touchdown, but could not make the extra point. They held the lead for the first half, and for a time it looked rather serious for the boys. The Belmond team was playing a very poor game, fumbling excessively, failing on forward passes, and failing to use a variety of plays. Th Kanawha outfit were holding them solidly and the chances looked gloomy.

In the second half, however, the boys waded into it, and using a variety of plays and the aerial attack, which they got to working, scored two touchdowns, and made the extra points. The extra points added were beautifully executed, and both times completely fooled the Kanawha team to a frazzle. Kanawha, however, was not idle and managed to put over another touchdown of their own, but failed again on the extra point. The ability of the Belmond boys to make that point gave them the game, for with the playing they exhibited only the two points saved them. They were away off form, and playing as they did against Clear Lake and at Garner, should have had four touchdowns at least. The two teams were pretty evenly matched, and gave the spectators, of whom a fair-sized crowd was present, the worth of their money. The game ended with Belmond having the ball only a few yards from the Kanawha line.

The boys are delivering winning foot ball, and deserve the full support of the Belmond people. Attendance at their home games shows your interest better than any other way, so be on hand at their next game and give them a real boost.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION

The Uniform County Teachers' Examination will be held in Clarion. October 24, 25, 26. Applicants must have had twelve weeks of normal training, or have taught six months on a regular certificate. A year of college work will be accepted in lieu of the twelve weeks of normal training. Candidates writing for the first time should bring their certificates of normal training attendance; if a college student, a certified statement of at least one year's work.

Blanche Bock, Co. Supt.

DENIED CITIZENSHIP BECAUSE WITNESS IS NOT CITIZEN.

Six Wright county residents were granted citizenship papers by Judge McCall, Wednesday morning, out of seven applications. Those who renounced their allegiance to their mother country and became citizens of the United States were: Dick Wessels of Belmond, formerly a German subject; Fredrik Vaksdal of Eagle Grove, formerly a citizen of Kanawha, formerly a subject of Norway; Mikkel Olai Olsen Mortvet of Eagle Grove, formerly a citizen of Norway; Harold Christensen of Eagle Grove, from Denmark; Chris M. Christensen, Eagle Grove, of Denmark, father of Harold Christensen.

The application of Lars Moe of Belmond was dismissed because one of Moe's witnesses, Ole Thompson, is not a citizen of the United States. Nearly everyone around Belmond supposed that Mr. Thompson was a citizen of this country, and it was quite a surprise when it was learned that he had never been naturalized. However, Mr. Moe has made application for citizenship for the April, 1924, term and has different witnesses.—News.

The Community club will hold another food sale Saturday, October 13, beginning at 10:30, in the building vacated by J. E. Pfaltzgraff. Lunch will be served at noon, and during the afternoon. Please call for returned dishes at the sale, or later at Mrs. Gowdy's.

COURT HOUSE NEWS NOTES

C. J. LeValley and C. C. Storck of Sheffield appeared in district court at Hampton, Monday, and entered pleas of guilty of fradulent banking and were sentenced to ten years' of imprisonmnet by Judge G. D. Thompson. They were started on their way to Fort Madison a few hours after sentence had been passed.

LeValley was cashier and Storck was assistant cashier of the defunct Farmers' and Merchants' bank of Sheffield. LeValley was a former representative in the lower house of the Iowa legislature. Storck is the former mayor of Sheffied. Both were indicted in connection with the failure of the bank, is which depositors were said to have lost a large sum. Several business houses also closed their doors as a result of the bank crash and the loss has been estimated as high as $300,000.

The pleas of guilty came as a surprise even to the county attorney who had prepared for an extended trial.

John Mathews of Woolstock township, who is again confined in the county jail on the charge of bootlegging, will be given a hearing on October 22, at which time Judge McCall will consider the revocation of his parole.

The grand jury has returned four indictment and is still at work. Ed. Delaney drew a double charge for his part in a check deal a few weeks ago, when he cashed a small check at the Robbins barber shop in Clarion. Forgery and issuing a check without funds were returned against him.

The case against J. S. Gray of Webster City, who was apprehended at Eagle Grove a few months ago with a quantity of liquor, was dismissed Tuesday by the county attorney for lack of evidence.

Joe Thurman, who was released from the county jail only a few days ago, having completed a bootleggers sentence, was again indicted by the present grand jury on the same charge.

The fellows who pulled off the holdup stunt at the Goldfield oil station last spring also received an invitation by the grand jury to stand trial. They are Clarence Lang, alias Lowery, and Albert Olson, alias Palmer. The charge is assault with intent to commit murder.

The April grand jury returned an indictment against Thurman Mosher of Eagle Grove on a bootlegging charge. About that time Mosher had urgent business in another part of the state. He dropped into Eagle Saturday and the officers placed him under arrest and he was brought to the county seat for safe keeping.

W. D. Bredehoft asks judgment against Frank McDaniels of Woolstock for $3,782.50, being the amount due on a note.

W. H. Paskin desires to be appointed guardian of the person and property of his brother, Benjamin Paskin, whom the former says is of unsound mind and physically incapacitated.

Walter E. Stevens asks that Emma Stevens of Belmond be appointed guardian of Nellie Marie Stevens, a minor, and of her property.

John R. King demands judgment against E. F. McComb et al for $21,184.40 being the amount alleged unpaid on a note. The parties are residents of Hamilton county.

Frank Leslie states that he is owner of one-half interest in certain lots in Dows, Iowa, and that the First National Bank of Buffalo, Minn is also owner of one-half interest. That parties cannot agree as to partition of property. Wherefore the first named party prays for a decree of equity.

A Clarion young man was called before the grand jury last week to explain where he got the stuff which caused him to make such a spectacle of himself a few days previouse.—Monitor.

TRINITY CHURCH NOTES

Thursday evening prayer meeting at the home of Henry Anderson at 7:30 o'clock.

Class meets at 9:00 o'clock Sunday morning at the church.

Sunday morning Sunday school at 190 o'clock. English service at 11 and Norwegian service at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Pat Dillon visited relatives at Clarion on Saturday of last week.

JUSTICE

by GRACE E. HALL

A keen blade makes an open wound,
And crimson stains are bright,
And laws are made for blade and blood,
To keep man's conduct right;
But what of those who stab and slay
A human heart—and go away?

An open wound is red and raw,
And everyone may see,
And those who use a knife, the law
Will punish lawfully;
But those who only stab the heart
May strike in safety and depart.

A keen blade makes an open wound,
A cruel wound and red,
And every man will cry that law
Upon its course be sped;
But souls are murdered everywhere,
And men but smile and call it fair.

A keen blade strikes—and is done,
And all the world may know,
But through the years a poison gnaws
With deadly pain and slow;
But laws and men heed but the blade,
Or ragged holes by bullets made.

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FATHER DOBBERSTEIN GOES AFTER GROTTO MATERIAL

Father Dobberstein of West Bend, who is constructing the famous grotto at that place, is leaving soon on a tour of the west and southwest in search of material—rocks, stones and minerals—for use in the grotto. He recently received 2,600 pounds of crystals from the crystal cave in the Black Hills, and on his trip will visit mines in New Mexico, Arizona, California and Wyoming, after more material. He expects to be gone a month or so.

HUMBOLDT'S COURT HOUSE SNOWED UNDER 4 TO 1

The big fight at Humboldt over a new court house has come and gone, and the result was a decisive victory for the no-court-house side. The result of the vote was about four to one against building the new court house now, almost every precinct in the county going against. About one-fourth of the vote was out.

ST. OLAF CHURCH NOTES

Class meets Saturday afternoon at two o'clock.

Sunday school Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. All present.

Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 17, the North Ladies Aid meets at the home of Garfield Holverson.

Thursday, Oct. 18, the South Ladies Aid meets at the home of Henry Nelson.

WORLD SERIES OVER RADIO

Base ball fans in Belmond are invited to come to the Independent office each afternoon during the world series games between the New York Giants and Yankees, and learn the results as the game progresses. The games will be received over the radio. No reserved seats; first come, first served. Phone calls cheerfully answered.

GIANTS WIN

The New York Giants won the first game of the world series from the New York Yankees yesterday by a score of 5 to 4 in a bitterly contested battle. The game was received over the radio by the Independent play by play. The games each day will be received, and you are invited to come in and hear how they come out. The summary of the first game:

	R	H	E
Giants	5	8	0
Yankees	4	12	1

KLEMME GIRL MARRIES BELMOND MAN.

Klemme Times: Miss Mabel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Waterman of this city, was united in marriage to Mr. Chester Cullinan, of Belmond. The ceremony took place at the Little Brown Church near Nashua, last week Wednesday.

The bride graduated from the local high school and finishing the work in the Garner school, later going to Iowa City where she studied at the University for two years, after which she successfully taught in the Belmond school for one year.

Mr. Cullinan is a graduate of the State College at Ames and specialized in agriculture. In the spring Mr. and Mrs. Cullinan will move to his father's farm three miles south of Belmond, where they will make their home.

GET ANOTHER AT CLEAR LAKE

A Clear Lake citizen rented one of is garages to a stranger a week or so ago, and shortly after became suspicious as to what was taking place. He notified the authorities and a raid uncovered 38 gallons of what is thought to be genuine alcohol. The owner of the wet goods was not caught.

HOLD OLD SETTLERS' PICNIC

An old settlers picnic for the settlers of Franklin county was held at Hampton last Friday afternoon, under the auspices of the D. A. R. The picnic was held on the spot where the first settlers camped 70 years ago. A large crowd attended.

TWO GARNER CHURCHES AGREE TO CONSOLIDATE

Rev C. H. Van Metre, the new pastor of the Methodist church at Garner, will have a consolidation of the two Methodist churches at that place as a congregation. The First M. E. church and the Grace M. E. church of Garner have united, making one big church and congregation. The First M. E. church will be used for services, and the Grace M. E. parsonage will be used. The agreement was made recently.

KLEMME TO HAVE ROUTE.

After several years of endeavoring to put a rural mail delivery route thru, the farmers adjacent to Klemme are about to have their mail brought to them. The postmistress of that place recently received a notice from the government that a route had been authorized, to become effective November 16.

BELMOND SCHOOL NOTES

Belmond high school won the foot ball game from Kanawha, Friday, 14-12. There is no game this week.

Alex Smith of the Junior class won the typewriting medal for this week. He handed in eight perfect lessons in the week.

Division I of the Literary gave their first program last Friday. It was a very good program. The farce by Miss Sharon was especially good. Many visitors were present.

Mr. Varland and Mr. Cobel from Lincoln, Nebraska, talked to the high school on thrift Tuesday morning.

Monday evening the Sophomore class had a picnic in Tyrrell park as a courtesy to Elma Wilkinson who is moving to Dayton, Iowa.

The new high school music books are here and regular assembly singing starts Thursday morning.

In the contest between classes for the sale of season foot ball tickets, the Seniors won by selling tickets amounting to $48.75.

The Freshman class had a picnic at Morse Lake last Wednesday.

Henry Robinson was unfortunate enought to break his arm for the second time.

Alvin Hauge of the Sophomore class has had a relapse and at present is very ill.

SALVATION ARMY WARNS OF FAKE SOLICITORS.

A general warning to the public to beware of fake solicitors seeking money for alleged Salvation Army work has been issued by Brigadier William Andrews, Iowa-Nebraska divisional commander.

Reports from various cities and towns of the state to the Des Moines divisional headquarters have brought out the fact that spurious solicitors, sometimes garbed similar to Salvation Army workers, are seeking money, claiming to represent this organization and stating that the funds secured are to be used for Salvation Army work.

Brigadier Andrews states that the only money rightfully solicited in the name of the Salvation Army is that obtained in the home service appeals conducted in the various counties by local committees, working under the direction of a County Advisory Board, and that the public should beware of fake solicitors using the name and garb of the Salvation Army to obtain contributions fraudulently.

HALF OF IOWA SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE DEFECTIVE

Out of 173,000 boys and girls in the public schools of the state who were examined and treated by Red Cross nurses during last year, 90,000 or more than half were found to have physical defects which needed correction, according to the official school health report of the Iowa Red Cross given out.

More than 46,000 of these same school children were found to be seven per cent or more underweight, either due to improper food or to some ailment that was sapping their strength. The physical defects discovered in the children included teeth, tonsils, vision, glands, heating, bones lungs and speech. Corrections were made totalling 37,969.

After examination by the Red Cross nurses, the children are referred to the family physician, or dentist, or optician as the case may be. He then corrects the child. This is carried on thru the full co-operation of the parents of the children in the majority of cases.

The revelation of the vast amount of health work needed among school children has led the Red Cross to make plans for still further extension of its health activities in Iowa for the coming year.

Iowa leads all states in the Central Division in the number of public health nurses maintained by the Red Cross. A total of fifty full-time Red Cross nurses are now working thruout the state, with several more counties organized for service and waiting the appointment of nurses.

In addition to nursing activities, the Red Cross held 699 health clinics thruout the state during the year and made 45,000 visits to homes for the care of the sick. The health work is only one of a score of services now being carried on by he Red Cross. The annual Red Cross Roll call for the up-keep of this work is scheduled to start Nov. 11.

Sugar Campaign Now In Full Swing

Sugar Making Campaign Began At Seven O'clock This (Thursday) Morning.

GOOD SEASON IN PROSPECT

The sugar factory whistle boomed at the opening of the 1923 campaign at seven o'clock this morning, when a full crew began the work of turning four thousand acres of sugar beets into fine granulated sugar.

Everything was in readiness, and has been since the first of the month. Supt. Adams and his crew of workmen have put the plant in absolutely tip-top shape, the best that it has ever been it is claimed, with everything "rarin' to go." More than three dozen more applications to work than could be used are on file, and applicants now will have to take their turn. A great many of the employees who worked last year and in the 1920 campaign are back on the job, giving experienced help.

The prospects are indeed rosy for a successful campaign. The acreage is somewhat larger, the beets are of better quality and a better stand, the sugar content is belived to be much better than last year.

Interest in the sugar factory locally may be described as at a fever heat, and Pres. Tyrrell stated to the Independent that it is postively assured that the plant will be operated next year. This is good news indeed, and everyone is taking a most cheerful view of affairs generally. Operation of the plant means many tens of thousands of dollars difference in a business way, not only to Belmond but to the adjacent territory as well. Fullest confidence in the men at the head of the campaign and the plant is held, and Belmond anticipates a successful season all the way thru, while the farmer who has beets is smiling with a reason.

RUSSIAN GIRL WANTS TO COME BACK TO AMERICA

Eagle: Katharine Hoffner, formerly of Eagle Grove, writes friends here from Russia that she is determined to return to the United States. She formerly lived with her parents and attended the Garfield school. Her father accumulated a little money here and owned land in Russia. When he returned, the Soviets demanded that he turn over his money and property to them. On his refusal he was shot. Katharine's brother was also shot, after being compelled to dig his own grave. Her mother died from exposure. She wants to return to the United States and wrote to Rev. Stephen of Fort Dodge regarding her circumstances.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

J. B. O'Conner, Pastor.

We were well pleased with the Sunday Services. It is always a delight to speak to a large congregation. Many a church today has large morning congregations and scarcely no one in the evening. We were delighted Sunday evening to greet the large congregation that was present. We have every hope of even larger congregations this Sunday than we had last.

All together: Lets Go, for a greater Methodist church in Belmond.

Sunday School 10:30 a. m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.

Epworth League 6:30 p. m.

Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.

Prayer metting Thursday 7:30 p. m.

Sunday morning Subject "Releasing Spiritual Forces."

Sunday Evening Subject "Onward March."

We plan on having special music at both services, come on time Sunday evening as we will have a good sing together. Every member plan on being present Sunday. A very cordial welcome is extended to all. Come and worship with us.

KLEMME GARAGE MAN BURNED OUT BUYS ANOTHER GARAGE

Aaron Greimann of Klemme, who suffered the loss of his Ford garage in the recent fire there, has purchased outright the other garage in the same block from Henry Beier and is now doing business in the new location.

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Editorials

THE DIRTIEST TOWN

That is what was said of Belmond, Tuesday, by a visitor. He said:

"I haven't seen as dirty a town as Belmond for years."

The gentleman was an assistant state fire marshall, and he was here inspecting the city. No, to be absolutely correct, he was SENT here by the State Fire Marshall, Tracy, to investigate a report turned in to to him—the State Fire Marshal—by inspectors of fire insurance companies.

Inspectors for insurance companies after looking over the town, found conditions so bad that they filed a complaint with the state.. The state sent this gentleman here to investigate.

And not only did the assistant marshal make the remark about Belmond's being dirty, but he also said that he would not be at all surprised if insurance rates in Belmond jumped sky high, or even that some contracts—he said half—now in force in Belmond would be cancelled. He utterly condemned the conditions of the alleys in Belmond, as a fire trap and dangerous to a degree.

It would seem that the business men and citizens of Belmond could spend some time profitably, in cold dollars and cents if nothing else, in cleaning up. The fact that insurance rates in Belmond are already outrageously high and may go still further up, should cut some sort of a figure with everyone who pays insurance. Judging from the report of the state inspector, there is very small chance of the rates going down.

In fact, the Independent is inclined to believe that if the town is not cleaned up of its inflamable material lying loose in the alleys and back of buildings, that the state will either clean it up for us, or fine us a heavy enough amount to make us interested. At any rate, it is not a pretty compliment to be called "the dirtiest town"

THE IOWA ROAD HOG

The editor of the Fenomore, Wis. Times, evidently believes that Iowa is the home of hogs, all kinds, and in the following article mentions one kind which he seems to think grow profusely in this state. Says he:

"Road hogs, that is what the Iowa cars are, nearly all of them. They act as if they owned our roads and want the whole road when you meet them. We have come to just detest the sight of those yellow Iowa plates. The yellow in the plates is not the only streak of yellow the Iowa cars have. The other yellow streak is in their owners"

We do not deny that there are road hogs in Iowa; there are many of them. But they are being killed off at a pretty fair rate, and if the coming generation can be educated the species will become extinct. But we do deny that nearly all Iowa drivers are road hogs, or that Iowa is the only hog pen in the United States. The Wisconsin editor probably meets more Iowa cars than we do Wisconsin cars, because Iowa can afford to buy cars when the cheese state depends on the old one-horse-shay. But we'll gamble that proportionately the Wisconsin drivers are just as big hogs as any one else, and maybe more so. Pork is pork, regardless of where it grows.

The yellow streak our contemorary speaks of is not exclusive to Iowa either; he displays a fair-sized sample when he condemns the whole by the individual, and poor judgment as well. Perhaps, at the bottom of the Wisconsin man's ire was the thought that he has to eat the dust of folks who can afford a car that he can't. It often makes a terrific difference in viewpoint after you get a car of your own.

THREE CHEERS!

We read the other day where one Henry Ford, well known to a number of people, has acquired an old historical Inn in New England somewhere. Henry will repair the Inn and maintain its historical character for future generations. He says he will leave it just as it is, including a sign that charges visitors twenty-five cents to go thru the building, because, he says, if its worth seeing people will be glad to pay it, and he says "nothing free is worth having."

This statement will be good news to a lot of newspapers. If nothing free is worth having, Henry will probably cut out the "free" and "interesting news items" that he has been trying to force into the weekly papers of the country thru his local dealers. A legitimate news item is something every editor has his nose trained to discover, but Oh, how infernally tired he does become of the "free" copy that floods his desk. And Ford has been one of the chief offenders. He has endeavored to his stuff into the papers as news copy when it has been the frankest kind of free advertising for Ford and his products.

Henry is not alone in this steal; every newspaper's desk is flooded to a fare-you-well with it. And many a chilly day is the office warmed by this fuel so kindly donated. Instead of paying for what they want, as a good business man should do, they have been trying to work the easy marks, and many have been worked. But it is becoming harder and harder every day to get something for nothing. The brethern are learning. And as Ford has been converted (?) there will be one less to dump in the waste basket. Three cheers! May the good work go on!

Here and There

Lifting of the sugar beet crop will begin this week, weather permitting and the factory at Belmond will start the manufacturing of sugar just as soon as the crop begins to arrive in sufficient quantities. Fields in this vicinity vary as to quantity but on an average the crop is a good one. —Reporter.

Miss Laura Brooks and mother, Mrs. J. W. Brooks, are moving to Belmond to live this winter. They have a home at Belmond.—Times.

Miss Mildred Smith and Miss Mabel Starnes have accepted positions with the Belmond Sugar Co. and will leave tomorrow for Belmond to begin work in the sugar plant.—Klemme Times.

Mrs. M. R. Pierce and son Clair, of Belmond, were Clarion business callers, Tuesday.—News.

Society

Picnic—
The Sophomore class enjoyed a picnic in Tyrrell Park on Monday of this week.

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Priscilla—
Mrs. Marvin Christie entertained the ladies of the Priscilla club on Wednesday.

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Community Sale—
The Community club food sale last Saturday was very successful. The club cleared about $80. Another sale is planned for Saturday of this week.

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Progress—
Mrs. Glenn Klemme was hostess to the Progress club on Tuesday afternoon. The lesson on the Gospel of St. Mark was led by Mrs. M. F. Christie.

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Bridge—
Miss Mary Wallace entertained the girls' bridge club Monday evening. Light refreshments were served by the hostess.

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Party—
The girls of Mrs. Wilkinson's Sunday school class gave a farewell party for their teacher and Elma, in the church basement room on Monday evening. A pleasant evening was spent in playing games, after which dainty refreshments were served and Mrs. Wilkinson presented with a beautiful salt and pepper set, and Elma a manicure set of a late design.

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Entertains—
Miss Daisy Cameron entertained the Bridge club last week Thursday evening. Mrs. C. I. Williams won high score.

Bazaar—
Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid Bazaar will be held November 17.

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Dorcas—
Mrs. J. M. (Rev.) Jensen was hostess to the Dorcas society on Tuesday evening.

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First Meeting—
The first meeting of the conference year at the home of Mrs. Herman Schultz, Oct. 4, was well attended. Mrs. Ramsay, as leader, gave us an outline of our year's work and some of its aims. Mrs. McBurney had a beautiful boquet of snapdragons which presented the mystery questions. As this was the last meeting Mrs. Wilkinson would be with us, she was presented with a gift and with words of appreciation of her work with us, and regret that she must leave us. Dainty refreshments served by the hostess were enjoyed. Ladies of the church who do not attend every meeting miss a great deal. Plan to come Nov. 2nd.

BELMOND TRAIN SCHEDULES

(Corrected to date.)

ROCK ISLAND
Going North
Freight, daily ..... 11:46 a m.
Passenger, daily, ... 2:10 p. m.
Going South
Freight, daily ..... 1:10 p. m.
Passenger, daily ..... 11:50 a. m.

M.& ST. L.
Going West.
Combination, daily .... 8:30 a. m
Going East
Combination, daily ..... 3:35 p. m.

GREAT WESTERN
Going North
Motor, daily ..... 10:03, a. m.
No. 16, pass., D & S .... 1:30 p. m.
No. 12, pass., D & S .... 1:26 a. m.
Local Freight ..... 7:55 a. m.
Going South
No. 11, pass., D & S .... 1:24 a. m.
No. 15, pass., D & S .... 3:15 p. m.
Motor ..... 5:19 p. m.
Local Freight ..... 3:20 p. m.

NOTICE!

The local Sugar Factory will start slicing the morning of Thursday, Oct. 11th

Anyone who has filed an application for employment and has not received an employment card, should report at the factory before Thursday.

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Belmond, Iowa
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Kinseth's Store News

Right now is a good time to lay in your winter supply of potatoes. And this is a good place to get them because we have some mighty good ones. We are selling dandy potatoes this week at 90 cents a bushel. Come in before they are all gone, because they are going fast.

—K—

We have peaches by the bushel as well as pears. Fine eating, dandy for auce, and good for canning. We have a few baskets left so come in before they are gone.

—K—

They are being sold at a reasonable price too, worth your investigation.

—K—

Men's wool shirts.

A full line of blankets on hand for winter. Nothing nicer these cool fall evenings, and they will come in mighty handy when real cold and severe weather comes. Good looking and of lasting material, at a price you can afford to pay. Look them over.

—K—

And of course that 88 cent coffee. Have you tried it yet? If not better get a package, it makes a breakfast drink that can't be beaten.

—K—

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—K—

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FARM BUREAU NOTES

(By County Agnt Edwards)

Seed Corn Badly Damaged.

The early frost which came in September this year has damaged to some extend the seed corn and unless extreme care is exercised by our farmers in selecting their seed for the 1924 crop, the seed corn situation will be serious next spring. All farmers should be doubly careful in selecting their seed corn this fall, making sure that it is picked as early as possible and above all that it is stored in a place which is dry and has plenty of ventilation.

While it is not believed that the situation experienced in the spring of 1918 will be repeated this next spring, corn for seeding has not since 1917 been in as bad condition for seeding as it is this year, in the opinion of H. D. Hughes, head of the farm crops section at Iowa State College. In 1918 it was only by the most heroic methods that sufficient seed corn was secured to put in the crop. At that time seed corn of unknown quality sold at public auction in many Iowa counties at from $10 to $20 per bushel. Farmers were desperate.

"Much of the corn is still immature," says Professor Hughes, "and that which has approached maturity still contains an excessive amount of moisture. Even in many of the best fields, ears are molding on the stalk. Ears picked for seed are, in many cases molding and rotting after harvest where the ears have not been given the best attention."

According to Professor Hughes even with normal fall conditions good seed corn will not be plentiful next spring and an early cold snap will ruin the prospects for good seed on many farms.

"More than the usual amount of seed should be saved and this should be given very special attention while it is drying and curing" Professor Hughes says.

Business Meeting Progressing

The township farm bureau business meeting for the election of officers and the arranging of the programs of work for the year started last Tuesday evening, October 2nd., when the Iowa Township Farm Bureau meeting was held at the C. M. Myers' home. A short program consisting of a few musical numbers, two readings and an interesting address by R. E. Lee Aldrich was given at the Myers' home. This was followed by the election of L. E. Hall as director, Mrs. A. C. Lieuwen, vice director, and Mrs. H. J. Whitten, secretary-treasurer. Plans were made at this meeting for holding a Hallowe'en party at the L. E. Hall home on the evening of Friday, November 2.

Belmond township came second in this series of township business meetings when the farmers of that township met at the Center school last Thursday evening where an interesting program consisting of a few numbers by local talent and a splendid address by Rev S. U. Leinbach of Belmond was given. Some time was spent in going over the list of projects which are to be included in the schedule of work for next year. A vote was taken on the lines of work which are to be followed. This was followed by the election of officers which gave the following results: A. C. Hinman, director, Mrs Geo. C. Johnson vice director and A. E. Martin, secretary-treasurer.

In the election of officers L. W. Collins was re-elected director, of the township farm bureau, Miss Lydia Richards, vice director and Ross Meacham, secretary-treasurer.

Lincoln Township Holds Social

Farmers of Lincoln township Farm Bureau held their business and social meeting at the Lincoln church Friday evening when an interesting program filled with recitations, readings, a number of special musical numbers and orchestra music by people of this community.

Sheppard-Towner Clinics Coming

All mothers of children under school age are to be given opportunity to take advantage of the Sheppard-Towner law, which was passed by the 67th Congress of the United State, an act which provides for the promotion of the welfare and hygiene of maternity and infancy. The 40th General Assembly of the state of Iowa passed an act in which it accepted the conditions which were contained in the federal law and appropriated a sum of money to meet the conditions of the federal act. This act of the assembly was approved April 2, 1923, and became effective immediately upon its publication on April 4, 1923, thus making it possible for the mothers of Iowa to avail themselves of this exceptional service.

A letter was received recently by the county agent from the extension division of the University of Iowa urging us as a county farm bureau organization to take charge of the work in this territory and arrange for a series of clinics for the work which will be put on by the division of the maternity and infant hygiene, a branch of the extension service of the state university. Arrangements are being made with the department at Iowa City for holding a series of clinics in Wright county and an attempt will be made to place one clinic in each township or at least one in each town of the county.

As soon as information is received from the state university as to the time which can be alloted Wright county for conducting this work, a schedule will be made up and all mothers who are interested in having a thorough physical examination made of their children will be given opportunity to attend one of these clinics. All mothers who are interested in this project may get further information on the subject by writing either to the county agent, Clarion, Iowa, or to the division of maternity and infant hygiene Iowa City, Iowa.

Who Is The Best Corn Husker?

Before Christmas, some corn husking Iowan is going to be able to tell a remarkable story about himself to his grandchildren. That man will have won the state corn husking contest and, aside from having won $100, will have been proclaimed the best corn husker in Iowa.

Wallace's Farmer, assisted by the extension service of Iowa State college and the local farm bureaus, is putting on the contest. A total of $200 in prize is being offered by Wallace's Farmer for the winner of the final contest which will be held near Des Moines late in November. The extension service at Iowa state college has just mailed out complete information about the contest to township farm bureau presidents and to county agents. A number of townships and counties intend to hold local husking contests in the form of farm bureau picnics on Saturday afternoons during the last two weeks of October and the first week of November.

Contestants making unusually good records in the local contests together with huskers who, working independently, have made high records on a nine hour basis, and have signed statements to that effect, are eligible to the final contest. In this meet each husker will be required to husk for one hour and twenty minutes. Officials will see to it that all ears and even the nubbins are husked and that nothing except ears unsuitable for feed are left in the field.

Soy Bean Seed Scarce.

The demand for soybeans has exceeded the supply of the better varieties in Iowa, according to a member of the farm crops section of Iowa state college. This condition obtains in spite of the fact that the acreage of soybeans has been doubling annually while in many counties the acreage is estimated at from 10,000 to 15,000 acres.

While most of this acreage is planted with corn for hogging down, a good many fields are to be found where the bean are planted alone for the production of seed.

"The crop is best threshed in an ordinary separator, from which the concaves have been removed and the speed of which has been reduced to one-half the normal rate," says Prof. H. D. Hughes, of the farm crops section. "Where large acreages are to be threshed, special pulleys should be secured which will make it possible to slow down the cylinder and run the rest of the machine at normal speed"

Club Winners To Chicago.

A boys' and girls' club committee consisting of J. E. Kirstein, president of the county farm bureau, O. P. Morton, and Mrs. E. E. Evans, has been appointed to select the winners is the various departments of the club work in the county, who will be awarded the trip to the International Livestock Show at Chicago which trips are being given by the different railroad companies having lines running thru Wright county.

Word has just been received by the county agent that the Chicago Great Western Railroad company of offering a special prize consisting of a round trip to the Chicago International Livestock Sow to the boy or girl making the best record in boys' and girls' club work. It will be remembered that the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific, also the Chicago and Northwestern railroads, have offered prizes thus making a total of three special prizes which will be awarded Wright county boys and girls who have done the best work along club lines.

That the boys' and girls' club work is becoming more popular and that this line of activity is bringing results can not be denied and the fact that such corporations as the railroad companies have recognized the importance of the junior club work is evidence to the clear thinking person that the boys' and girls' club work is a line of work which should be developed not only in Wright county but in every other county of Iowa as well as in other states of the middle west

Griesy's Store News

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Fall Days Are Approaching

and winter is just around the corner. It may seem early to you to be thinking about Heaters, but the wise householder will be looking after that now.

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She: You had no business to kiss me!

He: But, hang it all, it wasn't business, it was pleasure!

Bud Hicks, he was a simple lad,
Who never done no harm.
He milked a cow from the left-hand side,
And now he's left the farm!
—Country Gentleman.

Announcement!

The Belmond Motor Sales Company wishes to announce to the public that they have placed Harold Aigley foreman of their repair department. If you have car trouble and want competent work done see Mr. Aigley. He will see that it will be done and done right and as cheap as a good job can be done. Also make all complaints in regard to repair work to him and he will adjust it the best way possible. Mr Aigley is fully competent and is well known the county over. It will pay you to see him when you need work done.

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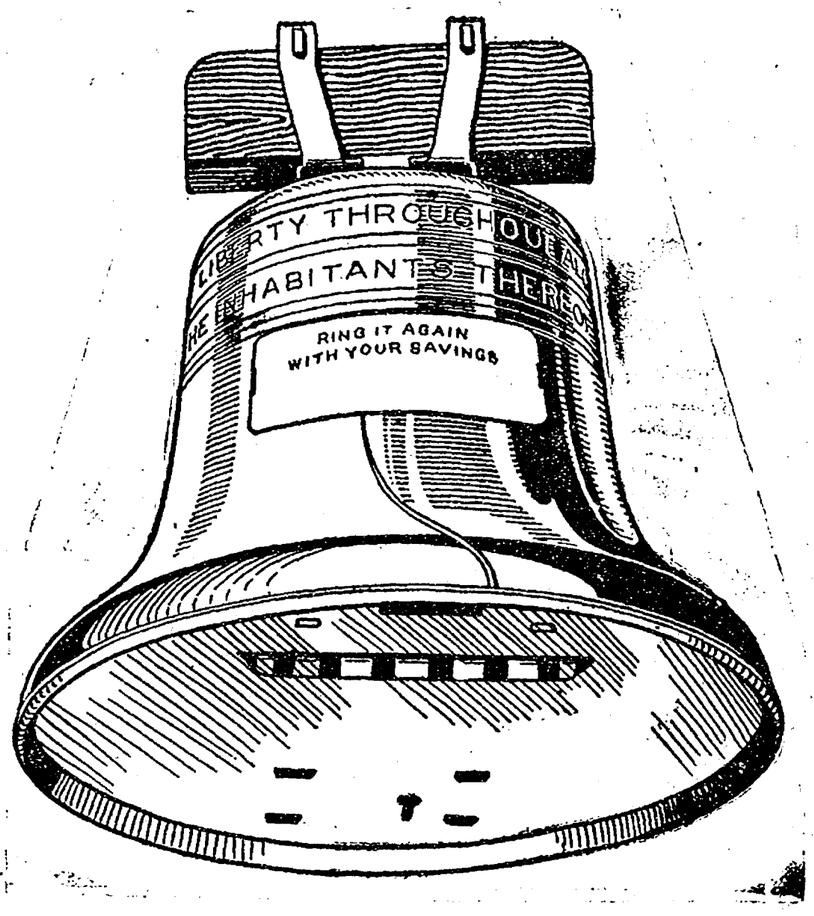

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MESERVEY SECTION

MESERVEY SCHOOL NOTES

1 & 2 Grades: Jane Shepherd and Cathrine Laube were dropped from our school roll last week,

Arlo Pals and Anita Herman reentered school this week after several days' absence.

Heinie Winthers was absent last Friday. Jane Shepherd was absent Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Prelipp visited the Primary room one afternoon.

First aid was given Viola Suntkens tooth.

The 2nd grade made booklets illustrating the poem "The Swing."

3rd & 4th Grades: Those absent were Tena Boelman, Henry Boelman, Lorenzo Quandt, and Frederick Suntken.

Mrs. W. R. Prelipp visited our room last week Tuesday.

5th and 6th Grades: One 6th of our school year has come to a close. Let us hope that one sixth of our work has been accomplished. Report cards with all the E's, G's and F's will be out Wednesday.

A. Nissen stepped into our room Monday after our day's work was over. Call again, Mr. Nissen.

We children are glad that our exhibition boards have come back from the fair. We like to keep the nice things we have made.

Grade 6 is doing illustrative drawing on "October's Bright Blue Weather."

Iva Bier, Benjamin Suntken, Clarence Quandt and Gwethalyn Wenzell have been absent once the past week.

MESERVEY LOCAL NEWS

Phone your news to 41 or 54.

Jacob Nissen and John Langlitz were business callers at Clarion on Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wendel motored to Mason City last Thursday returning the following day.

Have you noticed the new school zone signs? Now it is up to you drivers to be careful, in order to avoid accidents. 'Tis a warning, so please govern yourselves accordingly.

Try a sack of "Mother's Flour", for sale at Hulsebus-Mullers.' Every sack guaranteed.

Our duck hunters returned home last Monday from their Dakota trip. They arrived here bright and early in plenty of time for breakfast. Someone said it was before "sunrise."

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Pals, and children Marie and Andrew, accompanied by Miss Minnie Freese, motored to Dumont Friday to visit at the home of the latter's uncle, C. Freese, who is very ill. Miss Freese recently arrived from Germany, departed Monday for an indefinite stay to help care for him.

The Helping Hand society will meet with Mrs. Cooper on Thursday, Oct. 18 for their regular meeting. All are invited to come.

Watch the Bulletin Board at the Evang. church for announcements of the week.

The S. O. S. Boys' S. S. class of the Evang. church, Frank Guth, the teacher, met at the Fred Schluter home Monday evening for their regular monthly business meeting and social time. Mr. Dingman was honor guest and the boys report a most delightful evening.

Those who raised sugar beets this year are busily engaged in bringing them to market. Mrs. Nels Faaborg is attending to the weighing.

Ray Klemme of Belmond was a business caller in town last Saturday.

Mrs. Chas. Nelson and baby returned to their home at Clarion on Sunday after making a short visit at the home of her parents, and with her sister.

The W. C. T. U. met at the home of Mrs. A. J. Nissen Wednesday p. m. of last week to hold their yearly meeting and election of officers. Following are officers for the coming year:

Pres. Mrs. A. E. Muller; vice pres. Mrs. H. Brater; Sec. Mrs. Ed. Rooks; Treas. Mrs. A J. Nissen. The Union hold their meeting on the first Wednesday of each month and a cordial invitation is extended to all who may wish to attend.

G. E. Raecker and wife and daughter motored to Abbot last Sunday to spend the day with his brother and family.

Rev. Schlesselman and Prof. Wieand were Mason City callers last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Heiko Janssen and younger son returned from a motor trip to Peoria, Ill., last Sunday, having spent about a week there.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Himmel and daughter of Iowa Falls were guests at the Rev. Raecker home and H. Fischer home Sunday.

Buy HavaSlice Bread at Hulsebus-Muller & Co. Also order your buns, roles and pastries thru them.

Rev. and Mrs. Pannkuk and daughter Lydia and Mrs. Emma Stadtlander were Mason City business callers on Saturday.

The revival meetings have been quite well attended and will be continued until Sunday evening. All are invited to attend.

The Misses Elma Hale and Edna Kloster of Clarion were week end visitors with their friend, Miss Viola Thomas. The two former teach in the Clarion schools.

Frank Guth and wife were Mason City callers last Friday.

Quarterly conference was held at Evang. church on Friday evening of last week. And on Sunday the communion services were conducted. Presiding Elder Faust of Cedar Falls was present.

Mrs. Anna Dobbert returned to her home in Chicago last Friday, after visiting at the home of her son, Wm. Messelheiser, for about six weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Messelheiser accompanied them to Clarion.

Ben Boelman and family motored to Bradford Friday to spend the day at the R. Karsjens home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Brown and children of Hampton were Sunday visitors at the Wm. Messelheiser home.

For Sale—A 3-year-old heifer, 15-16 Guernsey. Fresh this month.—Fred W. Pals. 472c

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Mrs. I. Nissen and Mrs. J. Kolb accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Adam Kolb to Mason City last Wednesday.

Mrs. S. Crabtree and children of near Clarion were visitors at the Hulsebus home and with other old friends from Friday until Sunday.

L. B. Hulsebus and wife visited in town several days the latter part of last week. Before returning to Clear Lake they motored to Dows and Webster City on business.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Sprau and baby motored to Cedar Falls last Friday to spend the day, their daughter Eva and Evelyn Thomas and Ilene Strösg returning with them to spend the week end, the latter visiting at the H. Fischer home. They returned on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Lois driving over in their car.

What do the mosquitoes do for food after the summer resorts close?

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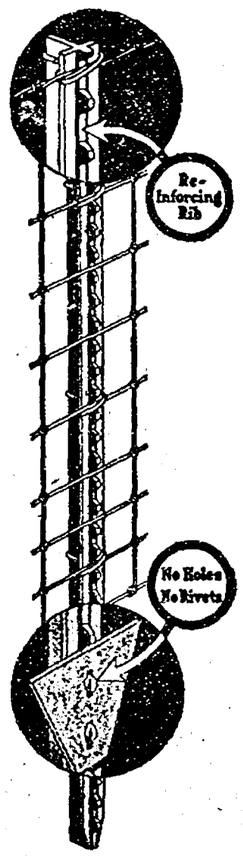

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ROWAN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jacobs of Goodell, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mantle, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gates, Mr. and Mrs. John Keleher and family, and Mrs. Ina Stumph, Garnette and Bernard were guests Sunday at the Ed. Miller home in Clarion.

L. A. McCallum and G. S. Liming were called as witnesses before the grand jury Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

Dr. A. C. Rhine Is Dead.

Word was received here that Dr. Rhine, who several years ago had been a practicing physician here and also at Hampton, had committed suicide at his home in Manila, Phillipine Islands, by shooting himself while suffering from despondency. During the world war he was a captain and was stationed at one of the war camps in America. At the time of his death he was in active service in Manilla. He is survived by his wife and two sons, who were residing with him. During his residence here and at Hampton he was well respected by all who knew him.

Friends here have received the news that Rev. Wm. Nye has accepted a call to the Congregational church at Pringhar and is now at work at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Whitten and Gladys spent Sunday with Mrs. Whitten's brother, Ben Fletcher and family at Dike.

Little Dean Agnew underwent a slight operation at the Sams hospital in Clarion last Thursday. The little fellow had suffered a fall several days before, causing an infection. He was brought back home Friday and is improving slowly.

The many friends of Rev. Tomkinson and family at Clarion were much surprised to learn that he had been appointed as pastor of the M. E. church at Forest City.

Frank Snyder, who has been working with a road construction gang at Sheffield Ill., for the past summer has returned to Rowan to visit his sister Mr F. H. Brooks, and Mrs. Fred Smith at Clarion.

James Burt has been suffering severely with several carbuncles the past few weeks.

The electric light laborers, while digging on the corner by Henry Azeltine's had the misfortune to cut the telephone cable, thereby cutting off from service a goodly number of the telephone lines for some time.

John Brinkman, who had been here for several days attending to business matters returned to his home at St. Peter, Minn. Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith of Carthage, S. D. visited friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Schroeder and daughter from Clarion spent Thursday at the Guy Sheldon home.

The Elmer Bailey family were on the sick list last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Whitten, Mrs. Geo. Liming and Miss Angie Baines were Clarion callers Friday.

L. A. McCallum took the cream testing examination under the new state law last week. He received a grade of 99 plus.

Wm. Duffy and family autoed to Cedar Falls, Sunday, to visit Miss Susan who is attending school there.

Rosman Simpson came down from Corwith, Friday, remaining until Sunday at the Geo. Liming home.

The Geo. Liming family spent Sunday with relatives at Corwith.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kercheval and Mr. and Mrs. Clint Kercheval spent Sunday at Cedar Falls with James Kercheval, who is attending State Normal.

The D. W. Whittens' and Mrs. Hannah Whitten families ate Sunday dinner at the Harm Brinkman home at Latimer.

Miss Maude Cowley of Lake Park spent the week end with her parents and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harris and son Leland, and Mr. and Mrs. George Assink of Thornton spent Sunday at the L. W. Stevenson home.

Mrs. Floyd Whitten is spending the week in Dows with her sister, Mrs. Scott Myers, while Floyd is at Tama.

Howard, the eight year old son of Raymond Hanson, fell from a load of hay Saturday afternoon, breaking his arm above the wrist. Dr. Schung took care of the injured arm.

Clifford Ballou of Parkersburg spent the first of the week at the O E. Ballou home.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jones, south of town, a baby boy, Thursday, Oct. 4.

Clinton Whitten drove to Duncombe Saturday to visit his sister, Mrs Andy Sorenson. He returned home Saturday, bringing with him his mother, who has been caring for her new grandchild.

A. D. Connor of Hampton, driving a Studebaker, and H. Eimbrink north of Rowan with a Buick Six, had a collision at the Joe Simons corner Sunday evening. The cars were both pretty badly demolished, but the occupants were bruised quite severely altho not seriously.

The R. H. Keith family were entertained at the D. H. Keith home in Goldfield, Sunday, in honor of Mrs. Will Grant who arrived from Scotland last week. She is a niece of R. H. and D. H. Keiths.

F M. Myers and Fred Hackley were Ft. Dodge callers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lindsay are the proud parents of a baby boy, born Wednesday, Oct. 3, named Garth Wilbur.

Dee Halbrook as been quite ill the past two weeks, threatened with typhoid fever but at this writing he is well on the road to recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Harris and Mrs. D. K. Stout were Ft. Dodge shoppers last Tuesday.

Miss Katy Peddle had the misfortune to run a sewing machine needle thru her thumb at school Monday. She was taken to Dows where the doctors removed the piece of needle which was broken off in the thumb.

The Congregational Ladies Aid society are serving a 25 cent supper at the Tom Ross home Thursday of this week.

Levi Johnson of Sioux Falls, S D., was here the first of the week, visiting his wife and children at the F H. Fowler home.

The Woman's Home Missionary society were very pleasantly entertained last Wednesday at the John Huey home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Brooks went to Mason City Monday.

O. E. Ballou, LaVonne an d Mrs. C. T. Halbert were Clarion callers Monday afternoon.

J. E. Baines of Dows was in town Monday.

Rev. G. A. Osborn returned Wednesday from Sioux City, where he was attending the annual conference of the Methodist church.

Elmer Boyington is helping Mr. Osborn finish his moving from the old home to the new parsonage.

The annual dinner given by the Methodist Aid society last Thursday was well attended and heartily enjoyed by all.

The Methodist Woman's Foreign Missionary society met at the parsonage Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bingham and Faye left Thursday by auto for Florida where they will spend the winter.

Rev. J. B. O'Connor of Belmond was a brief caller on Rev. Osborn, on Sunday.

Rowan Methodist Church Notes
Geo. A. Osborn, Pastor.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Classes for all ages. Let us fill them up.

Morning worship at 11. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Evening service at 7:30.

Boy Scouts in the Study on Monday evening from 7 to 8. On Wednesday evening in connection with the regular prayer meeting there will be Bible study of the book of John. Come and give the class a trial.

ALEXANDER NEWS

Buy Hava-Slice Bread at W P. Aldinger's. Also order your buns, roles and pastry thru them.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Beenen autoed to Eldora Sunday, and spent the day with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Okko Vken and three children of Kanawha spent the latof the week with friends and relatives at Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rodemeyer and children visited with relatives at Iowa Falls last Sunday.

John Arends and son Jesse were business callers at Belmond Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Yaw of Iowa Falls were visitors at this place on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greenfield were Hampton callers on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Surballe from Garner were Sunday visitors at the John Bell home.

Mrs Younglin of Latimer came last week for a visit at the Beenen home.

Misses Oralee Brooks, Mary Kernen and Marjorie Flynn spent the week end at their respective homes at Belmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Stadtlander and Harley Dale autoed to Council Bluffs last week to visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bohlen and Mrs. Minnie Tucker were callers at Dows last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kieslick and Bert Kieslich visited with relatives at Geneva last Tuesday.

Mr. Bailey of Belmond was a caller at this place Sunday.

J. F. Douglas of Hampton visited his daughter, Mrs. Otto Kieslich, several days the past week

Rev. Sherman Arends and family of Hayfield, Minn., visited at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Arends, last week.

Henry Stoffer, a farmer living half a mile east of town, was surprised last Saturday by finding triplet calves. All three calves are black, lively and of average size.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bohlen and Mrs. Minnie Tucker visited with relatives at Dumont last Sunday.

Mr and Mrs. John Muhlenbruck and baby of Iowa Falls spent the first of the week at the Chris Stadtlander home.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hensel and children visited with the former's parents at Webster City on Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Rodemeyer and children were callers at Belmond last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Aldinger were business callers at Hampton, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Douglas and sons of Clarion were Sunday visitors at the Otto Kieslich home.

Mrs. Wm. Were had the misfortune of falling down the cellar steps last Saturday evening and breaking her collar bone and bruising her severely about the head. She suffers severe pain but is getting along as well as could be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Waddington of Geneva spent the last of the week at the Otto Kieslich home.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Finkle and daughter Leona of Hampton were Sunday visitors at the Nels Larsen home.

Mrs. Alto Barker visited at the Chas. Winwood home last Sunday.

The Congregational and the Reform churches have been brightened up by a new coat of paint.

GOODELL NEWS

Sumner Eldred of Clear Lake was a business caller here Wednesday.

Mrs. Reynold Kinseth spent a few days with her parents.

Ladies Aid will be entertained Oct 17 in the church basement by Mesdames Reed and Estelle.

Friends in Goodell have received announcements of the marriage of Miss Faye Thomas, formerly of this place, to a Mr. Harry Frederick of Hollywood, Cal.

Mrs. Chase and son Dale visited Mrs. Gus Wenzel at Belmond last Wednesday.

Mrs. James Christie is having her house improved by raising and digging a basement.

O. Sandberg installed a furnace at the James Schneider home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Cunningham and son Clyde visited relatives at Boone last week.

Miss Celia Finn of Belmond visited with her aunt Eliza Cashman on Wednesday.

Will Wesenberg left Tuesday for home in Long Beach, Cal, after having spent the summer with his son, Lew Wesenberg.

A baby girl was born at the Shultz home on Saturday

Mr. Wigfield of Thornton visited a few days with his daughter, Mrs. Harvey Christianson, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Boller, Arthur Lowenberg, Ruth Ness and Clement Houghton returned Monday from their visit with Ivan Lowesbergs' at Clare.

Alphonse Hood left Thursday to visit his sister, Marie, who is receiving treatment in a hospital.

Mrs. Alphonse Hood and children went to Belmond, Friday, to visit relatives.

Several from Goodell attended the movie, "Daddy," at Belmond, Thursday.

Mrs. Christianson, Misses Hill and Orr were guests at a six o'clock dinner Thursday at the John Ahrenkeil home

Misses Hill and Orr autoed to Cedar Falls, Friday p. m. to spend the week end. Miss Orr went to visit her home people and Miss Hill to be with her brother and family.

Mrs. Elmer Schneider left from Clarion Saturday, to attend the Mississippi Valley conference on tuberculosis which is to be held at Evansville, Ind. She was commissioned by acting Gov. Hammill to represent Hancock county.

Mr. and Mrs. Framer Cordes, Alfred Carpenter, Thora Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Luick, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schneider and Mrs. Brass were at Britt, Wednesday, to attend the annual election of the county officers of the farm bureau.

Mrs. Ed. Hughes of Belmond visited her parents, Friday.

Mrs. Fred Wilkins and daughter of Belmond were Goodell callers on Friday.

Mrs. John Rust held a farm bureau meeting at her home Friday, on nutrition, for the ladies in her district.

Meservey high school came over to play baseball with Goodell high Friday. The game resulted in a score of 12 to 6 for Meservey.

Mr. and Mr. S. S. Matson and daughter Alva drove to Gowrie, Saturday, to visit over Sunday with relatives of Mrs. Matson.

The John Hogan family of New Richland, Minn., spent a few days last week with Mrs. Hogan's parents Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Johnson.

Mrs. Henry Christianson and daughter drove to Lake Mills, Saturday, for an over Sunday visit with Mrs. Clifford Tracy and family. Mrs. C. Christiansan accompanied them as far as Garner to spend a few days with her daughter, Mrs. John Hughes.

Veronica Finn spent the week end with her folks.

Misses Clara Johnson and Mae Griggs came home from Cedar Falls to spend the week end with their home folks.

Carl Sandberg came up from Ames to spend Sunday at home. He rode home with some Belmond boys who are attending college there.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilpin of Sioux Falls S. D. are visiting friends and relatives in and around Goodell this week.

Miss Myrtle Shoenwetter visited over Sunday with relatives near Klemme.

Miss Bernice Butts went to her home Friday evening to spend the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Carpenter visited Sunday at the Albert Schlichting home near Olaf.

Mrs. Sven Oleson of Cedar Falls is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Hans Nelson.

Saturday night was the last number of the free movies. A small admission of five and ten cents will now be charged to help defray expenses.

The Layton and Anson Avery families autoed to Williams, Sunday, to spend the day.

Howard Africa and family visited

A party and dance wa held at the Chelsvig home Friday night.

The Taylor family of Mason City were guests at the Thada home on Africas and Savogues Sunday. Sunday.

Mrs. Earl Clark and children of Garner were Sunday guests at McNutt's.

Warner Butts went to his home at Belmond over Sunday.

Church Notes

Last Sunday Rev. Thompson gave inspiring sermons to large congregations. He extends a warm and hearty welcome to everyone. Let everyone attend and enjoy these helpful sermons.

Sunday school at 9:45; morning worship at 11. Evening worship at 7:30. Prayer meeting 7:30 Thursday evening.

The Hancock Sunday school convention will be held at Garner, Friday, Oct. 12. A kind invitation is extended to all.

It may seem early, but the best time to choose your Christmas greeting cards is right now, while you can have your choice. The Independent has a wide selection for you to choose from.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Public notice is hereby given that bids will be received by the Town Council of the Incorporated Town of Belmond, Iowa, on the 22nd day of October 1923, at 7:30 p. m., for the construction of certain water improvements and mains in said town, consisting of about 3118 feet of four-inch water mains, and 4 hydrants and 2 gate valves, and 3 T's, all of which work is set forth in certain plans and specifications for the same now on file in the office of the town clerk of said town, and shall include all excavations and back filling, all of which work shall be completed by November 30, 1923.

Payment will be made for said work and labor by warrants drawn in part on funds on hand and in part upon anticipated levies.

Certified check for the sum of Two Hundred dollars must accompany each proposal in a separate envelope for the said work, the said council reserves the right to refuse any and all bids

The successful bidder will be required to enter into a contract for the construction of said work in accordance with plans and specifications and give a bond to provide for the carrying out of the contract to be so entered into, and said bond to further provide to keep the said mains in good repair for not exceeding one year after acceptance of same by said town.

GUY BYERS,
462 Town Clerk.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Public notice is hereby given that bids will be received by the Town Council of the Incorporated Town of Belmond, Iowa, on the 22nd day of October, 1923, at 7:30 p. m., for the construction of certain sewers in said town, consisting of about 3118 feet of eight-inch vitrified sewer pipe, six manholes, three flush tanks, all of which work is set forth in certain plans and specifications for the same, now on file in the office of the Town Clerk of said town, and shall include all excavation, back filling, "Y" branches with detachable covers, and all of which work shall be completed by November 30th, 1923.

Payment will be made for said work and labor by certificates bearing six per cent interest evidencing special assessments made upon abutting and adjacent property as provided in the Ordinance, and by the regulations of said town and by the Laws of the State of Iowa.

Certified check for the sum of Two Hundred dollars must accompany each proposal in a separate envelope for the said sewer work. The said Council reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The successful bidder will be required to enter into a contract for the construction of said work in accordance with plans and specifications and to give a bond to provide for the carrying out of the contract to be so entered into, and said bond to further provide to keep the sewer in good repair for not to exceed one year after acceptance of same by said town.

GUY BYERS.
462 Town Clerk.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

An examination for the position of clerk, male and female, and for village carrier in the post office at Belmond, Iowa, will be held on Saturday, October 20, 1923, commencing at 9 o'clock a m.

Applications for this examination must be made on the prescribed form which, with necessary instructions, may be obtained from the Commission's local representative, Mr. Willard Morse acting secretary Civil Service board at the Belmond post office, or from the undersigned.

All persons wishing to take this examination should secure blanks and file their applications with the undersigned at once in order to allow time for any necessary corrections and to arrange for the examination.

All applicants will be required to submit to the examiner on the day of examination a photograph of himself taken within two years.

J. M. Shoemaker, Secretary Civil Service Board, St. Paul, Minnesota.

UNCLE SAM TO MAKE NEW PAPER MONEY

Secretary Mellon's approval of the new designs for paper money under consideration for more than a year, has been announced at the treasury department and many brand new bills of distinctive type and marking soon will be in circulation.

The new designs at first will affect only United States notes, silver certificates and federal reserve notes in denominations up to $100, with the exception of the "unpopular" two dollar note, but it is hoped later to extend the sew deigns—amounting almost to a program of standardization—to national bank notes and ultimately to the rare gold certifiicates.

Working to make the job of counterfeiting less remunerative treasury experts chose the method of standardizing designs, giving one denomination of all kinds of currency one distinctive design for face and back; so that those persons into whose possession the money comes may recognize instantly if alteration has been attempted.

The faces of the new bills will carry portraits of well known figures in American history mostly presidents, and the best known faces have been chosen for the bills most used. The one dollar bill for instance will have Washington's portrait;the five, Lincoln, and the ten, Jackson. Cleveland's likeness will appear on the twenty-dollar bills while for the fifties and one hundreds, the portraits of General Grant and Benjamin Franklin, respectively, have been selected.

The backs of the new bill will be of the same general character as the present gold notes, consisting of the conventional scroll work panel with lathe work border and not pictures and thus the design of any one denomination will become well known, whether it be a United States note, silver certificate or federal reserve note.

The whole design will be uniform, and the difficulty of "raising" bills to higher denominations, Chief Moran of the secret service believes, will be greatly increased.

As for the unpopular two-dollar bill, a new design for it was not included since its discontinuation is being considered. If it finaly is decided to continue the bill a portrait of Thomas Jefferson will be used.—Ex.

AN ADVERTISER'S IDEA.

Following is one advertiser's idea of a news story:

"Robert Steel, eight years old, was fatally shot while playing with a Swiss & Wessen revolver yesterday afternoon in front of Scheidtmiere,s Sanitary Apothecary. The bullet entering his left side, puncturing a suit purchased at Heppelwhite's Department Store sale now in progress (see 1 inch 2 column advertisement on back page of this paper.) The boy was attempting to open a sanitary sealed package of Jim Dandy's animal crackers with the barrel of the revolver when the exclusively designed trigger, just patented, fell. The cartridge was of the Powderless Brand, recently introduced to the trade. When the youngster fell to the pavement a Never-Squirt fountain pen in one of his coat pockets was badly crushed, but is still fit for use it being saved by a triple-plate composition rubber case, furnished to each purchaser without extra charge The funeral will be held from the Gen teel parlors on tenth street, just opposite the newly erected plant of Hermanstein's Soy-Bean Canning Co. An "Imperishable Metalic" casket made only in this city will be used. Flowers will be furnished by the Dani-Lione Floral Co., who catered to the funeral of Mrs. S.H.C.Buffington-Blubb, the noted society leader when she died later of acute indigestion recently."—Ex.

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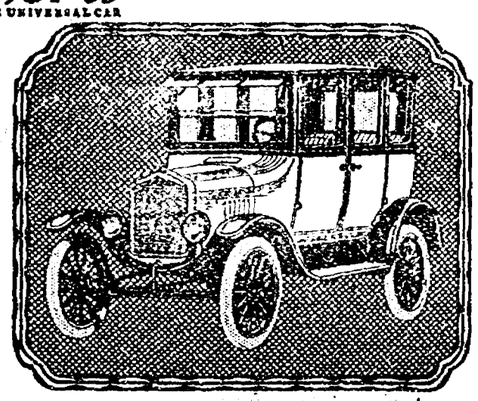
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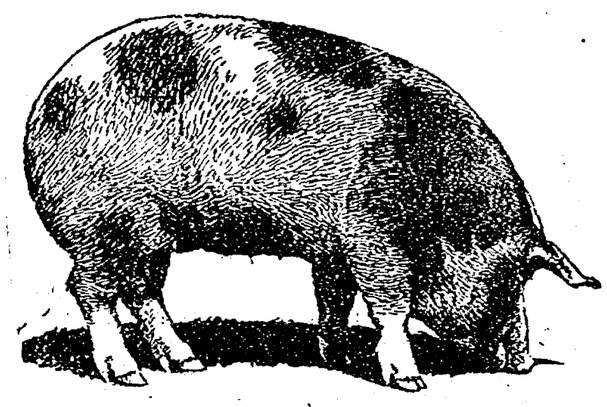
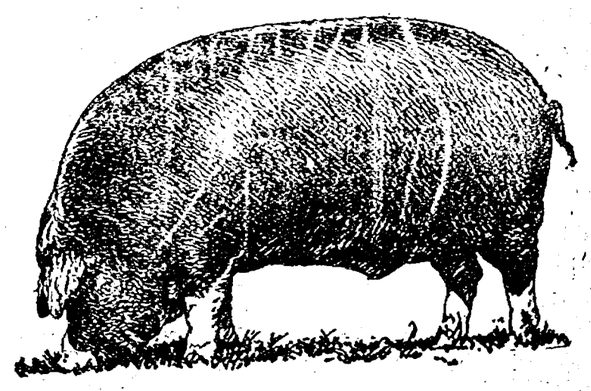
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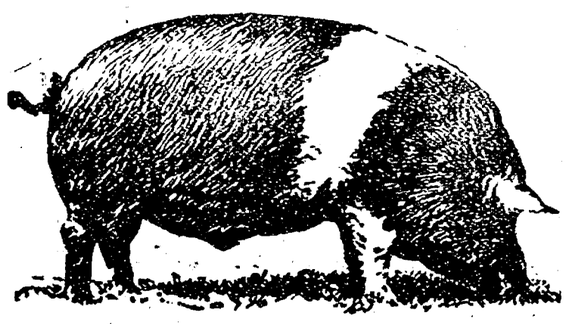
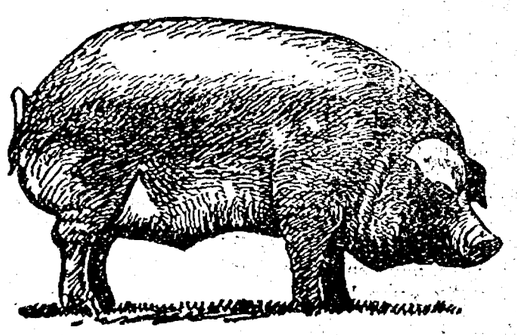
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SYNOPSIS

Book One.

CHAPTER I.—Joan Landis, eighteen years old, wife of Pierre, is the daughter of John Carver, who murdered her mother for adultery. Her lonely life, with her father, in a Wyoming cabin, unbearable, Joan leaves him, to work in a hotel in a nearby town.

CHAPTER II.—Joan meets Pierre, and the two, mutually attracted, are married.

CHAPTER III.—Carver tells Pierre the story of Joan's mother. Days afterward, Pierre, seemingly for no reason, forges a cattle brand, telling Joan it's their brand, the Two-Bar.

CHAPTER IV.—In Pierre's absence Frank Holliwell, young minister, asks shelter for the night. Joan interests him, and finding she is anxious to learn he offers to bring her books.

CHAPTER V.—Holliwell brings the books. Pierre, jealous, forbids Joan to read them. He leaves, to be gone a week, and Joan turns to the books.

CHAPTER VI.—Pierre, returning unexpectedly, finds Joan reading. Maddened by jealousy and liquor, he ties Joan and burns the Two-Bar brand into her shoulder. Hearing her scream, a stranger bursts in and in a duel Pierre is shot. Joan faints.

CHAPTER VII.—The stranger revives Joan and, telling her Pierre is dead, urges her to go with him.

CHAPTER VIII.—At the stranger's home Joan's hurt is attended to.

CHAPTER IX.—The house belongs to Prosper Gael, writer, he living there with his Chinese valet, Wen Ho. With returned strength Joan would return to her home and "do something" for Pierre. Convinging her she has not the strength, Gael promises to go.

CHAPTER X.—Gael finds Pierre alive. He returns to Joan without being seen and tells the girl Pierre has been "cared for." She has no idea he is alive.

CHAPTER XI.—When her full strength returns, Gael, intensely interested in his companion, begins her "education."

CHAPTER XII.—Gael begins to realize the beauty of his "captive leopardess."

CHAPTER XIII.—Gael induces Joan to put on a woman's suit he gives her. The girl laughs at its smallness, remarking that it must have been made for a "tall child." In his absence, Joan starts for home, but, helpless, is compelled to return. Prosper's delight awakens the girl's heart.

CHAPTER XIV.—Joan hints of marriage, but Prosper puts her off. A letter in his mail, in a "small gray envelope," agitates him, and that night he says goodby to Joan. Next day she sees Pierre riding with Frank Holliwell, and realizes Gael's deception. She dare not meet Pierre.

Book Two.

CHAPTER I.—At the Lazy-Y ranch Jane, the cook, attracts the attention of Jasper Morena, Jew theatrical manager, there with his highborn Gentile wife Betty. Morena wants Jane for a new play he is to produce. Betty had had an "affair" with Prosper Gael, and believing her husband dying, had written she would marry him.

This young woman by the fireplace had just that panther-air of perilous quietness. She was very haggard, very thin; she wore her massive black hair drawn away hideously from brow and temple, and out of this lean, unshaded face a pair of deep eyes looked drowsily, dangerously. Her mouth was straightened into an expression of proud bitterness, her round chin thrust forward; there was a deep, scowling line that rose from the bridge of her straight, short nose almost to the roots of her hair. It cut across a splendidly modeled brow. She was very graceful, if such a bundle of bones might be said to have any grace. Her pose was arresting. There was a tragic force and attraction about her.

The man by the door appraised her carefully between his narrowed lids. He kept in mind the remembered melody of her voice, and, after a few moments, he strolled across the floor and came up to her.

"Will you dance?" he said.

He had a very charming and subtle smile, a very charming and sympathetic look. The woman was startled, color rose into her face. She stared at him.

"I'm not dancing, Mr. Morena," she answered.

"You know my name," smiled Morena; "and I don't know yours. I've been on Mr. Yarnall's ranch for a month. Why haven't I seen you?"

"Fer not lookin', I suppose." She had given him that one startled glance, and now she had turned her eyes back to the dancers and wore a grim, contemptuous air. Her speeches, though they were cut into short, crisp words, were full of music of a sharp, metallic quality different from the tone of her other speech, but quite as beautifully expressive.

"May I smoke?" asked Morena. He was still smiling his charming smile and watching her out of the corners of his eyes.

"I'm not hinderin' you any," said she.

Morena smiled deeper. He took some time making and lighting his cigarette.

"You don't smoke yourself?" he asked.

"No."

"Nor dance?"

"No."

"Nor behave prettily to polite young men?"

Again the woman looked at him. "You ain't so awful young, are you?"

He laughed aloud.

"I amuse you, don't I? Well, I'm not always so all-fired funny," drawled the creature, lowering her head a little.

"No. I've heard that you're not. You rather run things here, I gather; got the boys 'plumb scared'?"

"Did Mr. Yarnall tell you that?"

"Yes. I've just in the last few minutes remembered who you are. You're Jane. You cook for the 'outfit,' and Yarnall was telling us the other night how he sent one of the boys out for a cook, the last one, a man, having been beaten up, and how the boy had brought you back behind him on his saddle. He said you'd kept order for him ever since, were better than a foreman. Who was the man you threw out tonight?"

"Perhaps," drawled Jane, "he was just a feller who asked too many questions?"

Again Morena's smile deepened into his cheeks. "You must pardon me, Miss Jane," he said in his murmuring, cultivated voice. "You see, I've had a great misfortune. I've never been in your West. I've lived in New York, where good manners haven't time or space to flourish. I hadn't the least intention of being impertinent. Do you want me to go?"

He moved as if to leave her, and she did not lift a finger to detain him.

"I'm not carin'. Do as you please," she said with entire indifference.

"Oh," said Morena, looking back at her, "I don't stay where people are 'not carin'.'"

She gave him an extraordinarily intelligent look. "I should say that's the only place you'd be wantin' to stay in at all—where you're not exactly urged to come," she said.

Morena flushed and his lids flickered. He was for an instant absurdly inclined to anger and made two or three steps away. But he came back.

He bowed and spoke as he would have spoken to a great lady, suavely, deferentially.

"Goodnight. I wish I could think that you have enjoyed our talk as greatly as I have, Miss Jane. I should very much like to be allowed to repeat it. May I be stupidly personal and tell you that you are very beautiful?" He bowed, gave her an upward look and went out, finding his way cleverly among the dancers.

Outside, in the moonlit court, he stood, threw back his head and laughed, not loudly but consumedly. He was remembering her white face of mute astonishment. She looked almost as if his compliment had given her sharp pain.

Morena went laughing to his room in the opposite wing. He wanted to describe the interview to his wife.

Betty Morena was sitting in a rustic chair before an open fire, smoking a cigarette. She was a short woman, so slenderly, even narrowly built, as to appear overgrown, and she was a mature woman so immaturely shaped and featured as to appear hardly more than a child. Her curly russet hair was parted at the side, her wide, long-lashed eyes were set far apart, her nose was really a finely modeled snub—more, a boy's nose even to a light sprinkling of freckles—and her mouth was provokingly the soft, red mouth of a sorrowful child. She lounged far down in her chair, her slight legs, clad in riding-breeches of perfect cut, stretched out straight, her limber arms along the arms of the chair, her chin sunk on her flat chest, and her big, clear eyes staring into the fire. It was an odd figure of a wife for Jasper Morena, a Jew of thirty-eight, producer and manager of plays.

When Betty Kane had run away with him there had been lamentation and rage in the houses of Kane and Morena. To the pride of an old Hebrew family, the marriage even of this wandering son with a Gentile was fully as degrading as to the pride of the old Tory family was the marriage with a Jew. Her perverse Gaelic blood, on fire with the insults heaped upon her lover, Betty, seventeen years old, romantic, clever, would have walked over flint to give her hand to him. That was ten years ago. Now, when Jasper came into her room, she drew her quick brows together, puffed at her cigarette, and blinked as though she was looking at something distasteful and at the same time rather alarming.

"Have they stopped dancing, Jasper?" she asked in a voice that was at once brusque and soft.

Jasper rubbed his hands delightedly. He was still merry, and came to stand near the fire, looking down at her with eyes entirely kind and admiring.

"Have you ever noticed Jane, who cooks for the outfit, Betty?"

"Yes. She's horrible."

"She's extraordinary, and I mean to get hold of her for Luck's play. Did you read it?"

"Yes."

"The play is absolutely dependent on the leading part and I have found it simply impossible to fill. Now here's a woman of extraordinary grace and beauty—"

Betty lifted skeptical eyebrows twisted her limber mouth, but forbore to contradict.

"And with a magical voice—a woman who not only looks the part, but is it. You remember Luck's heroine?"

Betty flicked off the ash of her cigarette and looked away. "A savage isn't she? The man has her tamed takes her back to London, and there gives her cause for jealousy and she springs on him—yes, I remember This woman, Jane, is absolutely without education and hasn't a notion of acting, I suppose."

Jasper rubbed his hands with increased delight. "Not a notion and she murders the king's English. But she is Luck's savage and—in spite of your eyebrows, Betty—she is beautiful. I can school her. It will take money, no end of patience, but I can do it. It's one of the things I can do. But, of course, there's the initial difficulty of persuading her to try it."

"That oughtn't to be any difficulty at all. Of course she'll jump at the chance."

"I'm not so sure. She was ready to throw me out of the kitchen tonight She is really a virago. Do you know

"Have You Ever Noticed Jane, Who Cooks for the Outfit, Betty?"

what one of the men said about her?" Jasper laughed and imitated the gentle western drawl. "Jane's plumb movin' to me. She's about halfway between 'You go to h—l' and 'You take me in your arms to rest.'"

Betty smiled. Her smile was vastly more mature than her appearance. It was clever and cynical and cold. The Oriental, looking down at her, lost his merriment.

"Do you feel better, dear?" he asked timidly. "Do you think you will be able to go back next week?"

She stood up as he came nearer and walked over to the little table that played the part of dressing table under a wavy mirror. "Oh, yes. I am quite well. I don't think the doctors have much sense. I'm sure I hadn't anything like a nervous breakdown. I was just tired out."

Jasper drew back the hand whose touch she had eluded, and nervously, his long supple fingers a little unsteady, lighted a cigarette. At that moment he did not look like a spider, but like a lover who has been hurt. Betty could see in the mirror a distorted image of his dejected gracefulness, but, entirely unmoved, she put up her thin, brown hands and began to take the pins out of her hair.

"I like your Jane experiment," she said. "Let me know how you get on with it and whether I can help. I shall have to turn in now. I'm dead beat. Yarnall took me halfway up the mountain and back. Goodnight."

Jasper looked at her, then pressed his lips into a straight line and went to the door which led from her bedroom to his. He said "Goodnight" in a low tone, glanced at her over his shoulder, and went out.

Betty waited an instant, then slowly unlaced her heavy, knee-high boots, took them off, and began to walk to and fro on stocking feet, hands clasped behind her back. With her curly hair all about her face and shoulders, she looked like a wild, extravagantly naughty schoolgirl, a girl in a wicked temper, a rebel against authority. In fact, she was rejoicing that this horrible enforced visit to the West was all but over. One week more! She was almost at an end of her endurance. How she hated the beautiful white night outside, those mountain peaks, the sound of that rapid river, the stillness of sagebrush, the voice of the big pines! What a malevolent trick of fate that Jasper should have brought her to Wyoming, that the doctor had insisted upon at least a month of just this life. "Take her west," he had said, and Betty, lying limp and white in her bed, her small head sunk into the pillow, had jerked from head to foot. "Take her west. I know a ranch in Wyoming—Yarnall's. She'll get outdoor exercise, tonic air, sound sleep, release from all these pestiferous details, like a cloud of flies, that sting women's nerves to death. Don't pay any attention to whether she likes it or not. Let her behave like a naughty child, let her kick and scream and cry. Pick her up, Morena, and carry her off. Do you hear? Don't let her make you change your plans." The doctor had seen his patient's convulsive jerk. "Pack her up. Make your reservations and go straight to 'Buck' Yarnall's ranch, Lazy-Y—that's his brand, I believe—Middle Fork, Wyoming. I'll send him a wire. He knows me. She needs all outdoors to run about in. She needs joggin' around all day through the sagebrush on a cow-pony in that sun; she needs the smell of a camp-fire—Gad! wish I could get back to it myself."

Betty, having heard this out, began to laugh. She laughed till they gave her something to keep her quiet. But, except for that laughter, she had made no protest whatever; she did not "kick and scream and cry." In fact, though she looked like a child, she was not at all inclined to such exhibitions. This doctor had not seen her through her recent ordeal. Two years before her breakdown, Jasper had been terribly hurt in an automobile accident, and Betty had come to him at the hospital, had waited, as white as a snow-image, for the result of the examination. They had told her emphatically that there was no hope. Jasper Morena could not live for more than a few days. She must not allow herself to hope. He might or might not regain consciousness.

Betty had listened with her white, rigid, child face, had thanked them, had gone home. There in her exquisite, little sitting room above Central park, she had sat at her desk and written a few lines on gray note paper.

"Jasper is dying," she had written. "By the time you get this, he will be dead. If you can forgive me for having failed in courage last year, come back. What I have been to you before I will be again, only, this time we can love openly. Come back."

Then she had dropped her head on the desk and cried. Afterward she had addressed her letter to a certain Prosper Gael. The letter went to Wyoming.

Three days later Jasper regained consciousness and began slowly to return to health. He had the tenacious vitality of his race, and, in his own spirit, an iron will to live. He kept Betty beside his bed for hours, and held her cold hand in his long sensitive one, and he stared at her under his lashes till she thought she must go mad. But she did not. She nursed him through an interminable convalescence. She received Prosper, very early in this convalescence, by her husband's bed, and Jasper had murmured gratitude for the emotion that threatened to overwhelm his friend. It was not till some time—an extraordinarily long time—after Morena's complete recovery that she had snapped like a broken icicle. And then, forsooth, they had sent her to Wyoming to get back her health!

Having paced away some of her restlessness, Betty, stopped by the cabin window and pushed aside one of the short, calico curtains. She looked out on the court. A tall woman had just pulled up a bucket of water from the well and had emptied it into a pitcher. She finished, let the bucket drop with a whirr and a clash, and raised her head. For a second she and Jasper Morena's wife looked at each other. Betty nodded, smiled, and drew the curtain close.

CHAPTER II

Jane.

After that night, there began a sort of persecution, skillfully conducted by Jasper and Betty, against the ferocity of Jane. It was a persecution impossible to imagine in any other setting, even the social simplicity of Lazy-Y found itself a trifle amused. For Jasper, the stately Jewish figure, would carry pails of water for Jane from the well to the kitchen, would help her in the vegetable garden, and to straighten out her recalcitrant stove-pipe; Betty would put on an apron a mile too large, to wash dishes and shell peas. She would sit on the kitchen table swinging her long, childlike legs and chatter amiably. Jasper talked, too, to the virago, talked delightfully, about horses and dogs—he had a charming gift of humorous observation—talked about hunting and big-game shooting, about trapping, about travel, and, at last, about plays. Undoubtedly Jane listened. Sometimes she laughed. Once in a while she ejaculated, musically, "Well!" Occasionally she swore.

One afternoon he met her riding home from an errand to a neighboring ranch, and, turning his horse, rode with her. In worn corduroy skirt, flannel shirt, and gray sombrero, she looked like a handsome, haggard boy, and, that afternoon, there was a certain unusual wistfulness in her eyes, and her mouth had relaxed a little from its bitterness. Perhaps it was the beauty of a clear, keen summer day; without doubt, also, she was touched by the courteous pleasure of his greeting and by his giving up his ride in order to accompany her. She even unbent from her silence and, for the first time, really talked to him. And she spoke, too, in a new manner, using her beautiful voice with beautiful carefulness. It was like a master-musician who, after a long illness, takes up his beloved instrument and tentatively tests his shaken powers. Jasper had much ado to keep his surprise to himself, for the rough ranch girl could speak pure enough English if she would.

"You and your wife are leaving soon?" she asked him, and, when he nodded, she gave a sigh. "I'll be missing you," she said, throwing away her brusquerie like a rag with which she was done. "You've been company for me. You've made use of lots of patience and courage, but I have really liked it. I've not got the ways of being sociable and I don't know that I want ever to get them. I am not seeking for friends. There isn't another person on the ranch that would dare talk to me as you and Mrs. Morena have talked. They don't know anything about me here and I don't mean that they should know." She paused, then gave way to an impulse of confidence. "One of the boys asked me to marry him. He came and shouted it through the window and I caught him with a pan of water." She sighed. "I don't know rightly if he meant it for a joke or not, but the laugh wasn't on me."

Jasper controlled his laughter, then saw the dry humor of her eyes and lips and let out his mirth.

"Why, sir," said Jane, "you'd be surprised at the foolishness of men Sometimes it seems that, just for pure contrariness, they want to marry her that least wants them about. The day I came tramping into this valley, I stopped for food at the ranch of an old bachelor down yonder at the ford And he invited me to be his wife while I was drinking a glass of water from his well. He told me how much money he had and said he'd start my stove for me winter mornings. There's a good husband! And he was sure kind to me even when I told him 'no.' 'Twas that same evening that the boy from Lazy-Y rode in and claimed me for a cook. Mr. Yarnall is a trusting man. He took me and didn't ask any questions. I told him I was 'Jane,' and that I wasn't planning to let him know more. He hasn't asked me another question since. He's a gentleman, I figure it, and he's kind of quiet himself about what he was before he came to this country. He's a man of fifty and he has lots back of him, only he's taken a fresh start." She sighed, "Folks like you and Betty seem awfully open-hearted. It's living in cities, I suppose, where every one knows every one else so well."

This astonishing picture of the candid simplicity of New York's social life absorbed Jasper's attention for some time.

"Wouldn't you like to live in a city, Jane?"

She laughed her short, boyish "Hoo!" "It isn't what I would like, Mr. Morena," she said. "Why, I'd like to see the world. I would like to be that fellow who was condemned to wander all over the earth and never to die. He was a Jew, too, wasn't he?"

Jasper flushed. People were not in the habit of making direct reference to his nationality, and, being an Israelite who had early cut himself off with dislike from his own people and cultivated the society of Gentiles, "a man without a country," he was acutely sensitive.

"The Wandering Jew? Yes. Where did you ever hear of him?"

"I read his story," she answered absently; "an awful long one, but interesting, about lots of people, by Eugene Sue."

Jasper's lips fell apart and he stared. She had spoken unwittingly and he could see that she was not thinking of him, that she was far away, staring beyond her horse's head into the broad, sunset-brightened west.

"Where were you schooled?" he asked her.

He had brought her back and her face stiffened. She gave him a startled, almost angry look, dug her heels into her horse and broke into a gallop; nor could he win from her another word.

A few days before he left, he took Yarnall into his confidence. At first the rancher would do nothing but laugh. "Jane on the boards! That's a notion!" followed by explosion after explosion of mirth. The Jew waited, patient, pliant, smiling, and then enumerated his reasons. He talked to Yarnall for an hour, at the end of which time, Yarnall, his eyes still twinkling, sent for Jane.

The two men sat in a log-walled room, known as the office. Yarnall's big desk crowded a stove. There was no other furniture except shelves and a box seat beneath a window. Jasper sat on the end of the desk, swinging his slim, well-booted leg; Yarnall, stocky, gray, shabby, weather-beaten, leaned back in his wicker chair. The door which Jasper faced was directly behind Yarnall. When Jane opened it, he turned.

The girl looked grim and a little pale. She was evidently frightened. This summons from Yarnall suggested dismissal or reproof. She came around to face him and stood there, looking fierce and graceful, her head lowered, staring gloomily at him from under her brows. To Jasper she gave not so much as a glance.

"Well, Jane, I fancy I shall have to let you go," said Yarnall. He was not above tormenting the wildcat. Female ferocity always excites the teasing boy in a man. "You're getting too ambitious for us. You see, once these rich New Yorkers take you up, you're no more use to a plain ranchman like me."

"What are you drivin' at?" asked Jane.

"Do let me explain it to her, Yarnall!" Jasper snapped his elastic fingers, color had risen to his face, and he looked annoyed. "Miss Jane, won't you sit down?"

Jane turned her deep, indignant eyes upon him. "Are you and your wife the rich New Yorkers he says are takin' me up?"

"No, no. He's joking. This is a serious business. It's of vital importance to me and it ought to be of vital importance to you. Please do sit down!"

Jane took a long step back and sat down on the settle under the long, horizontal window. She folded her hands on her knee and looked up at Morena. She had transferred her attention completely to him. Yarnall

The Girl Looked Grim and a Little Pale.

watched them. He was an Englishman of much experience and this picture of the skillful, cultivated, handsome Jew angling deftly for the gaunt, young savage diverted him hugely. He screwed up his eyes to get a picture of it.

"I am a producer and manager of plays," said Jasper, "which means that I take a play written by a more gifted man and arrange it for the stage. Have you ever seen a play?"

"No, sir."

"But you have some idea what they are?"

"Yes. I have read them. Shakespeare wrote quite a lot of that kind of talking pieces, didn't he?"

Jasper was less surprised than Yarnall. "At present I have a play on my hands which is a very brilliant and promising piece of work, but which I have been unable to produce for lack of a heroine. There isn't an actress on my list that can take the part and do it justice. Now, Miss Jane, I believe that with some training you could take it to perfection. My wife and I would like to take you to New York, paying all your expenses, of course, and put you into training at once. It would take a year's hard work to get you fitted for the part. Then next fall we could bring out the play and I think I can promise you success and fame and wealth in no small measure. I don't know you very well; I don't know whether or not you are ambitious; but I do know that every woman must love beauty and ease and knowledge and experience. For what else," he smiled, "did Eve eat the apple? All these you can have if you will let us take you East. Of course, if I find you cannot take this part, I will hold myself accountable for you. I will not let you be a loser in any way by the experiment. With your beauty"—Yarnall fell back in his chair and gaped from the excited speaker to the silent listener—"and your extraordinary voice, and your magnetism, you must be especially fitted for a career of some kind. I promise to find you your career."

Every drop of blood had fallen from Jane's face and the rough hands on her knee were locked together.

"What part," she asked in a quick, low voice, "is this that you think I could learn to do?"

Jasper changed his position. He came nearer and spoke more rapidly. "It is the story of a girl, a savage girl, whom a man takes up and trains. He trains her as a professional might train a lioness. It is a passion with him to break spirits and shape them to his will. He trains her with coaxing and lashing—not actual lashing, though I believe in one place he does come near to beating her—and he gets her broken so that she lies at his feet and eats out of his hand. All this, you understand, while he's an exile from his own world. Then, in the second act—that is the second part of the play—he takes his tamed lioness back to civilization. They go to London and there the woman does his training infinite credit. She is extraordinarily beautiful; she is civilized, successful, courted. Her eccentricities only add to her charm. So it goes on very prettily for a while. Then he makes a mistake. He blunders very badly. He gives his lioness cause for jealousy and—to come to the point—she flies at his throat. You see, he hadn't really tamed her. She was under the skin, a lioness, a beast, at heart."

Jasper had been absorbed in the plot and had not noticed Jane, but Yarnall for several minutes had been leaning forward, his hands tightened on the arms of his chair. The instant Jasper stopped he held up his hand.

"Quiet, Jane," he said softly as a man might speak to a plunging horse. "Steady!"

Jane got to her feet. She was very white. She put up her hand and pressed the back of it against her forehead and from under this hand she looked at the two men with eyes of such astonished pain and beauty as they could never forget.

"Yes," she said presently; "that's something I could do."

At once Jasper hastened to retrieve his error. "Oh, I'm so sorry. I've been clumsy. Do forgive me. Do let me explain. I didn't mean that you were a wild—"

Continued next week.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mrs Ina Allen of Hampton spent part of last week at the home of Mrs Pat Dillon.

Louie Tokman left Monday for Des Moines to attend a Ford dealers meeting at the Savery hotel.

Monday, October 15, there will be new classes organized. That is the time for you to get started. The Hamilton University, Mason City, Iowa.

It's fine! Danish Pastry, Saturday at Barban's Bakery.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Elder from Washington state are visiting friends and relatives here. Mr. Elder was a resident of Belmond many years ago, and editor of the old Clarion Democrat in years gone by.

Fred Pletch and family and Chris Friesleben drove to Manson, Sunday, to visit Rev. Meler and family. They returned home Monday.

Mrs. S. C. Boughton and Mrs. E. E. Boughton spent Friday at the E. G. Reed home near Cornelia.

Agnes Dillon and Mildred Parsons of Corwith spent the week end at the home of Agnes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Morse left on Tuesday evening for Kansas City, to enjoy a vacation for the rest of the week.

Try our coffee cakes and butter rolls made of Danish pastry. Saturday at Barban's Bakery.

Electrical fixtures; wiring; service at all hours. C. H. Wallace. Phone 366. 44tf

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stanley from Hopkins Minnesota, spent last week visiting relatives and friends in Belmond.

Rev. Leinbach, T. A. Davenport and Stephen Hartwick attended the Congregational church association at Manson, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. Dan Brooks and son, John, spent Sunday with relatives at Hayfield.

We are open from 5 a. m. to 9:30 p. m. every day.—Barban's Bakery.

Harry Harberts came down from his home at Canton, South Dakota, and is visiting relatives and friends this week. He is a former resident of this place.

Mrs. James Thayer and Mrs. Herman Wenzel were Mason City callers Tuesday.

Chas. Peterson and family from Hampton drove over Sunday to spend the day with relatives here.

Cream Puffs for sale every Saturday at Barban's Bakery.

Mrs. Annie Case went to Fort Dodge, Tuesday, to attend a meeting of librarians. She will return today. Miss Helen Hildebrand is acting as librarian after school hours.

Miss Mary Barry was a caller at Mason City on Tuesday.

M. C. Barry and Father Eardley accompanied by Father Torpey of Clarion drove to Webster City, Tuesday, and spent the day with Father Barry.

Miss Bernice Butts has resigned her position in the Goodell school on account of ill health, and expects to go to Rochester for examination and treatment.

The Cash Market is going to sell 2,000 pounds of Hams and Bacon in three days at wholesale prices. Be sure you get in on it. See the ad on page eight.

For electrical wiring and fixtures see C. H. Wallace. Phone 366. 44tf

BELMOND MARKETS
(Subject to change.)

Hens, heavy	15c
Hens, light	12c
Roosters	07c
Springs	14c
Leghorns	12c
Geese	10c
Ducks	12c
Turkeys	25c
Eggs	30c
Cream	45c
Creamery Butter	45c
Oats	35c
Corn	88c

A joint meeting of the Belmond Cemetary Association and Cemetary Aid Society will be held at the savings bank Friday evening at 7.30.

For Gasoline, Kerosene and Lubricating oil, call phone 39½.—Belmond Deep Rock oil Co. 32tfc

A number of local citizens went to Fort Dodge last Friday to attend the auto races.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Thompson and family drove to Fort Dodge, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Hauge and family visited relatives at Galt on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Scofield and Mr. and Mrs. Fellows of Janseville, Wis., were visitors at the Frank Case home over the week end. Mrs. Scofield is a sister of Mrs. Case.

H. Bailey, an uncle of Ed. Bailey, who has been visiting here several weeks, returned Friday to his home in Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Kragh were Mason City visitors last Saturday.

Mrs. F. E. Snyder was a business caller at Clarion on Tuesday of this week.

Alvin Hauge underwent another operation at the hospital here the first of the week. He is improving.

Mrs. M. C. Barry is doing jury duty at district court this week.

Rev. Wilkinson and family are moving this week to their new home at Dayton, Iowa. Their friends here wish them every success in their new field.

Dr. Steele and Mrs. Hamiliton autoed to Minnesota on professional business Sunday.

Rev. J. B. O'Connor, the new pastor of the Methodist church, filled the pulpit here both morning and afternoon Sunday. He made a very favorable impression upon the large congregation. He is moving his household goods here from Garner this week.

Make Barban's Bakery your headquarters for bread and pastries.

See those Folding Clothes Racks. A novelty made in Belmond.—R. D. Kenefick. 472c

It will pay you in dollars and cents to look over the Wholesale Meat ad you will find in this issue.

Geo. Stanley and wife of Minneapolis drove down recently to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Murphy. Mr. Stanley is a brother of Mrs. Murphy, and a former resident of Belmond. Old settlers who knew him will be glad to learn that he is doing fine, connected with the M & St. L. railroad company.

Buy Hava-Slice Bread at Barban's Bakery, Bohning & Co., C. G. Johnson, Kinseth & Son, Elite Cafe, Cash Market, or Steenblock & Loats.

Dick Kenefick, who has his shop on the Belmond Lumber Co. grounds on Main street, is making a unique and practical rack for hanging up clothes. The rack is a folding arrangement, standing, when open, about five feet high, and with rods, which give approximately 40 feet of space to hang garments. It is about two and a half feet long. Closed, it is so constructed that the whole thing folds up into a bundle that will not occupy any more space than a suitcase. Where a closet is not available this rack is a handy article of furniture. Mr. Kenefick has orders ahead for a number of the racks for Belmond people.

PUBLIC SALE DATES

(List your sale with the Independent to avoid confusion in dates.)

Wright & Franklin Co. Breeders' Association, sale of pure bred hogs at Rowan Sale pavilion, Saturday, Oct. 13. See ad page six this issue.

M. G. Luick, dairy cow sale, Tuesday, Oct. 23. Watch for ad next week.

You cannot afford to pass that wholesale meat sale that is on at the Cash Market, as it is your opportunity of really getting your fall supply of smoked meats at a price that is right.

Buy your Christmas Cards NOW while you have a choice. The Independent has a wide variety and will be pleased to show them to you.

GAS AT HUMBOLDT NOW 14½

Standard gasolene at Humboldt is now retailing at 14½ cents a gallon, according to the Republican, which says the price went down there last week. So far as this paper knows, Humboldt is the only town in this vicinity where the price has dropped to what they are paying in Des Moines.

WANT ADS

Two cents per word first insertion; one cent per word ensuing insertions.

FOR SALE

For Sale—On account of moving away, I will sell my furniture at private sale. All in good condition, and consisting of 1 davenport, one 9x12 Axminister rug, dining room set, two bed room sets, New Century heater, nearly new, and other articles too numerous to mention. Will sell at a sacrifice if taken at once. At the old Case house.—Mrs. H. T. Wolder.

For Sale—White Rock Pullets, from prize winning stock. $1 each. —Mrs. Wm. Leonard, Swaledale, Ia.

For Sale—Check protector, good as new. Inquire at Independent. tf

For Sale—One new Ford touring car and one new Chevrolet touring car.—Nordschow Motor Co.

For Sale—New range and two second hand cook stoves. Inquire at Independent. 45tf

For Sale—Chicken house, Iris bulbs and Hardy Phlox plants.—Phone 206. 47tfc

For Sale—New overcoat and boy's suit at the Belmond Tailor Shop.

For Sale—My Short Horn herd bull. Breeding papers furnished. Also a few heifers. Inquire of M. Halfwassen. 452*

For Sale—Fumed oak dining room set, library table, mahogany bed room set, White Frost refrigerator, Detroit Vapor stove, large Wilton rugs.—Mrs. E. L. Madsen. 461

For Sale—Winter apples, Greenings and Yakoma pear hand picked and sprayed orchard. Inquire M. Halfwassen.

For Sale—1920 model Ford touring car, in good condition. Equipped with starter. Inquire at Independent office. 1*

Found—Child's black plush hat. Owner can have same by calling at Independent and paying cost of advertising.

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Wanted—A bushel of good onions. Call at Independent.

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Factory Cutting Over Capacity Every Day

Average Per Day Since Campaign Started Is 625 Tons; Sugar Content Good.

SHIPPED 15 CARS SUGAR

Operation of the sugar factory is exceeding the best hopes of Belmond citizens, and every day sees the plant cutting over capacity. Since the opening day, the average cutting has been 625 tons of beets. When one stops to think that 600 tons is capacity, the excellence of the operating is plainly seen.

Sunday 735 tons were sliced. Most of the time the plant cuts over capacity. Beets are of good quality, but not quite as good in tonnage as was hoped. The average seems to be about ten tons. The hauling has been going on rapidly, and beets are piling up at stations for lack of sufficient cars.

To date, the Belmond factory has shipped 15 carloads of sugar, 13 carloads of pulp, and two carloads of molasses. Over a hundred thousand pounds of high grade granulated sugar is turned out every day.

The smoothness of the campaign is a high testimony to the ability and work of the officials in charge. The plant is running more smoothly this season than ever before, and every hope is held for a successful campaign for all concerned.

ARRESTED FOR WIFE DESERTION, GOES TO JAIL

Upon complaint of his wife, Norman Nelson was arrested the first of the week charged with wife desertion. Preliminary hearing was held in Justice Purdy's court Tuesday, and Nelson was bound over to the grand jury to await action. In lieu of $500 bonds, he is now in the county jail. Among other evidence brought into the preliminary hearing, Mrs. Nelson charged that her husband kept her covered with a gun all one night, telling her that if she moved he would fire.

CHICKEN THIEVES STARTING

The first chicken thief haul of the season is reported from Story City, where H. G. Chafant, a farmer, recently lost close to 400 of his biggest and fattest hens. Barking of a dog awakened members of the household early one morning, but before anyone could get down to see what was wrong, the thieves had cleaned up and left. They were seen in the darkness but could not be identified. A double-barreled shotgun, applied in the right place, is the best remedy for chicken thieving.

HAMPTON MEN GET SOAKED

Elmer Ramsay and Fred Holmes of Hampton got it in the neck last week when they were each fined $100 for intoxication. Charges of resisting an officer and driving a car while drunk may be filed against them also. Holmes had another $100 tacked on him for selling cigarettes to minors. Two state detectives had been in Hampton for two weeks securing evidence on the two men. The town of Hampton is determined to clean up the rough neck element and are doing a good job of it.

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

Dr. Ruel Silvester will give a lecture on Community Health and Mental Hygiene at the Community Welfare Club meeting Friday afternoon October 26, at the library.

Dr. Silvester is considered an authority on these subjects. He at present is instructor of Psychology at Drake University. A few years ago he was at the head of the health center at Des Moines.

Everyone is invited to attend this lecture. The men as well as the ladies will want to hear Dr. Silvester and are welcome to come.

There will be no charge, so everybody should be able to be there. This subject should be of interest to everyone.

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Gladys Clarke of Clarion was granted a divorce from Edgar Tarlton Clark on the grounds of desertion. The court also granted her maiden name of Gladys Scholte.

Mrs. Sarah Stokke of Eagle Grove was given a divorce from R. L. Stokke and the custody of their one child, her complaint also being desertion. The property question was settled out of court.

Another divorce case to come before the judge was that of Clarice Henderson vs. Robert Henderson of Eagle Grove, the decree being granted. Henderson is now serving a term at Anamosa.

The only divorce case out of the seven granted Monday wherein the husband was given a decree was that of Burdette Coddington vs. Mattie Coddington of Eagle Grove.

Myrtle Whipple of Clarion was given a divorce from her husband, John Whipple, the charge being cruel and inhuman treatment.

A third divorce case from Clarion is that of Gertrude Henedson vs. George Henderson. The wife was granted a decree on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment.

Joe Thurman who was found guilty of selling liquor to minors, received his sentence Monday afternoon, which was accompanied by a few timely remarks on the booze question by Judge McCall. This was Thurman's second offense, he having served a term in the county jail some time previous. The judge said that the persistant violator could expect no consideration from the court, and that to him the bootlegger occupied a different position from any other criminal. The sentence was seven months in the county jail and a fine of $500, in lieu of the latter the offender will serve one day for each $3.33 of the amount as he has no money. The above fine will extend his time to just an even year.

Eva Nelson of Goldfield was successful in her suit against the Geo. C. Nelson estate, valued at $15,000. She is to receive half and her daughter the other half. Mrs. Nelson had made a home for her father-in-law for several years and according to an oral agreement she was to be provided for after his death.

The Henrietta Frohling case from Belmond is set for Thursday. Plaintiff has appealed from the findings of the commissioners of insanity who declared her of unsound mind. It is said a large number of witnesses will be summoned for this trial and that the case will be an interesting one. An appeal from the findings of this commission is seldom taken.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Pohlman of Eagle was raided the other night by Marshal Reynolds and Deputy Johnson. Eight pints of hootch was found and both entered a plea of guilty to bootlegging, before Mayor Baker, who fined the husband $100 and the wife $50, which were paid.

Mrs. W. H. Milnes of Clarion brings suit against the Rock Island Railroad Co. in the sum of $25,000, for the death of her husband W. H. Milnes on the 18th day of February, 1923. It will be remembered that Mr. Milnes died following serious injuries received when the company's employees, while engaged in switching, ran him down on a side track at their stock yards. It is alleged the company was negligent in failing to maintain a lookout or watchman on cars being moved, that defendant was negligent in operating its engine and cars at a high rate of speed without taking due precautions or ascertaining whether any person was passing along the path by the side of the track in question; that defendant was negligent in failing to give warnings by ringing of bell or blowing the whistle. Birdsall, McGrath & Archerd of Clarion and Kelleher & Mitchell of Fort Dodge are attorneys for the plaintiff.

Mrs. Hazel Frank, formerly of Boone township, now living in Minneapolis was granted a divorce from her husband, R. W. Frank, Monday afternoon. Cruel and inhuman treatment were charged and the husband allowed the decree to be granted without opposition. Plaintiff was awarded $50 per month alimony and the custody of their only child, Henry Bacon Frank. The parties to this action are prominent Wright county people, Mrs. Frank being active in woman's club affairs and Mr. Frank a well known cattle breeder.—Monitor.

To a Grouch

by Grace E. Hall

Oh! little boy blue, you're a wonderful boy,
If only you'd learn how to play,
If you would be pleasant and kindly and true,
Forgetting yourself for a day,
And if when the game is against you, you'd smile,
And not take your toys and run home, the while—
Why, little boy blue, you could win over Fate,
If you'd learn how to smile—while you wait!

You snatch at the prize ere the race is begun,
You haven't the patience to see
That no man can have what he never has won,
Whatever his merits may be;
There isn't a thing that is worthy of him,
That a real man can't get, if he tries with a vim;
Lay your grievance aside—other boys aren't to blame—
Grow a smile—and get into the game!

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Charge Yoeman Officials Are Going To Ruin Company By Tactics

Belmond members of the Yeomen lodge will no doubt be interested in the following article, taken from the Eagle Grove "Eagle," relative to the fight now being waged in this organization to turn it into old line insurance. The Eagle has been doing some investigating, and its findings will interest every local Yeoman.

Eagle Grove Eagle—A few weeks ago the Eagle stated that the Yeomen were having difficulty changing from the old fraternal rates, or Class A policy, to an old-line basis. That statement was true. The order has lost over 100,000 members since it tried to enforce its new rates.

The Eagle further stated that some of its members wanted a complete investigation of the affairs of the company, and that the officials did not welcome such an investigation. The members have gone so far as to organize what is termed "The Loyal Yeomen" and raised a fund to employ legal talent to fight the rate raise and investigate fully the affairs of the company.

The Eagle might further state that young Frink, son of the Grand Foreman, grabbed himself off a job that pays $10,000 per year, W. R. Shirley, director, charges $28.65 per day for his time. H. W. Pitkin charges $20.78 and in the past two years has put in 398 days' time.

W. R. Shirley, who gets in all $4,500 per year from the Yeomen, also draws $500 per month as president of an oil company. As Jim Jam Jems says, "the Yeomen is not organized for profit, but Shirley is."

The Eagle might also have further stated that the Yeomen Home at Des Moines has been mortgaged for $80,000 in favor of the reserve fund to square a deficit in the general fund.

The following from the Boone News Republican, copied from the Monroe County News, will interest local Yeomen members, in which the following accusations are alleged:

"Do you know the officers of our society are deliberately and unlawfully trying to change our fraternal association into an old line life insurance company?

"Do you know that they have driven out of the Yeomen more than 100,000 members, and that they are now trying to drive every Class A member out who will not join their old line life insurance company?

"Do you know that the members who joined the old line life insurance company, called the Yeomen, are now in an insolvent company, and in April of this year the board of directors ordered Mr. Davy to take $134,000 out of the general fund which belongs to Class A members and put it in with the insurance department as reserve for Class C members?

"Do you know the Yeomen officers have paid the International Service Company of Chicago over three million dollars for transferring from Class A to Class C, and there has never been a mention of it in the official paper, The Shield, of the amount paid it, or the terms of the contract? A three million dollar deal ought to be of sufficient importance to get a mention in The Shield.

"Do you know that the Yeomen officials kept a paid lobby before the Legislature to pass a bill requiring the Yeomen to raise its rates to the Class C basis and the legislature voted their bill down?

"Do you know the statement Yeomen officers have made everywhere that the law compelled them to raise rates is false and that the Modern Woodmen are doing business in Iowa and every other state in the union on the old fraternal plan at a low rate and no law is interfering with them?

"Do you know that as soon as the board of directors dare to do it, they will publish a thirty-day notice of the change in the rate of Class A members, rting them according to the table published in the May Shield? If you are now 55 years old your rate will be $4.66 per month for a $1,000 certificate or $9.32 for a $2,000 certificate per month.

"Do you want to save the Yeomen and 100,000 members who cannot afford to carry insurance at old line rates? Then help us in bringing an action in the courts to enjoin the officers from putting in force the impossible rates, and in an action to account for the money that belongs to Class A members. It can and will be done. There is a state-wide organization known as the Loyal Yeomen. It has appointed a committee to take charge of the litigation.

"It will require a large sum to pay for expert accountancy, and to obtain the evidence needed in the case. We need your help. It is the only way you can protect your membership and your policy in the Yeomen. Mrs. Connor, of 3701 Cottage Grove, Des Moines, Iowa, is secretary and treasurer of that committee. Please send to her at once all the funds you and your Class A members can spare.

"Class C members are also interested, for they have been deceived and defrauded in changing from your old form of policy to your Class C policy and you can be reinstated on your old form policy. Many have been reinstated when they confronted the Home Office with the fraud perpetrated.

"Yours fraternally,
"THE LOYAL YEOMEN."

(Exerpt from Monroe County News.)

MRS. ANNA JACOBSON

Mrs. Anna Jacobson was born at Ringaker, Hedemarken, Norway, November 20, 1845. Together with her parents she came to America in 1867, and located at LaCrosse, Wis. She was united in marrage to Hans Jacobson in 1870. To this union were born four children, Julia, Oscar, Alma and Hildore. Alma died in 1896.

In 1872 they moved to Wright county, Iowa, and lived on their farm northwest of Belmond until 1892, when they moved to town. Mr. Jacobson died in 1908, and since that time she and her daughter, Julia, have lived together at the Jacobson home.

Mrs. Jacobson had been failing for some time, but in a more marked degree the past two years, until this fall when she went down rapidly. She passed away Saturday morning, Oct. 13, being nearly seventy-eight years of age.

Grandma Jacobson was a very patient and unassuming woman, highly respected and much loved by all who knew her. She was a very kind and devoted wife and mother, and above all an humble and earnest christian. She suffered patiently and never complained, ever thoughtful of those around her.

Mrs. Jacobson was a faithful member of Trinity Lutheran church. Her greatest pleasure was to be present in the House of God, there to drink of the fountain of Eternal Truth. She was a diligent worker in the Ladies Aid and enjoyed to contribute to the various benevolent causes of the church. She was vitally interested in all religious activities and a diligent reader of the church papers. Especially did she enjoy reading the Word of God, which was nourishing food for her soul. Her noble life was an example to her own family as well as to the community. Her life was not in vain. Now her work is finished and she is enjoying that rest which is in store for the people of God.

As her life so was her death, peaceful. Resigned into her Heavenly Father's hands, she slept away. To be with Jesus, whom she loved, and to meet the loved ones who have preceeded her.

She is survived by her three children, Julia and Oscar of Belmond, Mrs. Hildore Shefveland, of Kenyon, Minnesota, and three grandchildren, besides four sisters and one brother, Mrs. N. E. Saugstad of Misot, North Dakota; Mrs. James Johnson of Coulee, North Dakota; Mrs. C. B. Johnson, Mrs. Newgard, and Ole Thompson of Belmond. She will be greatly missed among her circle of friends, but most of all by her own children. What is our loss is her gain. May we all meet her in the celestial mansions.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our many neighbors and friends for their kindness shown us during our sorrow in the illness and death of our dear mother.

Julia Jacobson.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Shefveland.
Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Jacobson.

NEEDLE IN DOWS WOMAN'S WRIST FOR FOUR YEARS

Mrs. E. L. Clay, a Dows woman, had a half-inch of sewing needle removed from her wrist last week by a Dows physician. About four years ago, while cleaning house, a needle penetrated her wrist. She thought the steel all came out until last week, when the arm began to hurt. An X-ray showed half an inch of the needle still in the wrist, where it had laid for four years without bothering her.

PAVING FINISHED AND ACCEPTED

The Western Asphalt Paving Co. finished the Clarion paving program Monday afternoon and on Tuesday the city council met in special session and accepted the same. As stated last week everybody feels that the city has secured a good job. The mayor, the several members of the council, city attorney, clerk and Engineer Adams, all deserve due credit for the capable painstaking manner in which they have looked after the interests of the taxpayers during the entire progress of the work. This improvement lifts Clarion out of the mud and places her on an equal footing with other cities of the same class.—Monitor.

Belmond Trims Britt In Thrilling Finish

Stapley Carries Ball 75 Yards For Touchdown With Only Thirty-Five Seconds Left.

FINAL SCORE IS 7 TO 0

In a thrilling, cheering, sensational run thru the entire field, Belmond won from Britt, Friday, 7 to 0.

Raymond Stapley, half back for Belmond, tore loose in an end run in the last 35 seconds of play, and went thru the Britt field for a touch down. The extra point was prettily added when a forward pass, where Britt was expecting a drop kick, put the ball over the line.

It was a thrilling battle. Both teams were about as evenly matched as two teams could be. They battled desperately, most of the time in mid-field, see-sawing back and forth without scoring. At one point, Britt took the ball to Belmond's 5-yard line, where Belmond held them for downs in four desperately hard-fought smashes. Belmond in turn, carried the ball almost to Britt's line, where Britt held.

Three quarters were scoreless, and the crowd was expecting a scoreless game. Britt, in the last quarter, brought the ball to Belmond's 20-yard line on a pass. Belmond was penalized 15 yards for interference on the play, but after protest and looking up the rules, the penalty was revoked and the ball placed on Belmond's 20-yard line again. Here Belmond got the ball. The first play gained a couple yards.

With exactly 35 seconds left to play, Belmond started an end run, Stapley carrying the ball. With perfect interference, particularly some good work by Jenison, Stapley went 75 yards for a touchdown. The play, coming so unexpectedly, set the crowd in a frenzy, and they followed Stapley down the field, cheering wildly. The forward pass made the score 7 to 0 as the final whistle blew.

It was a magnificent game, very well played on both sides. Both teams excelled in some branches, Britt more especially on end runs, Belmond on kicking. Passing was about even. Britt was good on holding, Belmond excelled in tackling, some pretty work being done there. No one who saw the game failed to get full value for his money, and no one doubts that Coach Pals has developed a real team. Britt won from Clear Lake, and Belmond's win Friday over Britt is therefore doubly pleasing to Belmond fans. The Britt lads, under Coach Gruetzmacher, are a fine bunch of boys, and played a clean, hard game.

Belmond's next game is with Forest City this Friday at Forest City.

EIMBRINK CLAIMS CONNOR TO BLAME IN CRASH

Henry Eimbrink claims that in the auto collision between his car and that of Wm. Connor, of Hampton, on Primary No. 10 recently, Connor was to blame for the crash. In an interview with the Independent, Saturday, Mr. Eimbrink gave his side of the story.

Mr. Eimbrink says that he and his family, with his son, Carl, driving, were coming west, and were right at the corner of the road going north to his farm, about a mile east of Rowan. Connor was coming from the west enroute from Belmond to Hampton. Eimbrink says his party were just at the corner preparing to turn north, that they were going slowly to make the turn, a rather short one, and that Connor was coming at a fast clip and on the left—the wrong—side of the road.

Carl Eimbrink, seeing the danger of collision, released his engine and put on the brakes. Connor, claims Mr. Eimbrink attempted to turn over to the right side of the road where he belonged, but was either going too fast or could not make the turn quick enough, and crashed into the Eimbrink car, instead of the Eimbrink car colliding head-on with Connor, as stated in the Hampton Chronicle item last week.

Mr. Eimbrink expressed regret over the accident, but feels that Mr. Connor was entirely to blame, and that his, Eimbrink's friends should be given the facts of the affair.

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Editorials

THE BIG FIGHT STARTS

With President's Coolidge's forceful address to the governors of the various states, last week, the final fight on the booze question begins. Every reader of the daily press has realized for the past year, that the prohibition amendment and its enforcement was gradually shaping to a finish fight. Liquor interests have been gradually building up so far as possible a sentiment for light wines and beer, with the idea of forcing either a recall or a modification of the 18th amendment. The point has been reached where they are ready to fight it out, and with the President's address the gage is flung.

Light wines and beer is but a camouflage. Any intelligent person knows that Americans do not, and in fact cannot, do things by halves. It is not our temperament. We are either flatly for or flatly against; one side of the fence or the other. With us it is "whole hog or none." The liquor interests' light wines and beer argument is a fog to obscure the real issue with them—the bringing back of hard liquors. They know, just as any istelligent person knows, that to bring back whiskey a breach must first be effected in the prohibition walls. And they know that America will either enforce prohibition to the letter, or repeal it. The President's message, with that of the governors, means a show down on the booze question. And unless the signs of the times are badly misleading, prohibition will come out on the top of the heap. There is no place in modern life and business for hard liquors. The day of the jagg is past.

AIR FLIVVERS

Recent dispatches in the daily press quoted, more or less jokingly, Henry Ford on building "air flivvers," small airplanes which would carry one or two persons, with a small wing spread, a speed of forty to fifty miles an hour, and selling at $1,000.

The dream is not so foolish as it may sound. Twenty-five years ago the automobile was jeered as a crazy experiment. The idea that gasoline propelled vehicles would ever replace the horse and buggy was simply the ravings of a deluded simp, to form the jest of conversation on street corners and over the bars. Yet today, for every horse and buggy you see on the highways, you see a hundred automobiles. Tomorrow, who shall deny we may see the air filled with flying machines just as today the roads are filled with automobiles. Perfected engines, safety devices for controlling and landing, will make the heavier than air machine, in time, just as practical, just as safe, and just as common as automobiles today. The time is not far distant when the air flivver will be a reality, when airplanes will be sold and repaired by the same firms who are now selling and repairing cars.

Air travel should be safer in many respects than automobile travel; there is vastly more room, the path of travel unlimited, the height as far as a ship can go. Definite lanes of travel will be laid out, just as are our main highways; time schedules will be figured for passenger "busses" and regular freight hauls made. And the joy rider who tears thru the atmosphere will never bother but once.

OUR RESIGNATION

The writer wishes to announce to the citizens of Belmond that he hereby resigns his "commission" to form a Chamber of Commerce in Belmond. After two months of effort, time and expense, we find the patient so blamed dead that Gabriel's horn won't even turn it over. We have tried earnestly and faithfully to get things started, but meeting with little or no interest, and with very little help, are forced to acknowledge ourself unable to carry thru the duties entrusted to us. We are sorry, for we believe Belmond needs, and needs badly, a commercial organization, and we were willing to do everything possible to secure one. But it is no one-man proposition, and we therefore tender our resignation, with our thanks for the confidence reposed in us by you.

Society

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Bridge—

Miss Henrietta Pals was hostess to the Bridge Club last Thursday. Miss Daisy Cameron was winner with score.

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Entertain—

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Flynn entertained about thirty friends and relatives last Sunday. Those present were Dr. and Mrs. Powers and family, Henry Mauch and family, Miss Hinkens and a gentleman friend, Grandma Hinken and Mrs. Mary Mauch, all of Hampton; Mr. and Mrs Albert Hinken and family from Sheffield, Wm. Hinken and family and Wm. Schmidt and family from Grand Valley, South Dakota, and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Reed and family from Alexander. Mrs. M. H. Lord, being out of town, was unable to be present. A very delightful afternoon was enjoyed.

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Community Club—

Dr. Ruel Silvester, of Drake University, Des Moines, speaks on Community Health and Mental Hygiene, at the Community Welfare club meeting this week Friday. Dr. Silvester is teaching psychology at the Drake University, and is an authority on the subjects he will discuss. The men of the community are invited to come to this meeting.

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Kensington—

Wednesday evening the Kensington club members entertained their husbands at their annual banquet, at the home of Mrs. A. L. Luick.

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Entertains—

Mrs. M. C. Barry entertained the girls' bridge club on Monday evening.

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Progress—

Tuesday afternoon the Progress club met at the beautiful home of Mrs. E. W. Luick. It being guest day, each member brought a friend, making a total of about fifty ladies present. A short program of music and singing had been arranged, and a delicious two-course luncheon was served by Mrs. E. W. Luick, Mrs. Sharon, Mrs. W. C. Tyrrell, Mrs. Gowdy, and Mrs. E. F. Bailey. A very delightful afternoon was enjoyed.

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Birthday Party—

Herman Louis Schultz entertained about fifteen of his little friends, Saturday afternoon, in honor of his birthday. He was seven years old on that day.

HALLOWE'EN CELEBRATION

Hampton promises to be the scene of one of the biggest carnival nights in northern Iowa on Tuesday, October 30th, when the Commercial Club will stage another Hallowe'en parade. Secretary Lynn L. James started them last year and everyone had a wonderful time, but this year promises to far outshine the 1922 demonstration.

Five bands have been invited and some have sent word they were coming and the town folks with them, all in costume. Prizes have been donated by merchants for the best costumes and these will be on display in a few days in Baldwin's drug store window. A big block dance is planned; there will be music galore; while horn, confetti and serpentine will be the order of the evening. Main street will be roped off and special lights arranged.

The whole country, old as well as young are invited to join in a night of hilarity and good clean fun. Plan your costume now, and get your "phunny phaces" before they are all gone. Bring the family and turn them all loose. It sure is going to be "some night."—Recorder.

CHURCHES

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES
J. B. O'Connor, Pastor.

We are glad to note the gradual increase in Sunday school attendance. Let's keep it up for we have not near reached our limit.

Both church services were well attended Sunday and every one seems interested in the services.

Two splendid anthems were rendered by the choirs and appreciated by the large audiences which heard them. Good music is half the life of a church.

Everybody boost and everybody present at both services and watch our church grow.

Sunday school at 10 a. m.
Morning worship at 11.
Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.
Evening worship at 7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesdays at seven-thirty p. m.

On account of a little indisposition I was not permitted to preach the sermons announced last Sunday, which I hope to do this Sunday. The morning subject: "The Building of a Life"; evening: "Twentieth Century Religion."

Special music at both services.

Don't forget you are invited to join the crowd at church next Sunday. A welcoming hand awaits you at both services.

TRINITY CHURCH NOTES
Rev. J. M. Jensen, Pastor.

Thursday evening prayer meeting at the home of Austin Nelson.

Sunday morning Sunday School at 10:00 o'clock.

Service in the Norwegian language at 11:00 with communion.

English service at :30. Come and take some one with you.

Here and There

Ruth Hill of Belmond was a week end guest of her friend, Leila Taber. —Monitor.

Miss Mildred Schultz of Belmond spent the week end with Mrs. H. Goslin. —News.

W. S. Pritchard was at Belmond Monday and shipped two cars of fat cattle to the Chicago market. —Signal.

Mrs. W. R. Ramsay and daughter Ruth of Belmond were over-night visitors at the J. H. Ramsay home Friday. —Monitor.

Mrs. Fred Stockwell enjoyed a visit from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nihoof, of Belmond, who were here last week. —Times.

Mrs. J. W. Brooks and daughter Laura, moved to Belmond Monday They have resided here for several years now and have a host of friends who will miss them. —Times.

The local sugar beet crop is being harvested and hauled to the Klemme beet dump. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hake are in charge of the weighing, grading and dumping here for the Belmond Sugar Co. —Times.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP ITEMS

Rev. Brandon of Dumont will occupy the pulpit in the Immanuel church Sunday morning and evening.

Schools in this township will close the fall term of school tomorrow, some to have several week's vacation others to continue work for the following term.

Mrs. Ed. Jenison went to Forest City the first of the week to get acquainted with her new granddaughter at the Joseph Graham home.

The following people from this township were either visitors or welcomed guests at their home Sunday: Fred Loats at the D. D. Pals home; Hio Goeman at the H. H. Mennenga home; J. McClernons at the Rob. Walters home; Fred Halfpops at the Roy Halfpop home; Jake Smidts at the W. G. Gartz home; Wm. Boelmans at the Fred Frohling home; and John Smidts at the John Halfpop home.

Community harmony is wonderful. Its absence is lamentable. With harmony there is much that a community can accomplish. Without it there is little that can be done. One group of citizens can hardly secure needed improvements if other groups are knifing the project in the back. —Hampton Recorder.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

The Ladies Missionary society will meet at the home of Mrs. J. E. Wallace on Thursday afternoon. A full attendance of all members and the friends is desired.

The steriopticon lecture Sunday night was very much appreciated by the large congregation. It was certainly full of inspiration and gave us a bird's eye view of the great work the Church is carrying on. We hope to have more of these lectures during the coming fall.

Sabbath school at 10 a. m. The morning worship at 11. Evening services at 7:30. We will continue our studies in the book of Romans at the evening services. Bring your Bibles and come for we are sure that you will be benefited by this study.

The Ladies Aid society are working hard getting ready for their bazaar and supper, which will be given early in November.

ST. OLAF CHURCH NOTES
Rev. J. M. Jensen, Pastor.

Next Sunday morning Sunday school at 10:30. You should be there.

Prayer meetings are conducted Sunday evenings now for a short time instead of Wednesday evening, on account of the busy season.

St. Olaf church was taxed to its utmost at the Confirmation service last Sunday. A class of ten was confirmed.

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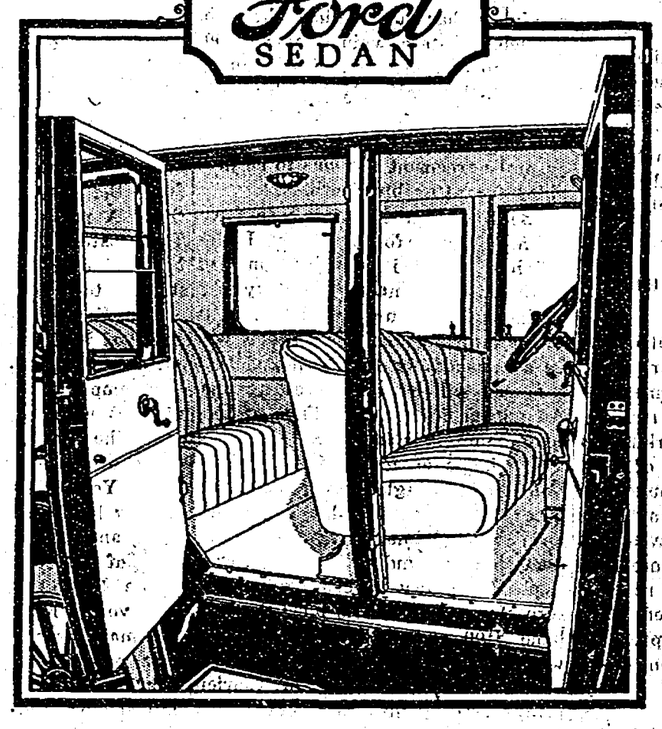

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ARM BUREAU NOTES

(By County Agnt Edwards)

Ames Conference Helpful

The four day annual Extension Conference which was held at Ames last week proved to be very interesting and helpful for all those who had opportunity to attend. All county agents and extension workers as well as the officers and directors of the various county Farm Bureaus came home filled with enthusiasm and with a broader vision of the great work which is being accomplished by the county agents' system.

Wright county is credited with having the largest representation at this conference which speaks well for the support which is being given our local county agent in his efforts to carry on this important work. It was no small sacrifice on the part of our representatives to spend three days at the conference when they were needed on their farms at home. Wright county was represented at the conference by Secretary M. L. Clark, County Agent Edwards, Mrs. M. L. Clark, Mrs. Bert Lewellyn, Mrs. Emery Mechem, Mrs. Will Tillman and Mr. and Mrs. Harding Thomas.

Corn Husking Progressing

The husking of Wright county's corn crop is on in full swing this week and while the early frost caused considerable soft corn most of our farmers are beginning to crib their corn, precaution being taken to keep the corn spread out in order that it will not mold.

Many farmers seem to feel that the yield of corn will be reduced by 20 to 25 per cent on account of the late summer drouth and the early frost but with the increased price of corn and the probable shortage which this reduced yield will bring about, everyone seems hopeful that our farmers will receive normal rates for their corn crop.

Club Members Select Calves

Our boys and girls are beginning to buy their calves for the Baby Beef feeding contest for next year. It is interesting to note that the youngsters who have had experience is feeding calves are the most particular about the choice of individuals for this year.

Boys who have had experience during the past year realize that the member who has the handicap of a poor individual at the outset has a very poor chance of winning in the end. Our best feeders will agree that there is a great deal in learning what to look for in buying feeder cattle and our club boys expect to learn this game before becoming old enough to buy cattle for themselves.

Many of our boys have already selected their calves and are now getting them on feed ready to begin the feeding record on December 1st, the time which has been set for the beginning of keeping accurate records on the feeding contest. The county agent is being swamped with applications from boys and girls from all over the county who have indicated their desire to get into this Baby Beef feeding contest. All applications should be into the county agent's office not later than November 15th.

Ladies Will Organize Monday

On next Monday, October 29th, all ladies of Wright county who are interested in the Women's Department of the county Farm Bureau will meet with Miss Avis Talcott, assistant Home Demonstration Agent from Ames, at the county agent's office where steps will be taken to re-organize the ladies department of the Farm Bureau work.

Special invitations have been sent to the lady vice directors of the various township organizations of the county urging them especially to attend this meeting and bring all ladies who are interested in the work. Miss Talcott will explain in detail to the ladies of our county what can be had through the Extension Department and how the work can be carried on in the absence of a Home Demonstration Agent. Steps will be taken also at this time to elect a county chairman of ladies' work in the Farm Bureau. All ladies who are interested in the Women's work of the Farm Bureau are urged to be present at this meeting.

State Wide Debate

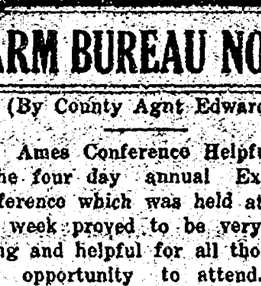
Farm orators and debate aspirants all over the state are sharpening their pencils and scratching their heads digging out the ups and downs of the tax question.

Never in the history of this state has this question received such a going over as it will this year. The people are a little skeptical of the plan recommended by the Tax Revision committee to the last legislation. The debates this winter will give everyone a chance to become familiar with the good and bad points of this system, as compared with the old system, and it will give the state senators and representatives a chance to find out where their people stand. Then they can act accordingly at the next session of the legislature.

The upsetting of a system that has been working for sixty years or better and substituting in its place an entirely new machine should not be done hastily or without careful consideration. These farm debates which will be held in every county in the state will bring the subject under careful study for everyone. No one will say that our legislative body has acted hastily.

Many men in this county have already signified their intentions of entering this fight and they will begin to receive reference material on the subject within a few days. Others are thinking about it but haven't handed in their names as yet. We should have at least four teams on the field. Let's get busy and put that many there.

If not taking part in the debate yourself be sure and attend one or more of the contests which will start in December.



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GOODYEAR

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Either a comparatively steady hog market during the usual months of lower prices or an extreme selling down of the supply of hogs on farms is indicated by the present hog market situation.

An almost unprecedented consumption of pork in this country during the present year and increased pork exports have resulted in greater marketing of hogs and also in the removal of nearly 200,000,000 pounds of pork from storage since last May.

The hogs which have been marketed this year have averaged lower in weight than ordinarily, reflecting the higher price of corn these last few months than during the corresponding period last year. This is especially true during the past month or so.

Statistics show that 7,772,000 more hogs had been marketed by September 1, 1923, than in the same period in 1922, whereas statistics indicate there was an increase in supply of only some 6,000,000. Receipts at the principal markets since January 1 have been (up to September 1) 35,670,000 head as compared to 27,898,000 head for the same period last year. Exports of pork products during the first eight months of this year were 321,943,000 pounds greater than for the same period last year. This is roughly the equivalent of 1,600,000 hogs of average weight. Pork in storage at the present time is slightly above the five year average, while lard in storage is somewhat below the five year average.

Judging from the figures available, there were approximately 2,180,000 fewer hogs in the United States on September 1, 1923, than at the same date in 1922. Meanwhile record breaking receipts of comparatively light hogs continue practically unabated.

The conclusion may be drawn that the hog surplus, which was estimated to be still on the farms at the beginning of the present year, has apparently been shipped.

BELMOND TRAIN SCHEDULES

(Corrected to date.)

ROCK ISLAND

Going North

Freight, daily	11:46 a. m.
Passenger, daily	2:10 p. m.

Going South

Freight, daily	1:10 p. m.
Passenger, daily	11:50 a. m.

M. & ST. L.

Going West.

Combination, daily	8:30 a. m

Going East

Combination, daily	3:35 p. m.

GREAT WESTERN

Going North

Motor, daily	10:03 a. m.
No. 16, pass., D & S	1:30 p. m.
No. 12, pass., D & S	1:26 a. m.
Local Freight	7:55 a. m.

Going South

No. 11, pass., D & S	1:24 a. m.
No. 15, pass., D & S	3:15 p. m.
Motor	5:10 p. m.
Local Freight	8:20 p. m.

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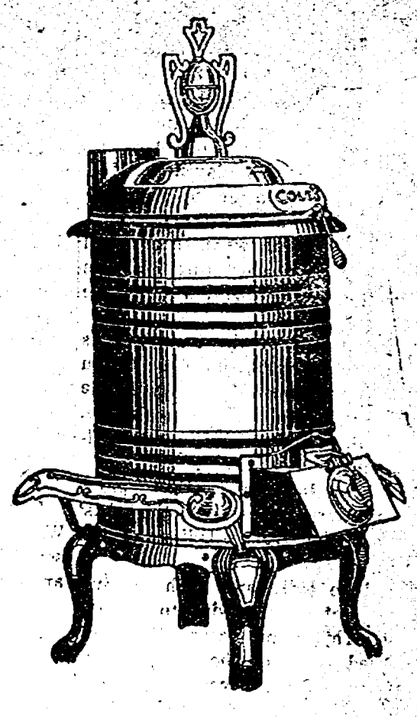

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MESERVEY SECTION

MESERVEY SCHOOL NOTES

The corn husking vacation begins next week and runs for two weeks from Oct. 26 to Nov. 12.

The girls' basket ball team won their second straight game from Thornton by the score of 14 to 12. The first game was played at Meservey and Thornton lost by the score of 12 to 10. In the game Friday, the Thornton girls were ahead until the last quarter when three baskets were made by Meservey, winning the game.

The members of the team are as follows: Forwards, Rozelle Sprau and Grace Groen; Centers, Mollie Zieman and Ruby Quandt; Guards, Lena Pals, Mable Prilipp and Thelma Thomas.

We hope to have another game Friday afternoon between the girls' team and the young ladies of the town.

The base ball game with Ventura did not materialize owing to the bad roads. This game was the last scheduled game of the season. Five games have been played this fall, of which we have won four. If possible we will have a game between the business men and the high school.

STUDENTS' RECITAL

On last Monday evening at the Rev. Schlesselman home, Miss Bertha Thorman's music class of this place gave a piano recital. The parents and a few friends of the students were invited and there were quite a number present who enjoyed the numbers rendered. The parents especially were pleased with the progress their children have been making. Following is the program given:

The Big Clock, Bernice Blewitt.
Sing Tra La, Gwethlyn Wenzel.
Sea Gulls. Bernice Blewitt.
Country Band, Gwethlyn Wenzel.
On A Visit, Naomi Schlesselman.
Country Dance, Dorothy Schlesselman.
Kewpies Lullaby, Naomi Schlesselman.
In A Toy Shop, Grace Groen.
Morning Song, Anna Ostendorf.
The Merry Trumpeter, Dorothy and Orvis.
Campfire March, Anna Ostendorf.
Dancing For Joy, Naomi Schlesselman.
Spinning Song, Orvis Schlesselman.
After Sunset, Bonita Muller.
Sacred Melody, Lydia Pannkuk.
Tarentella, Grace Groen.
I'll Meet My Mother There, (cornet and piano) Orvis and Dorothy.
Beneath Love's Window, Lydia Pannkuk.
The Robin's Return, Orvis Schlesselman.
Fire Fly, Bonita Muller.
Con A More, Dorothy Schlesselman.
First Waltzes, Grace Groen.

(Editor's Note: No. 20 on the program was too dim to read, and we are therefore unable to print it.)

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Sabbath school at 9:30 a. m.
Morning worship at 10:30 a. m.
Prayer meeting (German) Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.
Preaching services (English) Thursday at 7:30 p. m.
W. M. S. meeting, with Mrs. W. F. Butz Thursday (today) at 2:00 p. m.

There were 13 accessions to the church last Sunday morning when an opportunity was given to receive members.

The Sunday evening services will begin with C. E. meeting at 7:30, preaching services following.

A. W. Schlesselman, Pastor.

MESERVEY LOCAL NEWS

Phone your news to 41 or 54.

Word was received here Tuesday a. m. by Robert Smith and Mrs. Geo. Lewis that their father, who resides in Minnesota, is in a very critical condition, summoning them to his bedside at once.

Mrs. Albert Wendel motored to Waseca, Minn., last Tuesday to spend several weeks there with her parents and other relatives.

Mrs. E. A. Strasburg, who fell and injured her left foot some time ago, is again able to be about her household duties.

Mrs. K. C. Ruigh is numbered among the sick again this week, altho somewhat improved at this writing.

Mrs. Ed Wirtz, of Des Moines spent a day here with relatives last week, returning Friday, accompanied by her mother, Grandma Wickersheim, who will spend the winter at her home.

Ed Rooks and family were Mason City shoppers on Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Typer, of Hampton, visited at the H. C. Barger home several days last week.

Ralph Stanberry, of Mason City, was in town last Thursday attending to legal business matters.

Mrs. Schlesselman was a Thornton caller several days last week having dental work done.

Mrs. E. Thomas and daughters were Mason City business callers on Saturday last.

Mrs. Meinderts visited at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ed Bachman and family near Garner, last week, returning Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gruis motored to Buffalo Center on Monday of last week to spend the day visiting with relatives.

Fred Menzel and Rev. H. Raecker motored to Waverly last Saturday p. m. and visited until Sunday afternoon with relatives and friends.

Our teachers, whose homes are out of town, spent the week end with home folks and with other relatives.

A. J. Nissen and family were Sunday visitors at the L. B. Hulsebus home at Clear Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Cooper enjoyed a visit from the latter's mother, of Kanawha, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Herbster and Kenneth visited at the Hawthorne home at Renwick last Sunday. They were accompanied by Miss Sylvia Blum who visited home folks. Mrs. Hawthorne returned with them for a week's visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fulton and daughter of Belmond were Sunday visitors at the Brater home.

Walter Witt and Merl Brogan both finished their fall term of teaching Friday last.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Nissen motored to Mason City last Tuesday where Mrs. Nissen had her teeth extracted at the Park hospital.

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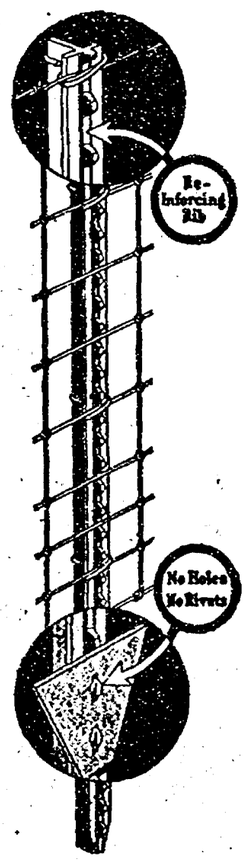

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ESERVEY LOCAL NEWS

The Misses Tillie and Ollie Pals were Mason City callers last Friday.

The Kings Daughters and Friends Sunday School classes of the Evangelical church were entertained at the F. C. Sprau home on Tuesday evening of last week. Those present report a pleasant evening.

Joe White, of Belmond was a caller in town a short time on Monday afternoon of last week.

Wm. Kotenbrink and family and Mrs. Louise Fischer of Ackley were guests at the H. Fischer home last Sunday.

Buy your Christmas Cards NOW while you have a choice. The Independent has a wide variety and will be pleased to show them to you.

ROWAN NEWS

Rowan Methodist Church Notes.

Class meeting at 9:30 a. m. Sunday school at 10. More present last Sunday than for a long time. Let us make next Sunday still larger.

Divine worship at 11. Theme: Neighbors. Epworth League at 6:30. Everyone enjoyed the playlet last meeting. Evening service 7:30. Theme: The Voice Behind.

Prayer meeting and Bible study of the second chapter of John, Wednesday evening at 7:30.

A cordial invitation is extended to attend our services.

Mrs. S. B. Stout and Mrs. D. K. Stout and baby were Hampton callers Thursday.

Mrs. Ellen McCallum of Belmond called on friends here Thursday.

Mr and Mrs. Edgar Mantle, Mrs. Earl Jacobs and Mrs. Blanche Jennings left last Thursday for Lanark, Ill., to attend the funeral of a cousin. While there, they expect to visit relatives at Polo.

G. W. Whitten was a Dows caller Friday.

Mrs. Etta Carr returned to her home last Tuesday from Marengo, Ill. She has been spending the past two months with her brother and family.

Messrs. Ben Hadley, D. W. Whitten, S. B. Heath and Geo. Pritchett went to Clear Lake, Minn., Thursday on a fishing trip. They returned on Friday.

Mrs. Chas. Burger had a pleasant surprise on her birthday last Wednesday, when the Wm. Duffy and H. J. Whitten families walked in, bringing luncheon with them.

The ladies division of the Iowa township Farm Bureau met Friday afternoon with Mrs. Tice Streveler. The special feature of the afternoon was the demonstration on flower making by Mrs. Fred Brooks. There was also a general discussion on canning. Solos were given by LaVonne Ballou and Mrs. Lyle Hall.

Friends here have received word that Gladys Toyne has resigned her position as teacher in the Eau Claire Wis. schools and has gone to Pasadena, Cal,. to be with her sister, Mrs W. R. McCallum.

Mrs. John Fairan was quite ill last week She is much better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Myers departed Friday for an extended visit with relatives and friends at Ames, Indianola, Lacona, and Des Moines. Mrs. Myers expects to attend the state meeting of the Foreign Missionary at Des Moines while there.

Mrs. Georgia Rowen returned on Thursday from Belmond. Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Packard brought her by auto.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Aldinger who have recently moved into their new home were pleasantly surprised last Tuesday evening when about 20 of their friends walked in on them. They took refreshments with them, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The company presented Mr. and Mrs. Aldinger with a beautiful rug.

Many of our sportsmen have been greatly enjoying listening in on the radio at Guy Sheldon's, getting the reports from the national ball games which were broadcast recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Klemensen and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Harm Brinkman and four children from Latimer, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Whitten and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Milt Ramsay and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lineaweaver and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Whitten and Gladys and Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Whitten and children were the guests at a family reunion supper Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Daniel Whitten, Sr. The evening was very enjoyably spent.

Elias Fuller from London, Canada arrived Saturday for a visit with his sister, Mrs. W. W. Bailey, whom he had not seen for 36 years. He was a resident of this vicinity in his younger days, moving away from here in 1887.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hadley, Loran and Celeste from Belmond, came Saturday and spent the day at the Ben Hadley home.

Herb. Aldrich arrived last week from Cedar Rapids where he has been making his home with his son Herb., Jr. He expects to stay here some time with his brother Friend, and other relatives.

I. J. Knuths received the sad news of the death of his mother, last Wednesday, at her home in Salem, Ore. She has been living for several years with her daughter, Miss Dora. She was 82 years of age. Her first husband, Frederick Knuths, died in 1882 and she was married later to Mark Scott. After his death, she and her daughter lived at Cylinder, Ia., and 11 years ago they moved to Oregon.

T. S. Streveler and family autoed to Ft. Dodge, Saturday. Mrs. Streveler underwent an operation for the removal of tonsils, also a nasal operation. They returned Sunday.

Mesdames R. H. Keith, V. E. Munson and S. F. Stout were Hampton visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Whitten drove to Mingo, Sunday, to visit their son, Ralph.

Miss Elsie Keith, who has been visiting here and at Goldfield for some time, departed Thursday for her home at Montreal, Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Aldinger spent the week end with relatives at Ackley.

Charles Keith and Laura Aldinger were Goldfield callers Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Will Grant returned with them to spend a week at the R. H. Keith home.

Mrs. Clifford Snow of Goldfield spent the week end at the G. W. Whitten home. Mr. Snow took a load of household goods to Reinbeck where they expect to make their future home.

W. Z. Stout has purchased a new corn husker.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Peddle and family visited Sunday at the Bethel home near Clarion.

Dr. Chassel left Friday for Des Moines, where he will visit until Tuesday with his mother. Mrs. Chassel and children plan to meet him on Wednesday at Omaha, from where they expect to return to their home at Belle Fourche, S. D.

Several of the ladies met with Mrs. R. H. Keith last Wednesday at a dress form party. Refreshments were served, this also being a farewell in honor of Miss Elsie Keith

The Harvest Day services at the Congregational church last Sunday were well attended. The church was very prettily decorated and the sermon and songs were in keeping with the occasion. The choir had the honor of using their new anthem books.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Conn and son and daughter, from Aredale, were Sunday guests at the D. W. Whitten home. Mrs. Kate Conn came with them, expecting to remain for some time in Rowan.

Mrs. J. H. Coburn suffered a bad attack of tonsilitis last week, and is still quite ill with other complications.

The school orchestra held their weekly practice at the A. E. Emerson home Monday evening.

Master Ralph Patton, who was operated on for appendicitis two weeks ago, was brought home the first of this week. He is convalescing rapidly.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. very pleasantly entertained their husbands at the F. H. Brooks home last Thursday evening. There were 50 in attendance. Mrs. Oscar Isenberger and Mrs. Fred Aldinger had charge of the entertainment. Mesdames W. G. Bingham, Elmer Burt and G. W. Whitten had charge of the refreshments.

Friends here were quite surprised to hear of the marriage of Miss Helen Brinkman, formerly a Rowan girl but now of Long Beach, Cal. Her husband is a Mr. Steele, and is on the police force of Long Beach. They are now at home in apartments on Magnolia avenue.

Quite a delegation of ladies from the local Foreign Missionary society expect to attend the state meeting at Des Moines, commencing Thursday, Oct. 25.

Several of the members of the W. H. M. S. of the M. E. church met last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. D. A. French, and tied a comfort to be put in the box for the Shesler home in Sioux City. Several rugs have been donated. Anyone wishing to contribute please bring your donation to the home of Mrs. Henry Rietz.

Miss Ethel Nabholtz entertained a friend from Vinton, Sunday.

Friend Aldrich and family were at Hampton, Saturday evening.

At the home of Miss LaVonne Ballou on Wednesday evening, 22 young ladies met to enjoy a social study on "The Woman and the Leaven In Japan." Mrs. C. T. Halbert was the leader of the study. Missionary songs were enjoyed, also a solo by Lavonne Ballou and piano and violin selection by Ruth and Esther Emerson. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Fred Kercheval, Frances Virden and LaVonne Ballou.

GOODELL NEWS

Mrs. Reynold Kinseth spent a few days last week with her parents east of town.

Adelia Hill went to Clarion Friday eve to spend the week-end at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Laimer, Mrs. Dennis and Mrs. John Ahrenkiel were entertained to a six o'clock dinner Friday at the Lew Avery home.

Mr. and Mrs. Donahue came Friday evening for a short visit at the home of Mrs. Donahue's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Finn.

Tuesday evening, the teachers, Avla Matson and Ina Ahrenkiel composed a surprise party is honor of Miss Hill's birthday at the home of Mrs. Christenson.

Miss Avis Wilson returned from work at Burt to spend her vacation at home. Her chum, Catherine Manus accompanied her for a week's visit.

Miss Alva Matson entertained the teachers at her home Thursday evening. A most enjoyable evening was spent. Delicious refreshments were served.

The choir of the U. B. church held their practice at the Carpenter home Friday evening. A tasty supper marked the close of the evening's entertainment.

Mrs. Earl Clark, of Garner, came Friday to stay a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McNutt.

Fred Wilkins' family spent Saturday in Goodell.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ahrenkiel were entertained at Anton Ahrenkiel's, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Heginger were Hampton callers, Wednesday.

Mrs. Doctor Snearly was a business visitor in Garner several days last week.

A. C. Carpenter family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schlichting and Will Thiel were entertained to dinner Sunday at the Will Johnson home near Klemme.

Matt Smith Sundayed at the John Griggs home.

Mr. and Mrs. Peters, Alva Matson and Miss Orr autoed to Iowa Falls Saturday to take in the football game between Iowa Falls and Des Moines.

Miss Lang returned to her nome at Cedar Falls Saturday after supplying two weeks as teacher in the primary room.

Misses Adelia Hill, Dorothy Allaben, Orr, Mr. and Mrs. Peters motored to Thompson Sunday to spend the day with Supt. Nelson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hughes Sundayed at the White home.

Rev. Thompson was entertained to dinner Sunday at Letchs.

The Igo Club met at Lewis Wesenbergs Saturday. Miss Mildred Fuller has been appointed leader of this organization.

Mr. and Mrs. Irv. Beier and son, Avery were guests to dinner at Earl Jenison's.

The Jay Buchanan family attended a family reunion Sunday at the Will Buchanan home at Belmond.

Mr. Titzel is having his farm improved by erecting a barn and corncrib, the work being done by Ben Hogenson and force.

Mr. and Mrs. Sandberg and Edith spent Sunday with Pete Benson's, of Kanawha.

Mary Nolan visited with Mr. and Mrs. Tony Boller on Sunday.

Mrs. Chris Deiger was taken to the Hampton hospital Saturday night to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. Stockwell and Mrs. McEfree, of Sheldon, are visiting at the Savogue and, Africa homes, also relatives at Kanawha.

The Matson family, Mesdames Beier and Graeber were shoppers in Mason City, Monday.

Miss Shoenwitter spent the week-end with her relatives in the country.

Wesenberg's spent Sunday with the Gus Okreug family.

Church Notes

A chicken supper will be served by the First Division of the Ladies Aid in the U. B. church basement, Thursday, October 25, at 6:00 p. m.

The Women's Missionary Society will hold their annual program Sunday, November 4, at 11:00 o'clock a. m. The offering contributed will be sent to help our missionaries in New Mexico and Japan.

The Third Division of the Ladies Aid will give a Hallowe'en party on Tuesday, October 30. Young and old are cordially invited.

The annual bazaar will be held in the church basement, Saturday, November 17th.

ALEXANDER NEWS

St. John's Evang. Luth. Church

Sunday school at 2 o'clock.

Preaching sermon on the Reformation at 3 o'clock.

All services in the English language. The public is cordially invited.

C. J. Barth Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Raisch of Dumont were over Sunday guests at the Peter Bohlen home.

Mrs. Clay Klinefelter and son and Mrs. John Herman were callers in Dows, last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elas Klinefelter are the happy parents of a fine baby girl born last Saturday, Oct. 20.

G. M. Brann of Des Moines is a business caller in this vicinity this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Beenen visited with relatives at Hampton on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell, Misses Jessie and Nellie Bell and Mrs. Joe Herman were Sunday guests at the John Surballe home in Garner.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rodemeyer and children autoed to Iowa Falls, Sunday, and spent the day with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bohlen and daughter, Francis, and Mrs. Fred Murphy were Mason City callers one day last week.

Arthur Winwood was a business caller in Hampton last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bohlman are the proud parents of a fine baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer of Belmond visited with friends in Alexander last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Penning of Ackley spent the first of the week with relatives here.

Earl Hall was a business caller at Hampton one day last week.

School closed last Friday for a two weeks' corn husking vacation, and all the teachers have left for their respective homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Bonte from Belmond were visiting relatives at this place last Sunday.

James Green of Hampton was a visitor at this place on Monday.

Hilko Pals was a business caller at Meservey last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Beenen were callers at Hampton, Monday evening.

EVERY IOWAN CAN RIDE

A total of 520,351 licenses for passenger motor cars had been issued up to October 1st, according to figure compiled by W. M. Calladay, superintendent of the state motor vehicle department. This is 52,000 more than for all of 1922. Truck licenses so far this year total 35,138. Revenue from fees up to September 1st amounted to $8,513,794.74.

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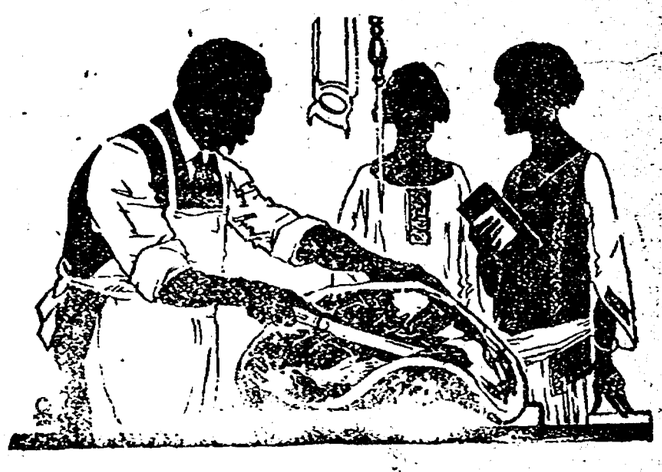

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FOREST CITY INFERS THUGS FROM GARNER

About two weeks ago the City Hall at Forest City was broken into and a number of the record books were taken. The thieves left a note that if $1,000 was left at a certain place the books would be returned. The $1,000 was not left as requested, neither were the records returned. The next evening after the robbery two of the books were found in Garner. They were picked up near the Whitehead store corner by Miles, Waller and Billy Clark. The boys turned the books over to H. V. Reed who notified the Forest City officials and returned the books. The city council rewarded the boys by sending them a warrant for $5.

The last Forest City Summit now says that it is evident that the thieves were from Garner as some of the books were found here. Because some Forest City outlaw left his loot in Garner is no reason that we are a bunch of thieves. They say that one man from Garner was so peeved at the ordinances passed by the Forest City Council, that he broke into print. If they refer to the story that appeared in the Garner Signal some time ago, we beg to inform the editor of the Forest City Summit, that the farmer who was grieved at the treatment he got in Forest City is just as honorable a genleman as the Forest City editor, or anyone else in that town, and because that farmer was sore because the Forest City police did not treat him decently is no reason for inferring that he stole their records. The Summit's story follows

"Mystery still attaches to the theft of the city books a week ago, and more mystery is added in the finding of part of them in the main streets of Garner. As the books recovered were found next morning after the robbery in the streets of Garner, it seems that they must have been carried there during the night, and that the thief or thieves were not people at Forest City. Since mention was made of the "twenty minute" parking ordinance in the note left on the door of the council rooms, it surely follows that there was spite against the ordinance by someone living from here.

About the biggest kick that has been put up about the ordinance has come from someone at Garner. Some fellow felt so offended and grieved at the ordinance that he broke into print about it sometime ago. He did not sign his name but the inference was that he lived in the vicinity of Garner.

The ordinance book and a part of the receipt books have been recovered. There is still missing the water commissioner's individual ledger and a part of the receipt books. The city officials do not feel warranted in paying the price asked originally by the thieves, since part of the records have been returned, but a suitable reward will be paid for the return of the remainder, by any one who finds them. The thieves asked for a $1,000 reward, and on that basis it will be worth the effort of someone to try and find the balance of them.—Signal.

ANOTHER TRAGEDY

The American people are watching a tragedy that is being enacted in Chicago. The mayor of that city—Mr. Denver—is enforcing the anti-booze law without fear or favor, and the three millions of citizens are gasping with amazement over the manner in which he is carrying out his announced determination to make the city "bone dry."

The advocates of clean city government are overjoyed. Reputable citizens who like an occasional "swig" are maintaining a "pained and parched" silence. Bootleggers and the underworld generally are raging like caged lions. The licenses of a thousand saloons, soft drink parlors and drug stores have been revoked for selling booze.

Chicago, which a few weeks ago was as wet as the Atlantic ocean, is rapidly becoming as dry as the desert of Sahara. One lone man — the mayr—is doing what all of the federal prohibition and law enforcement officals combined have dismally failed to do. He is making the city dry.

The real tragedy, however, is yet to come. A man engaged in such a laudable undertaking for the benifit of an entire city should recieve the united support of all law abiding people. An outsider would naturally expect to see popular demonstrations of approval held in all parts of the city in order to extend to the mayor the moral support to which he is entitled, irrespective of political considerations.

But the majority of Chicago's "better class of citizens" do not carry their convictions that far. They are delighted at the turn of affairs. Being delighted costs nothing—not even an effort. Getting behind the mayor in his "mopping up" campaign, however, is another thing. It requires an effort, and it necessitates the taking of a definite public stand for law enforcement and common decency. Many of them think that is not "good business." They have customers on both sides. Others view the mopping up process with a complacent approval that begins and ends with complacent approval.

The mayor will probably win out for a time, but in the end he will be crucified by the underworld and the booze runners and the unscrupulous politicians for thes ole reason that Chicago's "better class of citizens" will be too indifferent or too timid to interfere. And what is true of nearly every city in the United States—and of many smaller cities. It is the tragedy of attempting to do right—a lesson which every law abiding citizen the country over should take to himself.—Hampton Recorder.

SHOULD EAT MORE CEREALS

One of the problems that always confront home makers who have children is how to get the family to eat the natural cereals, says home economics members of the extension service of Iowa State College. Now the home specialists believe they have a method of increasing the amount of natural cereals used.

Give the family, they say, more natural cooked cereals, including flakes or steel cut oats, cracked wheat, barley or rye, home ground corn meal (hull removed but the germ left in), more dark or coarse breads, home made hominy and cookies and puddings made of natural grain products.

The following recipe furnished by the extension home economists, will be relished by all members of the family: Use one egg, one cup milk, one tablespoonful melted butter, one to one and one-fourth cups graham flour, one-fourth teaspoon salt, two tablespoons sugar or sorghum and one and one-half teaspoonful of baking powder. Combine the liquids; combine the dry materials; mix the liquid and dry ingredients except the baking powder. Sift the baking powder in with the last few spoons of dry ingredients. Bake for 30 minutes in a moderate oven. If sour milk is used, one-half teaspoon of soda and one teaspoon of baking powder may be used.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Belmond, Iowa,
7:30 O'clock p. m., Oct. 22, '23.

Special meeting of town council held in town hall for the purpose of receiving bids on the proposed Sewer and Water extension, as per Resolution of Necessity, Mayor Sullivan presiding.

Members present: Simerson, Dorenkamp, Russell, Papousek.

Members absent: None.

Moved and carried bids be opened and read. Clerk proceeded to read bids.

Moved by Russell, seconded by Papousek, that we award the contract for Sewer and Water extension to Gjellefald-Chapman Construction Co. of Forest City, Iowa, their's being the lowest bid.

Motion carried.

Moved and carried Mayor and Clerk be hereby authorized to enter into contract with Gjellefald-Chapman Construction Co. of Forest City, Iowa, for the sewer and water extension.

Moved and carried Clerk be hereby instructed to return checks of the unsuccessful bidders.

Moved and carried that the Iowa Hydrant and Gate Valve be used on this water extension.

Os motion and second council adjourned.

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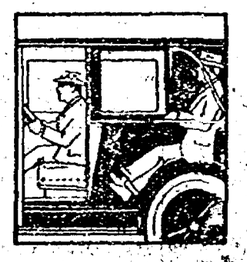

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SYNOPSIS

Book One.

CHAPTER I.—Joan Landis, eighteen years old, wife of Pierre, is the daughter of John Carver, who murdered her mother for adultery. Her lonely life, with her father, in a Wyoming cabin, unbearable, Joan leaves him, to work in a hotel in a nearby town.

CHAPTER II.—Joan meets Pierre, and the two, mutually attracted, are married.

CHAPTER III.—Carver tells Pierre the story of Joan's mother. Days afterward, Pierre, seemingly for no reason, forges a cattle brand, telling Joan it's their brand, the Two-Bar.

CHAPTER IV.—In Pierre's absence Frank Holliwell, young minister, asks shelter for the night. Joan interests him, and finding she is anxious to learn he offers to bring her books.

CHAPTER V.—Holliwell brings the books. Pierre, jealous, forbids Joan to read them. He leaves, to be gone a week, and Joan turns to the books.

CHAPTER VI.—Pierre, returning unexpectedly, finds Joan reading. Maddened by jealousy and liquor, he ties Joan and burns the Two-Bar brand into her shoulder. Hearing her scream, a stranger bursts in and in a duel Pierre is shot. Joan faints.

CHAPTER VII.—The stranger revives Joan and, telling her Pierre is dead, urges her to go with him

CHAPTER VIII.—At the stranger's home Joan's hurt is attended to.

CHAPTER IX.—The house belongs to Prosper Gael, writer, he living there with his Chinese valet, Wen Ho. With returned strength Joan would return to her home and "do something" for Pierre. Convincing her she has not the strength, Gael promises to go.

CHAPTER X.—Gael finds Pierre alive. He returns to Joan without being seen and tells the girl Pierre has been "cared for." She has no idea he is alive.

CHAPTER XI.—When her full strength returns, Gael, intensely interested in his companion, begins her "education."

CHAPTER XII.—Gael begins to realize the beauty of his "captive leopardess."

CHAPTER XIII.—Gael induces Joan to put on a woman's suit he gives her. The girl laughs at its smallness, remarking that it must have been made for a "tall child." In his absence, Joan starts for home, but, helpless, is compelled to return. Prosper's delight awakens the girl's heart.

CHAPTER XIV.—Joan hints of marriage, but Prosper puts her off. A letter in his mail, in a "small gray envelope," agitates him, and that night he says goodby to Joan. Next day she sees Pierre riding with Frank Holliwell, and realizes Gael's deception. She dare not meet Pierre.

Book Two.

CHAPTER I.—At the Lazy-I ranch Jane, the cook, attracts the attention of Jasper Morena, Jew theatrical manager, there with his highborn Gentile wife Betty. Morena wants Jane for a new play he is to produce. Betty had had an "affair" with Prosper Gael, and believing her husband dying, had written she would marry him.

CHAPTER II.—Morena explains to Jane that in the play "The Leopardess," she would portray a "wild girl," partly tamed, almost her own experience.

CHAPTER III.—Jane is that Joan who fled from the sight of her husband at Gael's home. She had striven to forget her past life. Now, with Morena and his wife she goes back to part of it. A stranger comes to the ranch, seeking Joan, his wife. The rancher gives him Morena's address.

CHAPTER IV.—Gael returns from France to enjoy the success of his play, "The Leopardess," known as "Luck's" play. Betty tells him Jasper is compromised with his "star," and she can divorce him. To his horror Gael recognizes Joan, known on the stage as "Miss West," in his play.

"Oh, whenever you like, as soon as I've had my fun."

"Of course—" Morena was thoughtful for an instant. "How would it do for me to leave it with Melton, the business manager? Eh? Suppose I phone him and talk it over a little. He'll want to wait till toward the end of the run. He's keen; has just the commercial sense of the born advertiser. Let him choose the moment. Then we can feel sure of getting the right one. Will you, Luck?"

"If you advise it. You ought to know."

"You see, I'm so confoundedly busy, so many irons in the fire, I might just miss the psychic moment. I think Melton's the man—I'll call him up tonight before we leave. Then I won't forget it and I'll be sure to catch him, too."

Again Prosper vaguely agreed and promptly forgot that he had given his permission. Later, there came an agonizing moment when he would have given the world to recall his absent, careless words.

With an effort Prosper kept his poise, with an effort, always increasing, he talked to Jasper while Betty dressed, and kept up his end at dinner. The muscles round his mouth felt tight and drawn, his throat was dry. He was glad when they got into the limousine and started theaterward. It had been a long time since he had been put through this particular ordeal and he was out of practice.

They reached the house just as the lights went out. Prosper was amused at his own intense excitement. "I didn't know I was still such a kid," he said, flashing a smile, the first spontaneous one he had given her, upon Betty who sat beside him in the proscenium box.

The success of his novel had had no such effect upon him as this. It was entrancing to think that in a few moments the words he had written would come to him clothed in various voices, the people his brain had pictured would move before him in flesh and blood, doing what he had ordained that they should do. When the curtain rose, he had forgotten his personal problem, had forgotten Betty. He leaned forward, his elbows on his knees, his chin in his hand.

The scene was of a tropical island, palms, a strip of turquoise sea. A girl pushed aside the great fronds of ferns and stepped down to the beach. At her appearance the audience broke into applause. She was a tall girl, her stained legs and arms bare below her ragged dress, her black hair hung wild and free about her face and neck. As the daughter of a native mother and an English father, her beauty had been made to seem both Saxon and savage. Stained and painted, darkened below the great gray eyes, Joan with her brows and her classic chin and throat, Joan with her secret, dangerous eyes and lithe, long body, made an arresting picture enough against the setting of vivid green and blue. She moved slowly, deliberately, naturally, and stood, hands on hips, to watch a ship sail into the turquoise harbor. It was not like acting, she seemed really to look. She threw back her head and gave a call. It was the name of her stage brother, but it came from her deep chest and through her long column of a throat like music. Prosper brought down his hands on the railing before him, half pushed himself up, turned a blind look upon Betty, who laid a restraining hand upon his arm.

He whispered a name, which Betty could not make out, then he sat down, moistened his lips with his tongue, and sat through the entire first act and neither moved nor spoke. As the curtain went down he stood up.

"I must go out," he said, and hesitated in the back of the box till Jasper came over to him with an anxious question. Then he began to stammer nervously. "Don't tell her, Jasper, don't tell her."

"Tell her what, man? Tell whom?" Jasper gave him a shake. "Don't you like Jane? Isn't she wonderful?"

"Yes, yes, extraordinary!"

"Made for the part?"

"No." Prosper's face twisted into a smile. "No, The part came second, she was there first, Morena, promise me you won't tell her who wrote the play."

"Look here, Prosper, suppose you tell me what's wrong. Have you seen a ghost?"

Prosper laughed; then, seeing Betty, her face a rigid question, he struggled to lay hands upon his self-control.

"Something very astonishing has happened, Morena—one of those 'things not dreamt of in a man's philosophy.' I can't tell you. Have you arranged for me to meet Jane West?"

"After the show, yes, at supper."

"But not as the author?"

"No. I was waiting f you to tell her that."

"She mustn't know. And—and I can't meet her that way, at supper." Again he made visible efforts at self-control. "Don't tell Betty what a fool I am. I'll go out a minute. I'll be all right."

Betty was coming toward them. He gave a painful smile and fled.

CHAPTER V

Joan and Prosper.

The situation was no doubt an extraordinary, an unimaginable one, but it had to be met. When he returned to the box, Prosper had himself in hand, and, sitting a little farther back than before, he watched the second act with a sufficiency of outward calm.

This part was the most severe test of his composure, for he had fashioned it almost in detail upon that idyll in a canyon. There were even speeches of Joan's that he had used. To sit here and watch Joan herself go through it, while he looked on, was an exciting form of torment. The setting was different, tropical instead of Northern, and the half-native heroine was more passionate, more emotional, more animal than Joan. Nevertheless, the drama was a repetition. As Prosper had laid his trap for Joan, silently, subtly undermining her whole mental structure, using her loneliness, playing upon the artist soul of her, so did this Englishman lay his trap for Zona. He was more cruel than Prosper, rougher, necessarily more dramatic, but there was all the essence of the original drama, the ensnarement of a simple, direct mind by a complex and skillful one. Joan's surrender, Prosper's victory, were there. He wondered how Joan could act it, play the part in cold blood. Now he was condemned to live in his own imagination through Joan's tragedy. There was that first pitifulness of a tamed and broken spirit; then later, in London, the agony of loneliness, of separation, of gradual awakening to the change in her master's heart. Prosper had written the words, but it was Joan who, with her voice, the music of memory-shaken heartstrings, made the words alive and meaningful. Others in the audience might wonder over the girl's ability to interpret this unusual experience, to make it natural, human, inevitable. But Prosper did not wonder. He knew that simply she forced herself to relive this most painful part of her own life and to relive it articulately. What, in God's name, had induced her to do it? Necessity? Poverty? Morena? All at once he remembered Betty's belief, that Joan was the manager's mistress—his wild, beautiful Joan,

Joan, the creation of his own wizardry. This thought gave him such pain that he whitened.

"Prosper," murmured Betty, "you must tell me what is wrong. Evidently your nerves are in bad shape. Is the excitement too much for you?"

"I believe it is," he said, avoiding her eyes and moving stiff, white lips: "I've never seen such acting. I—I—Morena says he'll let me see her in her dressing-room afterward. You see, Betty, I'm badly shaken up."

"Ye-es," drawled Betty, and looked at him through narrowed lids, and she sat with this look on her face and with her fingers locked, when Prosper, not giving her further notice, followed Morena out.

"Jasper"—Prosper held his friend back in the middle of a passage that led to the dressing-rooms—"I want very particularly to see Miss West alone. I am very much moved by her performance and I want to tell her so. Also, I want her to express herself naturally with no idea of my being the author of the play and without the presence of her manager. Will you just ask if she will see a friend of yours—alone?"

Jasper smiled his subtle smile. "Of course, Prosper. It's all as clear as daylight."

Prosper did not notice the Jew's intelligent expression. He was too much absorbed in his own excitement. In a moment he would be with Joan—Joan, his love of winter nights!

Morena tapped upon a door. A maid half-opened it.

"Ask Miss West, please, if she will see a friend of Mr. Morena's. Tell her I particularly wish her to give him a private interview." He scribbled a line on a card and the maid took it in.

In five minutes, during which the two men waited silently, she came back.

"Miss West will see your friend, sir."

"Ah! Then I'll take myself off. Prosper, will you join Betty and me at supper?"

"No, thanks. I'll have my brief interview with Miss West and then go home, if you'll forgive me. I'm about all in. New York's too much for a man just home from the front."

Jasper laid his hand for a moment on Prosper's shoulder, smiled, shrugged, and turned away. Prosper waited till his friend was out of sight and hearing, then knocked and was admitted to the dressing-room of Miss Jane West.

She had not changed from the evening dress she had worn in the last scene nor had she yet got rid of her make-up. She was sitting in a narrow-backed chair that had been turned away from the dressing-table. The maid was putting away some costumes.

Prosper walked half across the room and stopped.

"Miss West," he said quietly.

She stood up. The natural color left her face ghastly with patches of paint and daubs of black. She threw back her head and said, "Prosper!" just above her breath.

"Go out, Henrietta." This was spoken to the maid in the voice of Jane the virago, and Henrietta fled.

At sight of Joan, Prosper had won

At Sight of Joan Prosper Had Won Back Instantly His Old Poise.

back instantly his old poise, his old feeling of ascendancy.

"Joan, Joan," he said gently; "was ever anything so strange? Why didn't you let me know? Why didn't you answer my letters? Why didn't you take my money? I have suffered greatly on your account."

Joan laughed. Four years ago she would not have been capable of this laugh, and Prosper started.

"I wrote again and again," he said passionately. "Wen Ho told me that you had gone, that he didn't know anything about your plans. I went out to Wyoming, to our house. I scoured the country for you. Did you know that?"

"No," said Joan slowly, "I didn't know that. But it makes no difference to me."

They were still standing a few paces apart, too intent upon their inner tumult to heed any outward situation. She lowered her head in that dangerous way of hers, looking up at him from under her brows. Her color had returned and the make-up had a more natural look.

"Maybe you did write, maybe you did send money, maybe you did come back—I don't care anything for all that." She made a gesture as if to sweep something away. "The day after you left me in that house, Pierre, my husband, came up the trail. He was taking after me. He meant to fetch me home. You told me"—she began to tremble so violently that the jewels on her neck clicked softly—"you told me he was dead."

Prosper came closer, she moving back, till, striking the chair, she sat down on it and looked up at him with her changed and embittered eyes.

"Would you have gone back to him, Joan Landis, after he had tied you up and branded your shoulder with his cattlebrand?"

"What has that got to do with it?" she asked, her voice lifting on a wave of anger. "That was between my man and me. That was not for you to judge. He loved me. It was through loving me too much, too ignorantly, that he hurt me so." She choked. "But you—"

"Joan," said Prosper, and he laid his hand on her cold and rigid fingers, "I loved you, too."

She was still and stiff. After a long silence she seemed to select one question from a tide of them.

"Why did you leave me?"

"I wrote you a full explanation. The letter came back to me unread."

Again Joan gave the laugh and the gesture of disdain.

"That doesn't matter . . . your loving or not loving. You made use of me for your own ends, and when you saw fit, you left me. But that's not my complaint. I don't say I didn't deserve that. I was easy to use. But it was all based on what wasn't true. I was married, my man was living, and I had dealings with you. That was sin. That was horrible. That was what my mother did. She was a—" Joan used the coarse and ugly word her father had taught her, and Prosper laid a hand over her mouth.

"Joan! No! Never say it, never think it. You are clean."

Joan twisted herself free, stood up, and walked away. "I am that!" she said grimly; "and it was you that made me. You took lots of trouble to make me see things in a way where nothing a person wants is either right or wrong. You made me thirsty with your talk and your books and your music, and when I was tormented with thirst, you came and offered me a drink of water. That was it. I don't care about your not marrying me. I still don't see that that has much to do with it except, perhaps, that a man would be caring to give any woman he rightly loves whatever help or cherishing or gifts the world has decided to give her. But, you see, Prosper, we didn't start fair. You knew that Pierre was alive. Oh, he was ignorant, a savage, I guess, like I was. But he did rightly love me. He was not trying to break my spirit nor to tame me, nor to amuse himself with me, nor to give me a longing for beauty and easiness and then leave me to fight through my own rough life without any of those things. Did you really think, Prosper Gael, that I would stay in your house and live on your money till you should be caring to come back to me—if ever you would care? Did you honestly think that you would be coming back—as—as my lover? No. Whatever it was that took you away, it was likely to keep you from me for always, wasn't it?"

"Yes," said Prosper in a muffled voice, "it was likely to. But, Joan, Fate was on your side. Since I have been yours, I haven't belonged to anyone but you. You've put your brand on me."

"I don't want to hear about you," Joan broke in. "I am done with you. Have you seen this play?"

"Yes." He found that in telling her so he could not meet her eyes.

"Well, the man who wrote that knew what you are, and, if he didn't, every one that has seen me act in it, knows what you are." She paused, breathing fast and trembling. "Goodby," she said.

He went vaguely toward the door, then threw up his head defiantly. "No," he said, "it's not going to be goodby. I've found you. You must let me tell you the truth about myself. Come, Joan, you're as just as Heaven. You never read my explanations. You've never heard my side of it. You'll let me come to see you and you'll hear me out. Don't do me an injustice. I'll leave the whole thing in your hands after that. But you must give me that one chance."

"Chance?" repeated Joan. "Chance for what?"

"Oh,"—Prosper flung up his lithe, long hands—"oh, for nothing but a cleansing in your sight. I want what forgiveness I can wring from you. I want what understanding I can force from you. That's all."

She thought, standing there, still and tall, her arms hanging, her eyes wide and secret, as he had remembered them in her thin, changed, so much more expressive face.

"Very well," she said, "you may come. I'll hear you out." She gave him the address and named an afternoon hour. "Goodnight."

It was a graceful and dignified dismissal. Prosper bit his lip, bowed and left her.

As the door closed upon her, he knew that it had closed upon the only real and vivid presence in his life. War had burnt away his glittering, clever frivolity. Betty was the adventure, Betty was the tinsel; Joan was the grave, predestined woman of this man. For the first time in his life he found himself face to face with the cleanness of despair.

CHAPTER VI

Aftermath.

Joan waited for Prosper on the appointed afternoon. There was a fire on her hearth and a March snowsquall tapped against the window panes. The crackle of the logs inside and that eerie, light sound outside were so associated with Prosper that, even before he came, Joan, sitting on one side of the hearth, closed her eyes and felt that he must be opposite to her in his red-lacquered chair, his long legs stuck out in front, his amused and greedy eyes veiled by a cloud of cigarette smoke.

Since she had seen him at the theater, she had been suffering from sleeplessness. At night she would go over and over the details of their intercourse, seeing them, feeling them living them in the light of later knowledge, till the torment was hardly to be borne. Three days and nights of this inner activity had brought back that sharp line between her brows and the bitter tightening of her lips.

This afternoon she was white with suspense. Her dread of the impending interview was like a physical illness. She sat in a high-backed chair, hands along the arms, head resting back, eyes half-closed, in that perfect stillness of which the animal and the savage are alone entirely capable. There were many gifts that Joan had brought from the seventeen years on Lone river. This grave immobility was one. She was very carefully dressed in a gown that accentuated her height and dignity. And she wore a few jewels. She wanted, pitifully enough, to mark every difference between this Joan and the Joan whom Prosper had drawn on his sled up the canyon trail. If he expected to force her back into the position of enchanted leopardess, to see her "lie at his feet and eat out of his hand," as Morena had once described the plight of Zona, he would see at a glance that she was no longer so easily mustered. In fact, sitting there, she looked as proud and perilous as a young Medea, black-haired with long throat and cold, malevolent lips. It was only in the eyes—those gray, unhappy, haunted eyes—that Joan gave away her eternal simplicity of heart. They were unalterably tender and lonely and hurt.

Prosper was announced, and Joan, keeping her stillness, merely turned her head toward him as he came into the room. She saw his rapid observation of the room, of her, even before she noticed the very apparent change in him. For he, too, was haggard and utterly serious as she did not remember him. He stood before her fire and asked her jerkily if she would let him smoke. She said "Yes," and those were the only words spoken for five unbearable minutes the seconds of which her heart beat out like a shaky hammer in some worn machine.

Prosper smoked and stood there looking, now at her, now at the fire. At last, with difficulty he smiled.

"You Are Not Going to Make It Easy for Me, Are You, Joan?"

"You are not going to make it easy for me, are you, Joan?"

For her part she was not looking at him. She kept her eyes on the fire and this averted look distressed and irritated his nerves.

"I am not trying to make it hard," she said; "I want you to say what you came to say and go."

"Did you ever love me, Joan?"

He had said it to force a look from her, but it had the effect only of making her more still, if possible.

"I don't know," she said slowly, answering with her old directness. "I thought you needed me. I was alone. I was scared of the emptiness when I went out and looked down the valley. I thought Pierre had gone out of the world and there was no living thing that wanted me. I came back and you met me and you put your arms round me and you said"—she closed her eyes and repeated his speech as though she had just heard it—"'Don't leave me, Joan.'"

Her voice was more than ever before moving and expressive. Prosper felt that half-forgotten thrill. The muscles of his throat contracted. "Joan, I did want you. I spoke the truth," he pleaded.

She went on with no impatience but very coldly. "You came to tell me your side. Will you tell me, please?"

For the first time she looked into his eyes and he drew in his breath at the misery of hers.

"I built that cabin, Joan," he said, "for another woman."

"Your wife?" asked Joan.

"No."

"For the one I said must have been like a tall child? She wasn't your wife? She was dead?"

Prosper shook his head. "No. Did you think that? She was a woman I loved at that time very dearly and she was already married to another man."

"You built that house for her? I don't understand."

"She had promised to leave her husband and to come away with me. I had everything ready, those rooms, those clothes, those materials, and when I went out to get her, I had a message saying that her courage had failed her, that she wouldn't come."

"She was a better woman than me," said Joan bitterly.

Prosper laughed. "By G—d, she was not! She sent me down to h—l. I couldn't go back to the East again. I had laid very careful and elaborate plans. I was trapped out there in that horrible winter country . . ."

"It was not horrible," said Joan violently; "it was the most wonderful, beautiful country in all the world." And tears ran suddenly down her face.

But she would not let him come near to comfort her. "Go on," she said presently.

"Before you came, Joan," Prosper went on, "it was horrible. It was like being starved. Everything in the house reminded me of—her, I had planned it all very carefully and we were to have been—happy. You can fancy what it was to be there alone."

Joan nodded. She was just and she was honestly trying to put herself in his place. "Yes," she said; "if I had gone back and Pierre had been dead, his homestead would have been like that to me."

"It was because I was so miserable that I went out to hunt. I'd scour the country all day and half the night to tire myself out, that I could get some sleep. I was pretty far from home that moonlight night when I heard you scream for help . . ."

Joan's face grew whiter. "Don't tell about that," she pleaded.

He paused, choosing another opening. "After I had bandaged you and told you that Pierre was dead—and I honestly thought he was—I didn't know what to do with you. You couldn't be left, and there was no neighbor nearer than my own house; besides, I had shot a man, and, perhaps—I don't know, maybe I was influenced by your beauty, by my own crazy loneliness. . . . You were very beautiful and very desolate. I was in a fury over the brute's treatment of you . . ."

"Hush!" said Joan; "you are not to talk about Pierre."

Prosper shrugged. "I decided to take you home with me. I wanted you desperately, just, I believe, to take care of, just to be kind to—truly, Joan, I was lonely to the point of madness. Some one to care for, some one to talk to, was absolutely necessary to save my reason. So when I was leading you out, I—I saw Pierre's hand move—"

Joan stood up. After a moment she controlled herself with an effort and sat down again. "Go on. I can stand it," she said.

"And I thought to myself, 'The devil is alive and he deserves to be dead. This woman can never live with him again. God wouldn't sanction such an act as giving her back to his hands.' And I was half-mad myself, I'd been alone so long . . . I stood so you couldn't see him, Joan, and I threw an elk-hide over him and led you out."

"I followed you; I didn't look at Pierre; I left him lying there," gasped Joan.

Continued next week.

WINE AND BEER PROPOSITION

From the following fact we may conclude that the light wine and beer proposition is not getting very far with the American people:

Colorado adopted prohibition by a majority of 11,000 and two years later defeated a beer amendment by 85,000.

Michigan adopted prohibition by a majority of 68,000 and three years later defeated a light wines and beer amendment by 207,000.

Oklahoma adopted prohibition by a majority of 25,000 and four years later defeated a light wines and beer amendment by more than 200,000.

Oregon adopted prohibition by 36,000 and two years later defeated a beer amendment by 54,000.

Washington adopted prohibition by 18,000 and two years later defeated a beer amendment by 147,000.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Walt Ramsay was up from Des Moines a day or two last week, visiting his brother, Wallace, and family.

Wm. Dempsey is a new mechanic at the Belmosd Motor Sales Co., working in the repair department under Harold Aigley, foreman.

A lot of homes in Belmond are caring for a bowl of gold fish since the special put on last Friday and Saturday by the Schultz Drug Co. We'll bet there are more gold fish in Belmond today than there has ever been at any period in its history, for the store sold them with the NyDenta tooth paste at a terrific rate. They make a nice decoration for the home and please the kiddies.

Joe Suntken and family of Meservey and Elmer Warman and family of Alden, with Clarence Warman of Union were visitors with friends in Belmond, Sunday.

Mrs. Rosecrans and A. E. Martin, of Belmond, and Mrs. Walter Pritchard, of Garner, went to Rochester, Sunday, where all three will receive treatment at the hospital.

For Sale—Having sold all of my furniture except a fe pieces, will sell very cheap the remaining if taken before Saturday. Davenport, organ, bed, child's bed, two rockers, writing desk, rug, book case, cabinet base. —Mrs. H. T. Wolder. 1c

Football fans beseiged the Independent office Saturday for news of the Iowa-Illinois game, played at Iowa City at the annual home coming. Crowds packed this office during the game, results of which were received by radio, play by play. Probably 50 phone calls were answered during the game. Illinois won 9 to 6 in a hard battle.

Aug. Foss is meeting with splendid success in his employment agency venture, advertised in the Independent last week. He was swamped with requests for labor, and placed all he had in a couple of days. He is now advertising for more men in the Mason City paper. We prophesy that August will be kept good and busy.

20 per cent discount on Children's Hats. Special prices on Velours.—The Hat Shoppe.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair White, of Ft. Dodge, drove up last week to look after business matters.

A number of Belmond people drove to Hampton, Tuesday evening to see the play, "The Bat," at Chas. Peterson's theatre. They report a very fine play.

Several Kanawha fans drove down last Friday to see the foot ball game and to root for Britt.

Mesdames Fitts and Williams and Miss Daisy Cameron left Monday for Waterloo to attend the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star. They are delegates from the local chapter.

Miss Avis Hereim returned home Sunday evening, after spending three weeks with relatives and friends at Roland, Story City and Nevada, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Twedt of Roland, Iowa, visited Sunday at the E. O. Munson home.

Carload of Early Ohio Potatoes on Great Western track this week. Thoroly ripe; good keepers.—M. Dawson. 1*

Harold Wallace returned Saturday from Iowa City, where he had been for treatment at the state hospital.

The silver cup won by W. C. Tyrrell, Jr., in the golf tournament, is on display in the Schultz Drug Co. window. It is a beauty.

The M. E. Ladies Aid will serve a chicken supper in the basement of the church tonight (Thursday evening.) Everybody welcome.

V. E. Munson and Will Bailey of Rowan were in town Monday, bringing up a Mr. Fuller to catch the afternoon passenger north for his home in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Bonte were Sunday guests of relatives at Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Graham of Forest City are the happy parents of a baby girl, born to them last Saturday evening. Mrs. Graham was formerly Miss Gladys Jenison.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hartwig were recent guests at the home of Mrs. Hartwig's parents, at Thornton.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Courtney and family of Thornton were guests of relatives here last week.

Mrs. Curtis and two children from Webster City spent Sunday at the ne of relatives here.

Henry Johnson is spending a few days at Minneapolis, visiting relatives and friends.

Better automobiles are being built. Willys-Overland is building them.—Nordschow Motor Co.

Tom Tyrrell has been very ill the past week, and his condition at present is reported critical. Relatives have been summoned.

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Miss Mary Barry went to Jackson, Nebraska, last Thursday, to visit her sister, Mrs. R. N. Ryan.

Mrs. Herman Schultz and Mrs. Howard Moore drove to Fort Dodge last Friday.

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Rev. Northrup, of Parkersburg, a former pastor of the Congregational church here, is spending a few days with friends here.

Mrs. Ruben Reed and Harry Renicker of La Porte City, were Sunday visitors here.

Mrs. Lorene Gilpin Weyant and daughter, Violet, of Lincoln, Nebraska, are visiting relatives here.

The Des Moines Register and the Independent for one year for only $5.80. New subscriptions only to the Register.

Henry Lien, of near Kanawha, was a business caller in town the first of the week.

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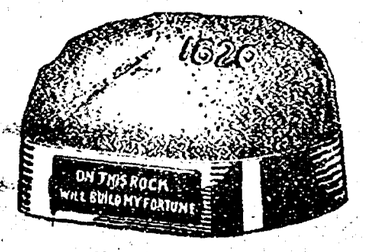

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71 To 0 Result Of Foot Ball Friday

Belmond Boys Run Themselves Ragged Scoring Touch downs, Making 11.

NEXT GAME AT KANAWHA

The Belmond foot ball team walked all over, trampled on and mussed up generally the Forest City team last Friday, the end of the agony seeing the score 71 to 0 in favor of the locals.

It was a massacree from beginning to end. The Belmond boys started scoring right off the bat. Kicking off to Forest City, they held the enemy for downs, forcing a punt. Stapley received the punt and went 25 yards for a touchdown. For the next four times on the kick off, it was a repetition, more or less, of the first play, different members of the local team carrying the ball over. In all, the Belmond team made eleven touchdowns and five tries for goal, a total of 71 points.

The Forest City bunch were hopelessly outclassed in every angle of the game. They made but two or three downs in the entire game, while the home boys romped thru the line at will. Belmond used straight foot ball all the way thru, end runs, line smashes, and straight thru center being their mainstays. Passes were used but seldom, and only one or two trick plays being called upon. It was a good practice game for Belmond, but as a game to witness was a fizzle from the spectators standpoint. The Forest City lads were game and played clean, hard foot ball, but never had a chance.

The Belmond boys have now scored, to date, 119 points to their opponents' 29, winning four games and losing one. Their next game will be next week Friday when they play the return game with Kanawha on the Kanawha ground. This game will be a bitterly contested battle, and one well worth witnessing. The Belmond boys are playing winning foot ball and deserve the united support of the fans in every game. Show yours by attending their games.

NEW SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT COURT DATES

The judges of the Eleventh judicial district, which includes Wright county, have issued a new schedule of dates of terms of court for the years 1924-1925, as follows:

Wright county, at Clarion.

1924

Feb. 11.—5 weeks—McCall.
April 28.—5 weeks—Fry.
Oct. 6.—4 weeks—Thompson.
Nov. 24.—4 weeks—Clock.

1925

Feb. 9.—5 weeks—McCall.
April 27.—5 weeks—Fry.
Oct. 5.—4 weeks—Thompson.
Nov. 23.—4 weeks—Clock.

EDITORS ARE DUNNING DELINQUENT SUBSCRIBERS

Nearly every exchange that reaches this office is carrying publisher's notices urging the subscribers to pay their subscriptions. It will not be many years until every country weekly will stop at the expiration of your subscription. There is no valid reason why a subscriber should not pay the small price of a country paper once a year. It is such a small matter to the subscribers, and such a vital matter to the newspaper men, that it can not be handled successfully without the cash in advance plan.

IOWA TOWNSHIP FARM BUREAU TO HAVE PARTY

The Iowa Township Farm Bureau will have a Hallowe'en party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hall on Friday evening, Nov. 2nd. Sandwiches pumpkin pie and coffee will be served. Each family is requested to bring its own sandwiches, a pie and dishes for serving. Come and have a good time.

If you do not worship elsewhere, you cannot afford to miss hearing "The Greatest Institution in Belmond" by Rev. O'Connor Sunday evening.

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

A settlement was reached Monday in the appeal case of Henrietta Frohling of Belmond from the findings of the commissioners of insanity, which body some months ago adjudged her of unsound mind. It was decreed that she be granted separate maintenance in the sum of $75 per month and given possession of the home. Defendant to pay all taxes and insurance, and plaintiff to retain her equity in all property now in name of defendant. Attorney fees in the sum of $1,800 were allowed, $900 each side. At her request C. O. Fitts was appointed guardian. Mr. Frohling is 65 years of age and his wife a few years younger. They have nine children. The Frohlings reside in Belmond.

Another new case for the November term of court is that of the Bank of Galt vs. W. W. Wobbeking to enforce payment on a past due note in the sum of $220.81.

Judge McCall adjourned the October term of court Tuesday afternoon and returned to his home at Nevada. The next term convenes November 26th with Judge Clock of Hampton presiding.

Tuesday Sheriff Lang received a $500 bond from Mason City as bail for Geo. Ross, who was held to the November grand jury, being charged with the transportation of liquor at the time of the Herman Fork accident a few weeks ago. His wife was released at the time of the preliminary hearing, bail being furnished by her attorney.

W. H. Paskin of Goldfield has been appointed temporary guardian of his brother Benjamin Paskin, of unsound mind, his bond being fixed in the sum of $12,000.

County Treasurer Allen will soon be preparing the annual delinquent tax list for punlication. It is thought it will be smaller than last year.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the week: Gilbert A. Lawson and Marie Olson, both of Eagle Grove; Ephriam Holm and Ruth Brooks, both of Belmond; Leonard Burdette Johnson and Irene Marie Miller.—Monitor.

COMMUNITY HEALTH IS DISCUSSED AT MEETING

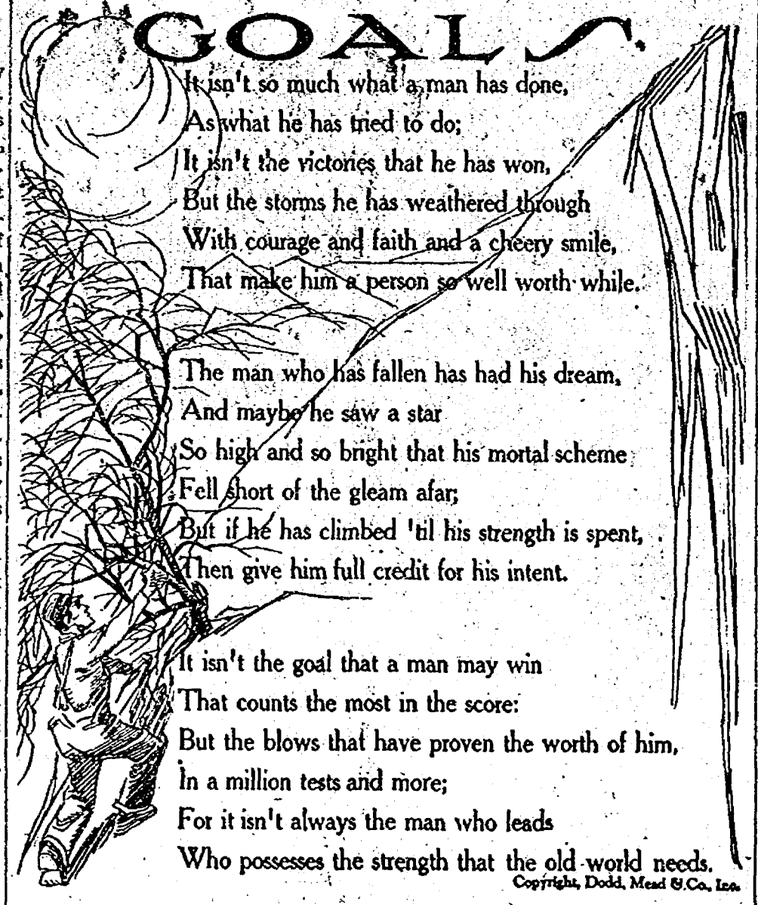
At the Community Welfare Club meeting, Friday, a very interesting talk was given by Dr. Ruel Silvester, teacher of Psychology at Drake University. Dr. Silvester spoke on two subjects, "Community Health" and "Mental Hygiene." In regard to Community Health, he said the baby clinics and the tubercular clinics held in different communities were of great benefit, but any other free clinics were more harmful than good, as they had a tendency to pauperize people.

The Club would have liked to hear more on Psychology and Mental Health as it was an interesting subject and Dr. Silvester seemed very much enthused with his work. But one hour is too short in which to cover two subjects thoroughly. Part of Dr. Silvester's work is to study the children in the orphanages and place them in homes best suited for them. Children with high mentality are placed in homes where they will receive a good education and have a chance to develop their mental powers, while children with lower mentality are put in homes where the foster parents would be satisfied with a child of only common intelligence.

IF THEY CAN'T GET HENS, WHY, CREAM WILL DO

A new one was added to the worries of the farmer, when thieves at Forest City took a full can of good, sweet cream from O. A. Larson. A Ford drove into the Larson yard one night at 10:00 o'clock, with two men. One stayed in the car, and the other calmly walked into the milk house, lifted the can of cream into the car, and the two men drove away. Cream and can were valued at $15. If hogs or hens are unavailable, a good can of cream will do nicely, thank you. "Cream thieves," however, are something new. The same medicine as used for chicken thieves applies to cream robbers.

Henry Heuerman from Florida arrived the first of the week to visit his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. John Heuerman, and other relatives.



Judge McCall To Speak At First Good Fellowship Meeting Next Week

The first meeting of the Good Fellowship club for the season will be held next week, it is announced by the committee in charge. The exact date of the first meeting will be given next week in the Independent.

Judge McCall will be the speaker. It had been planned to hold the first meeting this week, but as Judge McCall could not be present it was decided to wait until next week. The judge is a forceful speaker, with a wealth of entertaining material to speak about, and those who attend are sure of being well entertained.

The usual eats customary to these friendly meetings will be on deck, and possibly a good preliminary program. It is hoped to make the Good Fellowship club bigger and better than ever before, this winter, and all men are wanted to attend. It is not necessary to be a member, the meetings are open to any one. No charge is made except for the eats, and you do not have to eat if you don't want to. The meetings are the best thing that ever struck the town, and should have a full attendance of all citizens.

OUR MAYOR MAKES BIG LAND DEAL

The biggest land deal that has been made in this part of the country for many years was closed last week when W. S. Pritchard sold his Belmond farm to A. L. Hoyt, a south of Ventura farmer, and took his farm in part payment. In the deal Mr. Hoyt become owner of the Pritchard 480-acre farm four miles west of Belmond, and Mr. Pritchard the owner of Mr. Hoyt's 216-acre farm five miles south and one mile west of Ventura, which is only one mile and a half from Mr. Pritchard's other farm of 160 acres which is tenanted by Bruce Lacock. Pritchard now owns two of the best farms in the south of Ventura neighborhood.

The Pritchard farm near Belmond is a fine stock farm. Walt and his brother owned it together a number of years and four years ago Walt bought his brother's interest in the place. He has improved the place until it was one of the best farms in that section. Henry Larson has been the tenant on the farm the past three years and will probably take the Hoyt farm. He is a good farmer, and an excellent stock man and feeder. He is a fine fellow and we will be glad to see him move nearer to Garner.

Mr. Hoyt has owned the Ventura farm for a number of years and has made all he has on the place. He is a good farmer and stockman. He has plenty of help in his own family and wanted a larger place and the Pritchard farm makes an excellent place for him.

A. P. McGregor, of Des Moines, a brother-in-law of Mr. Pritchard, engineered the deal.—Signal.

ARM AND LEG BROKEN IN FACTORY ACCIDENT

Warren Sjoberg, an employee at the sugar factory, suffered a broken arm and leg in an accident at the plant last Saturday night. He was working on the centrifugal. The belt came off, and he and another workman went around to put it on. Having replaced the belt, Sjoberg signalled for the current to be turned on. As the belt started, Sjoberg's apron became caught. He reached in to pull it loose, and the belt caught his arm. His left arm was broken and pulled out of joint, and his right leg was broken. He was taken to the hospital here and given prompt aid. It is believed he will come thru all right.

The accident was due in a large measure to Sjoberg's carelessness. He is not supposed to replace the belt, the company maintaining mechanics who understand the proper way to do this, and whose business it is to attend to it. The company carries insurance which takes care of all accidents and injuries.

REV. LEINBACH CALLED PERMANENTLY BY CHURCH

At a meeting of the members of the Congregational church, Sunday morning after the services, Rev. S. U. Leinbach was given a practically unanimous call to remain as permanent pastor of the church. The members, who are much pleased with Mr. Leinbach, were urgent that he remain as their permanent pastor, and that he recall his resignation, tendered a few weeks ago. It is understood that Rev. Leinbach has accepted the call and will remain.

ATTY. BULLARD SUED BY LOCAL WOMAN

Atty. W. E. Bullard was defendant in a suit for assault, filed by Mrs. Norman Nelson, last week. The suit, scheduled for Justice Purdy's court, was taken before Justice court at Rowan on a change of venue by Mr. Bullard, last Saturday. At Rowan, Mr. Bullard asked a continuance of his trial until Thursday of this week (today,) at which time the case is scheduled to be tried at Rowan.

GAS GOES DOWN TO 14 1-2

Gasolene dropped to 14 1-2 cents in Belmond, Sunday. The price has been 16 1-2 for several weeks, since Gov. McMaster, of South Dakota, took the octopus by the tail and started snapping its head off. Gasoline had dropped to 14 1-2 at other points last week, and worked around to this city Sunday. Five gallons of gas for the old bus now costs you 73 cents, against $1.15 a few weeks ago. The recent cut is said to be due to excessive supplies of crude oil on hand by the oil companies.

BELMOND SCHOOL NOTES

Our foot ball team defeated Forest City last Friday in an easy victory by the score of 71 to 0. Mr. Crozier accompanied the boys to Forest City.

Mr. Pals was called to Chicago, Thursday and Friday by the illness of his brother.

The Normal Training classes had some observation work in rural schools last week.

There will be no foot ball game with an outside team this week.

The Normal Training classes attended the lecture at the Community club last Friday. We wish to thank the club for their courtesy in extending the invitation.

First calls have gone out for declamatory and debate. Many pupils are entering and great deal of interest is displayed.

The try-outs for declamatory will be held without training this year. Of those who try out 12 will be selected to appear in the public contest.

About 18 are going to try out for debate.

Margaret Blair is wearing the typewriting medal this week. Veron Hanson had the honor of wearing it last week.

The 8th grade had a Hallowe'en party at the home of Helen Luick last Friday. It was greatly enjoyed.

The 5th grade had a party from five to seven Friday night at the school house.

GOV. HAMMILL APPEALS FOR RED CROSS AID

Governor Hammill, in an official statement to the public, today called upon the people of Iowa to join with Americans everywhere in supporting the coming roll call of the Red Cross which is scheduled to open in every county of the state on November 11, Armistice Day.

The governor's statement to the people declares:

"The State of Iowa will be called upon to answer the roll call of the American Red Cross within the next few weeks. During the great world war, Iowa sent millions of dollars overseas through Red Cross channels, where it was spent wisely in aiding men on the firing line and in the hospitals.

"Since the war, the Red Cross has carried on. The veterans have been aided and thru a record of service, the Red Cross is worthy of the support of the State of Iowa.

"It is international, as in the recent Japanese earthquake the Red Cross was the first to offer service. America has seen the time when it needed aid. The Red Cross was on hand in flood time, earthquake and pestilence.

"I feel sure that Iowa will answer with the most splendid spirit that she has in the past."

Definite plans were made during the past week for the roll call. Quotas for the various Iowa towns were made and plans for the actual enrollment completed. Civic bodies in many towns are to support them all.

Judge Hubert Utterback, state chairman of the Red Cross, said today that he anticipated a greater response to the Roll Call appeal than has been made at any time since the war.

BAZAAR

Remember the Congregational ladies bazaar and supper, Thursday, November 8th. Bazaar opens at 9 a. m. and includes sale of fancy work, useful articles, candy, country store and rummage. A splendid assortment of potted plant, bulbs and cut flowers. An excellent chicken supper will be served, beginning at 5 p. m. Everybody invited.

RECEPTION FOR O'CONNOR

There will be a reception for Rev. and Mrs. O'Connor of the Methodist church, at the church, Friday evening of this week. All are invited to attend and meet the new pastor and his family.

GRUNDY CENTER FARMS $290.

War-time prices on land was brot to mind recently, when a quarter section belonging to C. F. Messer, near Grundy Center was sold for $290 an acre. The farm is said to be one of the best in that part of the state.

Petition To Have Trains Replaced

Committee Of Business Men Go To Iowa Falls To Meet With Commission.

MAY RECEIVE A CHANGE

A committee of Belmond business men go to Iowa Falls this morning to meet with various other committees from the towns along the Rock Island railroad and the Iowa State Railway Commission.

The meeting was called by the Commission to consider the protests of the various towns regarding the discontinuance of the morning and evening passenger trains last summer. Various protests were lodged at the time of the rem... the Rock Island officials, h... was paid to them b... Protests were also... sion, which did no... action until the r...

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Mr. Holm is ... Belmond Storage ... city, and has made ... and his bride will ... in Belmond.

The Independent take... in joining with the frien... young couple in extending ... of good wishes.

GOES TO SLEEP; AUTO EMBRACES BIG TRE...

One Herman Baxter, of near For... est City, has learned that a Flivve... is not like the old mare, and tha... to keep in the road nowadays on... must remain on the job. While driv... ing home one night recently, Baxter... went to sleep at the wheel of his... car. When he woke up, Lizzie was... affectionately embracing a big tree... at the side of the road, and Baxter... his wife and their nine months' old... baby were badly cut and bruised, while their four year old son suffered a compound fracture of the skull. The car was a total wreck.

ANIMAL OWNERS ARE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR WRECK

If a hog or any other animal running at large on the public highway causes an automobile accident, the owner of the animal can be held liable for damages under a decision of the Iowa supreme court, handed down in the case of Emma Stewart of Pottawattamie county against Henry Wild.

However, the jury in the lower court did not hold the owner of the hog liable and the Stewarts appealed. The supreme court says it is against the law to allow livestock to run at large on the public highway without a guardian. It therefore reverses the holding of the Pottawottamie county district court and O. D. Wheeler, judge, and demands the case for a new trial.—Monitor.

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at the public l in. In this u will find a ems; so-called, d out above the nts. In this same find an article deal- lecture on psychology noted authority before nity Club. Of the two which do you think will ad by the most people? The munity Club lecture was a high- interesting event, worthy of any en's attendance and attention; ing for better lives and living. orthy, real, sound piece of news. not a solitary male citizen of community attended, altho es- ally invited. Very probably not man in 50 in Belmond knows ch of anything about it except at his wife told him. Let an ac- dent occur, a robbery be made, or ome other sensation piece of news develope, and it will be on every tongue for the proverbial nine days. If we did not print the "news" of the Community club lecture we would be condemned by some; and if we failed to give the news of the other things, we would get it in the neck.

The Independent, just as any other newspaper, endeavors to give its readers the news. The fact that some of it may be on the sensational order is not the fault of the paper; it is a part of life, of events,and as such should receive the same attention. No newspaper prints a sensational item with the deliberate intention of stirring up a row. Rows don't pay. But if some citizen gets into a place where he wishes he wasn't, whose fault is it? Is the newspaper justified in "ditching" the news just to keep his mind at ease? Many, many things which are news never see print because the newspaper considers that the printing of them would be detrimental to the community good. Other things, altho they hurt, are printed because it is believed the publication of them will result in good, regardless of the fact that someone's toes may get stepped on.

Constructive criticism is a part of any worth-while newspaper's duty toward the public. Pitiless publicity has kept many an official doing his duty when, if he were not afraid of "what the papers will say", he would let his service degenerate to nothing, or worse. Public opinion is the only god of some people, and the fear of it is all that keeps some people straight. This is a fact recognized by the law, which gives the newspaper a wide range in publishing facts which might otherwise be termed libelous. Publicity is recognized as one of the greatest means of law enforcement, and as such has its own particular part to play. The "power of the press" is not an idle phrase, but a powerful fact. Thomas Jefferson once said that if he were to make a choice between government without newspapers and newspapers without government, he would choose the newspapers, because thru them and the publicity and power in public life they weild, he could form the government, whereas government without publicity would degenerate into the rule of a few ambitious and unscrupulous men.

Newspapers are as essential to modern government and business as they are to the papers. In the recent pressmen's strike in New York City, which lasted eight days, the newspapers lost $1,800,000 in revenue. And the merchants, thru inability to advertise, while they cannot accurately figure their loss, estimate it into the millions of dollars. As soon as the newspapers could accept advertising, they were flooded to such an extent that they were compelled to limit space to any one firm.

Unless its readers can depend upon the newspaper being truthful and accurate in its columns, both news and advertising, they are not going to have faith in it. Unless they find in it the news of the day they are not going to read it. If they do not read it, the advertiser will derive no benefit. Without advertising, no newspaper can survive. Every paper aims to do the right thing by all concerned. All it asks in return is the same treatment. A "controlled" newspaper is a pitiful object, carrying little prestage and no weight. Our American government did not specify a free press without good reason.

KNOW YOUR TOWN

What do you know about this town? Can you give intelligent answers to the numerous questions that might be asked of you? Here is a mild test of what you do or do not know:

Who was the first settler? When did he settle here? When was it incorporated as a town or village, under its own government? Who named the town, and how did it get its name? Who was the first town or village executive? Of what denomination was the first church, and when was it built? When was the first school established? When was our postoffice established, and who was the first postmaster? What is a fair cash valuation of all of the real estate in town? What is our present tax rate? How is our municipal government supported? How is our public school system governed? What is our present population? Who is the oldest male resident? Who is our oldest female resident? Who was the first child born here? Who is the most persistent town booster? Who is the most chronic objector? What have you done for the town?

If any citizen can answer these questions correctly the editor will be glad to publish the answers in the paper. Such an article would be extremely interesting and of peculiar historical value.—Recorder.

Here and There

Mrs. Lieuwen and Mrs. Andrews, of Belmond were guests here last Friday at the home of Mrs. Lieuwen's daughter, Mrs. M. L. Baker.—Reporter.

Henry Luick and his mother came up from Belmond Sunday for a visit with Klemme relatives.—Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Rourk autoed to Belmond Friday to visit their daughter. Mrs. Wm. Parker and also called on Mr. Rikansrud who is at the Steele hospital recovering nicely from his recent appendicitis operation.—Reporter.

Joe Stearns and family, and Mrs. Charlie Luick and son. Lee. were at Belmond Sunday for a visit with Mrs. J. W. Brooks and Miss Lauri Brooks.—Times.

CHURCHES

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES
J. B. O'Connor, Pastor.

The people of Belmond and community are coming to our church services both morning and evening, which proves the fact that human beings are pretty much the same the world over. If you make it worth while for them they will be there. They go to the movies, to the circus, and county fairs, so will they go to church when we church people wake up to the fact that we must make our church attractive to people and give them something worth while so they will not feel like their time is wasted.

We are glad for the manifested confidence the people of Belmond are showing. We appreciate your presence. Come again and bring your neighbor with you. He will enjoy the services like you did. The Sunday services are planned with you in mind. We are expecting the largest crowd ever.

Sunday school at 9:00 a. m.
Morning worship at 11:00.
Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.
Evening services at 7:30.
Prayer meeting Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

Sunday morning subject: "The Spirit that Wins."

Evening subject: "The Greatest Institution in Belmond."

Special music at both services.

Come with the crowd and we will do you good. You are always welcome to our home like church.

Society

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Hallowe'en Party—

The Epworth League held a Hallowe'en party in the M. E. church parlors Tuesday evening. The evening was spent in games and Hallowe'en stunts. Delicious refreshments were served and a merry time was reported by all who attended.

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Idle-A-While—

The Idle-A-While club will meet with Mrs. Guy Baker next week Wednesday afternoon.

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Delphian—

Mrs. H. D. Moore was hostess to the Delphian club, Monday evening. Mrs. Herman Schultz led the study of "Spencer, The Poet of the Poets", in a very interesting and capable manner.

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Progress—

The ladies of the Progress club met with Mrs. J. E. Wallace, Tuesday afternoon. The study of the Gospel of St. John was led by Mrs H. F. Luick.

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Priscilla—

Mrs. Rufus Morse will entertain the ladies of the Priscilla club next week Wednesday.

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Kensington—

Mrs. M. D. Sullivan was hostess to the Kensington club Wednesday afternoon of this week.

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Hallowe'en Party—

Four little girls, Kathrine Blake, Carol Jacobson, Evelyn Enger and Doris Parsons enjoyed a little Hallowe'en party at Kathrine's home on Wednesday afternoon, after school. They played games and had some good things to eat.

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W. F. M. S.—

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society will meet at the home of Mrs. E. F. Bailey this, Thursday, afternoon.

Mrs. E. F. Bailey and Mrs. Wallace Ramsay attended the National Woman's Foreign Missionary society at Des Moines last week and part of this.

ARE YOU GUILTY?

A farmer carrying home an express package from a Chicago mail order house was accosted by a local merchant in a neighboring town: "Why didn't you buy that bill of goods from me? I could have saved you the express, and besides you would have been patronizing a home store which helps pay the taxes and builds up this locality." The farmer looked at the merchant a moment and then said: "Why don't you patronize your home paper and advertise? I read it and didn't know that you had the stuff I have here."

TRINITY CHURCH NOTES
Rev. J. M. Jensen, Pastor.

Thursday afternoon the Ladies Aid meets in the church parlor.

Thursday evening prayer meeting at the home of Nels Nelson.

Sunday morning Sunday school at the hour of 10. English service in the evening at 7:30. Come to Sunday school, Bible classes and services.

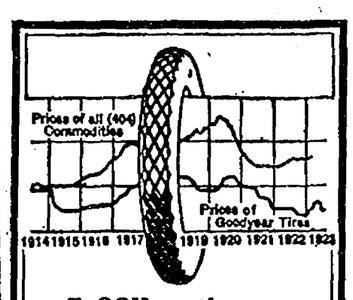
ST. OLAF CHURCH NOTES
Rev. J. M. Jensen, Pastor.

English services next Sunday morning with communion at 10:30. Please bear this in mind. Come and tell your friends. The young people especially are requested to come to our English services.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

The ladies of the Aid society are busy putting the finishing touches on their work for the bazaar which will be held Nov. 8th.

Sabbath school at 10 a. m. Morning worship at 11. Evening services at 7:30. We will continue our studies in the book of Romans at the evening service. Much interest has been shown in this study. Come and bring your Bibles.



LOOK at the way Goodyear Tire prices have been kept consistently lower than the average for all commodities. Then think of the improvements represented by that finest of all Goodyears, the new Goodyear Cord. Despite this, prices are 37% lower now than in 1920, and 30% lower than in 1914. This is the time to buy Goodyears.

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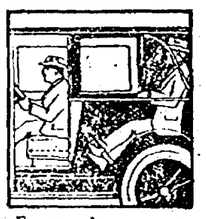

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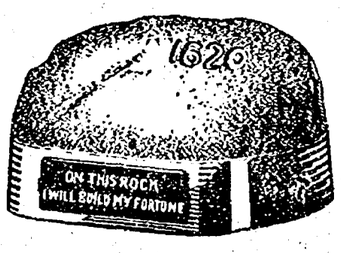

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MESERVEY SECTION

MESERVEY LOCAL NEWS

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Rev. H. Raecker and family from Abbott are visiting relatives here a few days this week.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wendel last Saturday night, but the little one did not live. The sympathy of the community goes out to this couple in being bereft of their first born.

Mrs. Albert Wendel returned from Waseca, last Sunday having driven up the Tuesday before, for a visit with relatives.

The Thomas family spent last Sunday at the Park hospital with Thelma, who is getting along as well as can be under the circumstances.

A. E. Muller left last Saturday on the midnight for a few days' visit with his mother and other relatives at Harlan.

The Misses Viola Thomas and Carrie Bode were pleasantly entertained at the Wm. Messelheiser home last Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ostendorf and granddaughter, and Mr. and Mrs. S. Hulsebus motored to Alexander last Wednesday afternoon to visit with friends. The former returned the same evening, Mr. and Mrs. Hulsbus remaining until Friday.

Mrs. Hawthorne returned to her home in Renwick last Tuesday, after visiting at the J. G. Herbster home a few days, the latter taking her home by auto.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Thomas and their daughter, Thelma motored to Mason City last Friday to consult a doctor in regard to the swelling on Thelma's face which has caused her considerable grief the past week. She remained at the Park hospital for treatments and may be compelled to stay for some time.

F. C. Sprau and wife motored to Cedar Falls last Friday to bring Eva home for the week-end. Evelyn Thomas also returned home with them to remain until Sunday.

The Misses Irene Guth and Marie Fischer were in Mason City Thursday and Friday taking teachers' examinations.

Albert Pals, son of H. J. Pals, accompanied by his brother, Hajo and Dr. Crabb, of Mason City went to Chicago last week to consult a specialist in regard to the former's trouble brought on by an ulcerated tooth. They returned Saturday.

Miss Alma Ralston arrived home last Saturday from Wellsburg to spend her two weeks' vacation with home folks.

A. J. Nissen and son Marvin, Clarence Pals and C. Donald Muller attended the Boy Scout "Round Up" at Mason City last Friday evening.

Miss Ilene Strong, who attends I. S. T. C., at Cedar Falls, spent the week end at the H. Fischer home.

Mrs. Bier was confined to her home several days last week with a severe cold.

Mrs. Geo. Langlitz and sons Ivan and Leland were Sunday visitors at the Hans Willer home near Klemme.

Erwin Langlitz visited his uncle, Chas. Kienberger, also his sister, Mrs. A. Boller, at Goodell last Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Jurgens of Kanawha visited at the U. G. Cooper home last Tuesday.

J. G. Herbster installed a new Crosby radio set some time ago, and all are thoroly enjoying it.

Robert Smith returned from Bird Island, Minn., Saturday evening, where he had been called to the bedside of his father. He left him much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Drewes and son of Fairmont, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. Claude Patton, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Shaeffer and daughter of Hampton were all guests at the Wm. Messelheiser home last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wendel and Mrs. Mary Butz were Mason City callers last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Sprau motored to Cedar Falls last Tuesday in response to a phone call from their daughter Eva, who had the misfortune of losing her personal belongings in a fire which completely destroyed the house in which she was rooming.

J. G. Herbster and wife are spending their vacation with relatives at Spencer and Milford, and the Prof. may also take medical treatments at the sanatorium during part of the two weeks' vacation.

THE FARMER'S WIFE

Raw fruits are especially good for desserts, both from a nutrition standpoint and the fact that little time and work is needed for their preparation.

The housewife often welcomes suggestions for desserts that need no cooking. Here are a few combinations of chilled fruit desserts which are suggested by the food specialists in the State college extension service:

Combinations:

1. Pineapple, orange, cocoanut.
2. Pineapple, cherries, strawberries.
3. Oranges, pineapple, banana, lemon juice.
4. Peaches, banana, cherries.

(Note—Always one acid fruit).

Proportions:

The fruits may be combined in equal proportions or to suit the supply. Canned or fresh fruits may be used.

Preparation:

Peel oranges so as to remove all white inner coating, as this will make the dessert bitter (dry peel to grate and use for flavoring). Scrape banana after peeling; do not combine with fruits and allo wto stand as it will darken the dessert.

Dice all fruit in uniform pieces; sweeten with syrup and allow to stand for some time before serving. The addition of cooked raisins and shredded cocoanut will lessen the amount of sugar required and will increase the nutritive value of the dessert.

Serving:

Chill and serve in individual glasses.

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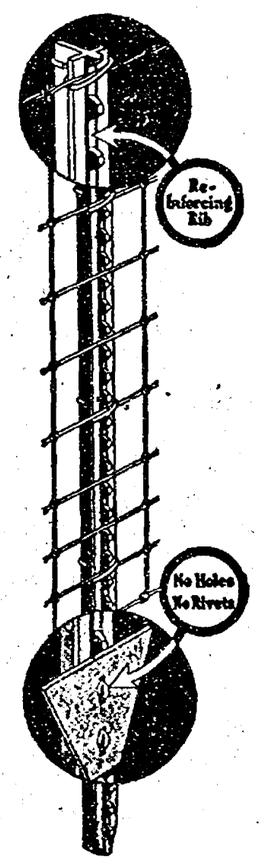

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FARM BUREAU NOTES

(By County Agnt Edwards)

Brood Sow Selection Demonstration Practical

The brood sow selection demonstrations which were held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week were very interesting as well as very practical for those who had opportunity to attend. Prof. C. W. McDonald of the animal husbandry department of the extension service at Ames, spent three days conducting these demonstrations on six Wright county farms, the demonstrations being held at the Bert Siemens, A. L. Middleton, G. D. Denger, O. D. Jenison, L. W. Spencer and Harding Thomas farms.

According to Prof. McDonald, the proper type of sow to be selected is one with good stretchy body, having a long, smooth deep side. The sow should have a strong bone, standing well upon its toes and should be clean cut above the head with a trim jowl. The mammary development was stressed as this is an important point in selection of good mothers.

Many of the common diseases of swine can be remedied by sanitation and proper ventilation of the hog houses. These points were stressed at the meeting and samples were pointed out. Many helpful suggestions were given out at these demonstrations and still can be had by writing or calling at the county agent's office for the bulletins on these subjects which are for free distribution.

Corn Improvement Demonstration

On Monday and Tuesday, November 5th and 6th, Professor F. G. Churchill, of the farm crops section of the agricultural extension service at Ames, will be at Wright county to assist the county agent in conducting the demonstrations of the three corn yield experiment plots which were established last spring.

The several demonstrations will be held at the H. A. Fleet farm, 6 1-2 miles southwest of Dows, on Monday forenoon, November 5th, at 10:00 and the afternoon meeting on November 5th will be at the A. E. Martin farm, one mile northwest of Belmond at 2:00 o'clock. An all day meeting on November 6th will be held at the Harry Inners farm, 3 miles northeast of Goldfield, beginning at 9:00 o'clock.

Phosphate Experiment Results

Professor H. W. Warner of the soils section of the extension department, spent last Wednesday in Wright county checking up the results on the acid phosphate experiment plots which were established in our county this spring.

Some interesting facts have been brought out in connection with the experiments of the use of acid phosphate on our Wright county farms. It will be remembered that four experiment plots were conducted in Wright county last year, one at the H. A. Flett farm, Vernon township, one at the E. A. Patton farm, Blaine township, one at the Harry Poundstone farm, Dayton township, and another at the Bawn & Emerson farm, Troy township.

According to Professor Warner, the application of acid phosphate did not influence, materially, the yield of corn but it did affect the maturity and quality of the corn produced. A definite check was made by Mr. Warner on the Harry Poundstone farm by husking seventy-five stalks from the acid phosphate plot also seventy-five stalks from the check plot with the result that the corn which had been grown on the treated plot showed corn which had been matured better and was of a much better quality.

Arrangements have been made to continue these acid phosphate demonstrations next year on the same farms mentioned and a definite check will be kept on the influence of the acid phosphate on next year's crop.

Corn Prices

There has been a great deal of speculation and prediction as to what the corn market will be in the future. The market has taken an upward tendency for the past 30 days and it is generally believed the corn will bring $1.00 per bushel on the local markets sometime during 1924.

There are two conditions that have helped bring this about. The reserve of old corn on the farms is the lightest it has been in ten years. The new crop is going into empty cribs and a good percentage of the new crop is already consumed by hogs and cattle. The corn producer is at present in a strong position. But not until the corn is marketed will the farmer be benefited. The present 80-90 cent corn prices are not helping the farmer's economic condition for the reason that he has no corn to sell, but, should the price of the ne wcrop continue to be near the $1.00 mark, the Iowa farmer will be put on a more sound economic basis, which will reflect itself immediately in the business world. The prices of hogs and cattle should remain high as well, in order to hold up the grain market. The grain farmer must credit the cattle and hog feeder for the favorable corn market situation. Without the extensive feeding which has been going on the past two years, our grain market would still be in a very demoralized condition.

State Wide Debate

Every township should include in the winter's program the State Wide Debate. The question: Resolved "That a state board of assessment and review, county assessors, local budget board should be provided by law" is one which should attract the attention and close study of every tax-payer in Iowa. High taxes are a common topic for discussion. Promises for remedies are often heard but a program of lower taxes is still being sought by the average taxpayer. Posibly there is a way out. At any rate we are all agreed that we should welcome a system of taxation whereby many now escaping partially or wholly the tax burden could be made to pay their just share. Farm lands and personal property such as livestock cannot be hidden from the eyes of the assessor. It is common knowledge that other forms of wealth does escape taxation in many cases. If a new system will uncover some of the intangible property now escaping, it will be well worth discussion of the question at the meetings and we will all learn.

Mr. Stacey, who has charge of community development work sets out three main reasons for carrying on the state wide debates. 1st. To give a large number of persons training in debating and logical thinking. 2nd. To provide for a thorough and extensive study of one of the leading, and in many ways one of the most important problems confronting the people of Iowa. And 3rd. To provide a means on constructive rivalry among local rural organizations.

We urge every community club or township organization to take up the question. The Farm Bureau office has some splendid material that may be used. We hope each township chairman will start a contest and select a team for his township.

Sowing Seed Corn

The last three or four years have been so favorable for the careless man to get good seed without effort that we are afraid we are about due for another seed corn famine. The corn this year is full of moisture and should we get a heavy freeze the germinating qualities would be greatly reduced. Corn for seed should be picked and stored where the moisture will be rapidly taken out before freezing weather comes. It pays to pick and store corn for seed.

THE SCHOOL LUNCH

Suggestions for Sandwich Filling

Good bread is the basis of the lunch. The bread may be varied from time to time, graham, oatmeal, nut bread, etc. Meat, cheese, hard cooked eggs, dried fruits and nuts are easier to handle and to digest if finely ground. Lettuce can be used to good advantage whenever possible.

HARD COOKED EGGS: Eggs minced seasoned with salt, pepper and little butter: Eggs minced seasoned with salad dressing; Eggs minced moistened with salad dressing; Eggs minced with spinach or chopped parsley; Eggs thinly sliced on lettuce leaf; Eggs and olives or small amount of pickles chopped together; Eggs minced with sardines; Scrambled eggs; Eggs and ham or bacon chopped together; Eggs minced with chopped nuts; Eggs and veal minced together.

CHEESE: To cream cheese, grate and add some liquid and work together until of creamy consistency and soft enough to spread.

Creamed cheese—moisten with cream; Creamed cheese—moisten with tomato juice; Creamed cheese—moisten with salad dressing; Creamed cheese—with chopped olives or pickle; Creamed cheese—with chopped nuts; Creamed cheese—with pimento: Cheese creamed with butter, seasoned; Grated cheese moistened with cream; Grated cheese and spinach; Cottage cheese with or without ground nuts.

NUTS AND FRUITS: ; Chopped nuts with dates, raisins or figs (run nuts and fruits together through a meat grinder); Crushed peanuts moistened with cream or salad dressing; Banana sliced thin and sprinkled with nuts; Chopped nuts moistened with salad dressing or cream: Apple and celery chopped fine moistened with salad dressing; Peanut butter moistened with milk, cream or salad dressing; Peanut butter and apple sauce; Raisins stewed with sugar and small amount of water until thick; Marmalade.

FOOLING THE FARMER

By Abe Martin
(In Farm and Fireside)

Joe Pino, cannydate fer county treasurer, had his thumb pinched off in a clover huller last week while bein' photergraphed as a farmer. Posin' as farmers is now all th' rage longst cannydates. It used t'be when a feller wuz runnin' fer some office an' drove out in th' country t' line up th' farmers he'd let his beard grow fer a couple o' weeks, put on a ole suit o' clothes an' leave his toothbrush at home, but t'day cannydates depend almost entirely on newspaper pictures. They git photergraphed sittin' on ridin' plows an' cultivators, an' pitchin' hay, an' milkin' cows, an' churnin', an' weanin' calves, an' shuckin' corn. Lafe Bud bought a pair o' milkin' jumpers an' a bottle o' cows' ease an' a sprayer recently, an' allows t' git in the race fer sheriff. We saw a picture of a congressman milkin' a cow on th' wrong side not long ago, an' t'day we read where he'd decided not t' make th' race fer reelection, an' is suin' th' photergrapher. Artie Small, o' th' Alfalfa Trust Company, bought a pair o' big, wide, striped galluses, an' th' clerk said, "Artie, hain't galluses somethin' new fer you?" An he replied, "Yep, but I'm thinkin' o' makin' th' race fer county commissioner." We don't believe farmers care what business a cannydate follers if they think he's got intestines enough t' run his office fer all th' people regardless o' politicians. Tell Binkley got photergraphed milkin' once when he wuz after th' farmer vote fer county recorder, an' we heard Jake Bentley remark, "Well if he likes that sort o' stuff he hain't fit fer office." An' Jake's a milker. It' th' farmer's ambition t' git above milkin' some day, so we don't believe it helps office seekers t' be allus hangin' around cows. Ther's gittin' t' be almost enough cannydates fer this an' that t' solve th' farm-help problem, if they would work like the'r pictures show 'em. We saw a dozen of 'em thrashin' last week. Cannydates fer office seem t' think they have t' fool th' middle classes, but they never try t' put anything over on th' moneyed element, an' we've never seen one photergraphed layin' brick or plasterin.' But th' funniest thing, an' th' newest an' most original stunt t' fool th' farmer we've seen yet, wuz when Leslie Moots, canny-date fer Congress, had himself photergraphed at th' Peoples Bank in th' act o' borrowin' money.

THEY GUESSED IT RIGHT

When the U. S. entered the world war, the people of Patterson, Iowa, erected a flag pole in a conspicuous place in the little town. The day of the pole raising, a number of young men in the community, enlisted in the army. Among them were Russell Salisbury and Joseph Downs. Each of these two boys wrote his name in the soft cement at the base of the flag pole and thereunder, inscribed in a playful manner "killed in France." When the cement dried it left the names and inscriptions conspicuously displayed. The boys were sent to France, and on the night of May 26th, 1918, both of them were killed in battle. When the news of their death reached Patterson, the inscription in the cement at the foot of the flag pole became sacred and care was taken that the base be protected. Early this fall, the slab of concrete bearing the inscription was carefully removed and worked into a monument eight feet long and eight feet high. On Sunday afternoon, October 7th, 2,000 people participated in the dedication of the monument. The names of the boys and their fate in France, in their own handwriting, will carry a deep impression to the people of that community through the passing years.

THIS IS A DEEP ONE

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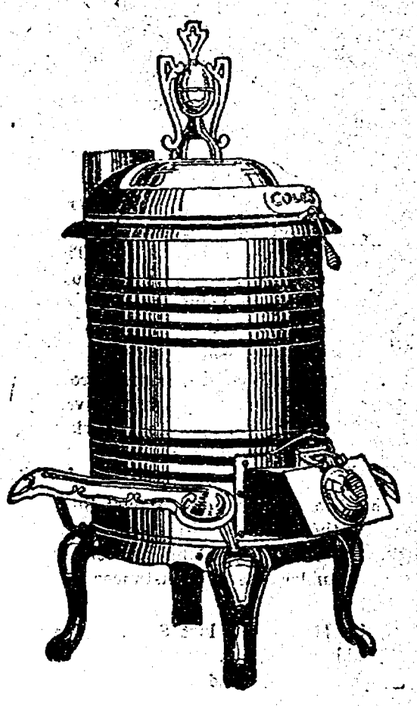

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ROWAN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kunz of Forest City visited last week with their daughter, Mrs. Earl Patton. They left Thursday for LuVerne to visit a short time before going on to their home.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. G. Gunderson last Wednesday, Oct. 24, a fine baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Jennings were over from Clarion several evenings last week. Mr. Jennings gave demonstrations of the Wear-Ever aluminum ware.

Mrs. G. W. Whitten has been quite ill with pleurisy the past week.

Theo. Harson arrived last Tuesday from Pontiac, Ill., to visit his brothers, Harry and Ray. From here he went to Ft. Dodge to spend a short time before returning to Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mantle, Mrs. Earl Jacobs and Mrs. Blanch Jennings returned Wednesday from their Illinois trip.

Cliff Snow is suffering severely with an attack of pleuro pneumonia. He is staying at the G. W. Whitten home. At this writing he is improving very slowly.

Will Grant came over from Goldfield, Saturday, returning Sunday. Mrs. Grant, who has been visiting at the R. H. Keith home, returned with him.

Word from Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pollard at Twin Falls, Idaho, states that their baby is quite ill. Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Braden, who have been in Highmore, S. D., departed by auto Saturday for Twin Falls so that Mrs. Braden could assist in caring for the child.

John Nelson, who has been staying with his son, Edwin, went to Hampton. Thursday, to visit his son, Julian, until Saturday. From there he went to Mason City to take the train for Sacred Heart, Minn., where he will stay with a daughter until the holidays, when he intends to return to Rowan.

Mrs. J. F. Howell and children arrived Friday for a week end visit at the Edgar Bingham home, and with other relatives.

W. W. Bailey S., accompanied his brother-in-law, Elias Fuller, to Iowa Falls to visit relatives last Friday. They returned Saturday, and Mr. Fuller started Sunday evening for his home in Canada.

County Atty. Jensen of Belmond was in Rowan on business Saturday.

Ed. Miller of Clarion was over last Saturday. His granddaughter, Miss Garnette Stumph, returned home to spend the week end with him.

Miss Evelyn Hethershaw, who is employed at Hotel Moore in Clarion, visited at the Chas. Emerson home Friday.

Misses Ruth Emerson and Frances Virden went to Mt. Vernon, Friday, to see Miss May Virden, who is attending college. They came home Monday.

The Juniors and Seniors were entertained last Thursday evening at the Jake Aldinger home. The evening was spent in playing Hallowe'en games and stunts.

Mrs. Gail Cundall from Galt called at the Rev. C. T. Halbert home on Saturday.

Neis Hanse was called to Des Moines last Friday on account of the serious illness of his stepdaughter, Mrs. Harry Fox. Mrs. Hanson has been there caring for her for some time.

Wm. Baines of Montgomery, spent last week with relatives, returning to his home Monday of this week.

William Shaffer came up from Anamosa Saturday to spend the week-end with his aunt, Miss Nora Shaffer and other relatives.

Mr. Theo. Hansen has had the glass which was broken out of the store front recently replaced, and has placed in front of his window the sign "No Parking Here," so please do not park your car on the side walk in front of Mr. Hansen's store.

The Misses Boyd, Towner and Nabholtz were Ft. Dodge shoppers last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Whitten came up from Tama Saturday and moved their household goods to that place the first of this week. Floyd is very much pleased with his new position at Tama.

The Les Andrews, Wm. Bailey Jr. and Perle LaGues families and Mrs. Esther Andrews autoed to Cherokee last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bingham, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Kercheval and Chas. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Whitten and Billie, and Mrs. J. F. Howell, Clara Jane and Johnnie, of Des Moines were entertained at Sunday dinner at the W. G. Bingham home.

Mrs. J. D. Hinckley, of Lanesboro, Iowa, spent the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Toyne.

The Epworth League held their regular monthly social at the M. E. basement, Tuesday evening. The evening was spent in playing games. Coffee and doughnuts were served.

L. D. Bingham and Ray Williams drove up from Iowa Falls Friday to spend the week-end.

Mrs. Laura Weyant and daughter, Violet, of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Mrs. Della Christie, of Goodell spent Thursday at the S. B. Heath home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kercheval and Mrs. O. E. Ballou and LaVonne autoed to Webster City Wednesday to do shopping and visit at the Mrs. Wright Letts home.

Almond Drury and family, from Dows spent Sunday at the Frank Drury home.

The Congregational Ladies' Missionary Society meets Thursday of this week with Mrs. O. E. Ballou. The lesson is on China, with Mrs. R. H. Keith as leader.

Harold Snow, who came up from Reinbeck, with his uncle to assist in moving their household goods from Goldfield to Reinbeck, returned to his home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harris and Leland came down from Thornton, Sunday, to spend the day with E. R. Harris and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kercheval were Belmond callers last Wednesday.

The Iowa Township Farm Bureau members will hold a Hallowe'en social at the Lyle Hall home, Friday evening of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robinson and children and Hubbard McCallum of Mason City were Sunday guests at the R. Virden home. The Robinsons returned Sunday evening. Mr. McCallum remained for a longer visit.

Mrs. R. H. Keith entertained the members of the school orchestra at a Hallowe'en party on Monday evening.

Mrs. Waite Reading and son and daughter and his mother, Mrs. M. M. Reading of Churdan visited the first of the week with his sister, Mrs L. R. Fitz.

Mrs. N. F. Easton, Mr. and and Mrs. Albert Fetrow and son Rex, James Easton and his lady friend, Tillie Coy, of Belmond, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kercheval were Sunday guests at the Fred Kercheval home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Brooks, Mrs. C. W. Fowler and Mrs. Ben Hadley autoed to Des Moines last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Tabor, Miss Mabel Tabor, and Mrs. Bonnie Taylor of Clarion, Miss Nellie Pierce of Belmond, Mrs. J. F. Howell, Mr. and Mrs. James Rowen, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rowen, and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bingham were entertained at six o'clock dinner Saturday evening at the Rowen brothers home, in honor of John Rowen, the occasion being his birthday. The guests spent the evening.

The Misses Minnie Aldinger, Ruth Emerson, Izetta Fletcher, Frances Farran and Lillian Azeltine were in Clarion the latter part of the week taking part of the teachers examinations.

F. B. Sheldon returned Friday from Des Moines.

Several from here attended the Sunday school convention held last Sunday p. m. at the M. E. church in Latimer.

The state game warden from Des Moines was in town Friday on official business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Baines and son, Darrell, of Dows, were Sunday callers at the A. F. Cowley home and at the Mrs. Haniah Whitten home.

Rowan Methodist Church Notes

Class meeting at 9:30 a. m. Sunday school at 10. Divine worship at 11. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Evening service at 7:30.

The Ladies Aid will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ed. Azeltine for a work meeting. All members are urged to attend.

MIGHT BE MISUNDERSTOOD

While the conductor was on top collecting fares a flurried passenger wishing to alight, got up from her seat and rang the bell—twice.

Then evidently she remembered that a single ring was the signal for stopping the bus, so she gave another tug at the bell.

Just then the driver applied the brake, causing the passenger to swerve forward. To save herself from falling she made a clutch at the rail overhead, missed it and caught the bell rope, causing the bell to ring again.

The conductor, who by this time had descended the steps, regarded her quizzically.

"Look here, madam," he said. "If you keep on ringing that bell my mate'll think I'm trying to play 'Home, Sweet Home,' and, like enough, he'll turn round and make for the garage."

GOODELL NEWS

A. D. White left for Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, Tuesday to receive treatment.

Mrs. Ray Woods, of Marshalltown, visited last week at the home of her mother; Mrs. Africa.

The Intermediate room will give a Hallowe'en program on Wednesday morning.

Edith Sandberg, Thora Carpenter and Mrs. Hanson spent Tuesday with Mrs. Harry Carpenter.

Mesdames Christenson and Ahrenkiel were entertained to a six o'clock dinner Wednesday evening at the Savogue home in honor of Mrs. Africa's three daughters who are visiting here.

Mrs. Sandberg, Edith, Mrs. Ahrenkiel, Ina, Mrs. Hanson visited Wednesday in the country with Mrs. Leo Ahrenkiel.

Harry Ruka has been in Rochester to undergo an examination.

Bernice Butts resigned her duties as primary teacher, Tuesday. We are sorry that Miss Butts must give up her work in the school but all are hoping for a speedy recovery from her illness.

Friends in Goodell will be interested in hearing that word has been received announcing the marriage of Ruth Jenkins, a former primary teacher.

Mrs. Graeber and Mrs. Hanson were Belmond callers Thursday.

Warner Butts and Mrs. Wesenberg went to Rochester Wednesday by auto to bring Miss Bernice home who has been receiving treatment there. Warner returned Thursday while Mrs. Wesenberg and Bernice came by train Thursday evening.

The Will Deiger family visited Mrs. Chris Deiger at Hampton last Thursday.

Mesdames Beier and Graeber were Klemme and Garner callers, Wednesday.

Miss Cline, of Des Moines came Wednesday to fill the vacancy in the primary room. She is living at the Robert McNutt home.

An interesting farm bureau gathering was held in Avery Center school house Wednesday evening.

Evelyn Johnson, of Belmond visited at Lewis Johnson's, Wednesday.

Ralph Jenison and Hubbard families were entertained at the Will Heginger home Wednesday evening, the occasion being Mr. Hubbard's birthday.

Mary Nolan spent the week-end with Mrs. Tony Boller.

J. D. Houghton's and Joseph Houghton's, of Kanawha were entertained Sunday at D. W. Coulan's.

Miss Ina Ahrenkiel left Friday for an extended visit in Cedar Rapids with Louisa and other friends. She will also visit Rev. Miller's at Olin.

The four divisions of the Ladies' aid are holding numerous meetings getting their things ready for the bazaar. Don't fail to see their line-up, November 17th in the church basement. A supper will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanson autoed to Thompson Friday evening. On Saturday they and the Nelson's went on to Hartland, Minnesota to visit relatives over Sunday.

Carl Sandberg was an over Sunday visitor at his home.

The 1st division of the Ladies' Aid held a supper Thursday evening. They realized about $25, the crowd being small on account of the farmers being so busy.

The Goodell teachers are planning to attend the State Convention at Des Moines this week.

Miss Hill spent the week-end with her parents at Clarion.

The Earl Clark family and Grandma McNutt, of Garner were over Sunday guests at Frank McNutt's.

Warner Butts visited Sunday at Belmond.

Will Schlichting's were Hampton callers Wednesday. Mrs. Lowden, who has been in the hospital was able to return home with them.

Mrs. Rev. Thompson returned Friday from her visit at her mother's in the southern part of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Graeber spent Sunday with friends in Kanawha.

Francis Cashman came Friday for a visit with his parents.

The Progressive Club held a meeting Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cook. A very enjoyable musical program was rendered, which was prepared by Mrs. Cook. Refreshments were served.

Mesdames Stockwell and Eldred, of Sheldon, who have been visiting at Africa's, left Sunday to visit relatives at Clear Lake before returning home.

Our country teachers in this vicinity closed their fall terms Friday. Many of them marked the close by spending part of the afternoon with a short program and giving the children a lunch.

Frank Rhode's, of Klemme were guests at Eliza Cashman's, Sunday.

The Thomas McNulty family, of Belmond visited Sunday with Frank McNulty's.

The Snearly and Heginger families autoed to Clear Lake Sunday evening.

Henry Africa's, of Kanawha, were entertained to supper Sunday at the Savogue home.

Maude Griggs spent last week with relatives east of town.

Little Leland Jenison, of Belmond, is spending a few days this week with his grandparents, Sandberg's.

Mrs. Lorene Gilpin Weyant and daughter, Violet, of Lincoln, Nebraska, spent last week with Whites and other friends in Goodell. They were residents of this place 46 years ago.

ALEXANDER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greenfield and son, Frederick, and Agnes Stoffer visited at the home of Mrs. Fred Frohling in Belmond last Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Peters and daughters were callers at Dows last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bohlen and their daughter, Viola, of Sac City, were visiting with relatives here the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell and daughter, Nellie, were callers at Dows on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Green and daughters, Harriet and Agnes, from Hampton, were visitors at Alexander several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Veeder and daughter, Virginia Ruth, of Hampton, were visitors at the Nels Larsen home several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Latham left Friday for Hood River, Ore., where they expect to spend the winter.

Claas Symens was a business caller at Belmond last Saturday.

Mrs. Louie Peters and daughters, and Mrs. Chas. Winwood and son, were callers at Iowa Falls, Saturday.

Miss Harriet Lee, Red Cross nurse was a caller in town, Monday.

Mrs. Louie Peters was a Belmond caller Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Webb, of Belmond, visited at the C. Symens home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Raisch, Clarence Raisch and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Raisch and son, Gerald, of Dumont, were Sunday visitors at the John Bell home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Penning from Ackley visited with relatives here a few days the past week.

Mrs. Carl Bohlen was a business caller at Dows one day last week.

Miss Jessie Bernard of Gilman was an over Sunday guest at the A. M. Butler home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bell of Waterloo visited with relatives here last week.

W. P. Aldinger visited with his people at Hampton last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Butler, accompanied by Miss Jessie Bernard, were Sunday visitors at Eagle Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Ammerman spent Sunday at the Dick Van Horn home at Dumont.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Beenen attended church at Belmond, Sunday evening.

Alexander M. E. Church Notes

Preaching at 9:30 a. m. each Sunday. Sabbath school at 10:30. If you are not attending services at these hours elsewhere, we extend a hearty invitation to all to be with us each Sunday.

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BELMOND TRAIN SCHEDULES

(Corrected to date.)

ROCK ISLAND

Going North

Freight, daily	11:46 a. m.
Passenger, daily,	2:10 p. m.

Going South

Freight, daily	1:10 p. m.
Passenger, daily	11:50 a. m.

M.& ST. L.

Going West.

Combination, daily	8:30 a. m

Going East

Combination, daily	3:35 p. m.

GREAT WESTERN

Going North

Motor, daily	10:03 a. m.
No. 16, pass., D & S	1:30 p. m.
No. 12, pass., D & S	1:26 a. m.
Local Freight	7:55 a. m.

Going South

No. 11, pass., D & S	1:24 a. m.
No. 15, pass., D & S	3:15 p. m.
Motor	5:19 p. m.
Local Freight	3:20 p. m.

WOULD SEEM SO

The dear old gentlman got into conversation with a young man.

"And what is your job, sir," he asked, "if I may make so bold as to inquire?"

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WHEN THE COWS COME HOME—THEY MAY BE FACE POWDER!

(From Farm and Fireside)

When you take that calf, sheep, or pig to market you may think you've seen the last of it, but—who knows!

Perhaps you, like I, have wondered where the packers found grounds for the statement that they sell meat at a loss—that their profit comes through the by-products, I decided to investigate. What I learned has given me a better insight into the great industry that takes our livestock on to the consumer millions.

When you bring candy home to the kiddies they may eat part of the calf they fed for the club contest. Sugar, glucose, flavoring, and coloring are not the only things in the eandy. Oleostearin, used as a filler for the cheaper grades of chocolate, taffies, and chewing gum, comes from the caul or kidney fat of a steer.

Dynamite is a by-product of your farm, via the packer. Your wife crochets dainty bits of filet work with a needle made from the shinbone of a steer. The doctor prescribes medicine that smells of pepsin from a pig's stomach.

Years ago the packers threw away all of the offal. Even ox tails, pig tails, snouts, livers, pigs' feet, hearts, and other parts of cattle, hogs, and sheep, which now are sold for a good price, were given to employees or dumped. Along about 1869 it was discovered that glue could be made of the bones. Somebody discovered the fertilizing volue of dried blood.

Other means of turning this enormous waste into money followed. In 1875 the Appert process enabled the packers to can meats, and then the oleomargarine industry came into life, using the more delicate grades of leaf tallow which had been of little use. Today the oleo industry is a giant.

Work of experimenting is still going on, though it is said the packers waste nothing, not even the breath of the stock nor the squeal of pigs. The squeal is heard by visitors—that's advertising. The breath of the animals is used to heat the buildings. Efficiency to a fine point.

You get a few cents a pound for your lambs, and yet these animals yield a substance called supraenalin, a powerful astringent and heart stimulant worth more than $5,000 a pound! This valuable medicine comes from glands above the kidneys. It takes a lot of lambs to weigh a pound, though.

A big part of the blood of each animal is saved, and, after passing government inspection, is made into sausage. The residue is cooked and ground up for calf food. Some goes to tanners for putting the bright finish on leather. Blood which doesn't pass the test is used for fertilizer.

When cattle are slaughtered, the feet are severed at the knee. The hoof is cut off, and the shinbone softened by steam, split open, and pressed into cakes. Stamping machine make combs, buttons, umbrella handles, napkin rings, and many other articles from these plates or cakes.

Hoofs of sheep are used for glue. The pelt is salted, and the wool pulled from the skin, which is made into leather. Hog bristles are used to make brushes. Fine hair in the ears of cattle is made into hair brushes and brushes for artists.

Those fine soft cushions you have in your automobile and nice matresses on your beds are stuffed with the switches of long hair from the tails of cattle.

A delicate grade of gelatin is prepared from the pates of calves. It was formerly used to clarify beer, and now to give body to ice cream.

Medicines are made from the glands, ox galls, and gallstones. The gall is used in mixing water colors, inks, and paints, and is an ingredient of varnish. It also has a soapy quality which is valuable for scouring wool and carpets. Part of it is put into tablet form as medicine.

Bladders and intestines are mostly used as sausage casings, but certain of the finer grades of intestines are cured, and used as caps on milady's perfume bottles. Gold beaters use sheets of intestines between the sheets of gold, so they can hammer the metal to any thinness without fear of perforating it.

Brewers used to use some of the intestines for lining beer pipes, so the fluid wouldn't be contaminated by the metal.

The music of the violin, ukulele, and many other stringed instruments couldn't be enjoyed if there weren't intestines with which to make the strings. You may enjoy "jazzin'" around more by remembering that you are dancing to the tunes of a steer's innards.

Dances are made possible partly by the livestock on your farm. The clothes you wear at the dance may be of sheep's wool; the dancing pumps are provided by the steer or calf, the music by the intestines of a steer, and the meal that tops off the evening contains a generous portion of meat.

And when after the dance you enter your car, kindly remember that the cones of the car are hardened by a process which involves the use of case-hardening bone. All in all, few of us appreciate how much we owe the cattle, hogs, and sheep for enjoyment and necessities.

The lard from hogs enables Mother to make the pies and biscuits that put to shame bakery and restaurant imitations. Almost fifty medical preparations are made from glands and membranes. Some of the names are a yard long and almost unpronounceable, so I won't repeat any of them—especially as they are hard to spell. However, it is interesting to know that the thyroids of sheep are used in many cases to cure idiocy in children. Rennet is used in the manufacture of medicine and is very important in the making of cheese. It takes 15,000 cattle to make one pound of a medicine known as pineal substance. It is made from the pineal gland, which is about the size of a pea.

Soap-making is an important part of the packing industry. Some sixty kinds of toilet, laundry, and industrial soaps are made from the by-products of livestock. Washing powders, tooth paste, face cream, and smelling salts are some more of the many things that have their origin in the packing house, though it's hard to connect them with the world-famous odor of the Chicago stockyards.

Glue comes from Packingtown also. Bones, horses, and hoofs are used in making it. Glue has a by-product all its own, for when the stickiness is extracted from the hoofs of the animals the residue yields the neat's-foot oil which we use to soften leather and harness, and water-proof our shoes in winter.

After everything that can be put to a special use has been extracted from the offal of the hogs, cattle and sheep, what is left goes into the fertilizer and tankage which the packers sell back to the farmer.

That's why I say you may think you have seen the last of your stock when you take it to market, but—who knows!

FORD ADDS ANOTHER LINE OF MANUFACTURING

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 1.—Because outside manufacturers failed to meet specifications for wire used in winding armatures of starter generators used on Ford cars, the Ford Motor Company has itself gone into the wire manufacturing business. This new industry at the Highland Park plant, though not yet in full production, is at present turning out every day some seventy miles of fine insulated copper wire.

The making of 6,500 generator units daily calls for the absolute standardization of parts, particularly wire size. If the wire winding on the armatures is slightly off size, or if the insulating cover is a bit thick or irregular, either the winding will not fit in the armature segments or lower generator efficiency will result.

So, with outside wire not giving full satisfaction, the company determined to make its own and improvements and simplification of standard wire making machinery have placed this plant ahead of almost any others in quality and economy.

One interesting drawing operation is where the wire passes thorugh eight diamonds each reducing the size a few thousandths of an inch. The cost of each diamond may run as high as $300 and it takes several days of continuous drilling with diamond dust in order to pierce once. They can be used about six months without appreciable wear.

Cotton, used for the wire covering, is also made by the company and is spun from fine cotton imported from England.

The new wire, which in every way meets the high standards of Ford manufacture, has brought a general improvement in the production of starter generators.

All major decisions covering the construction of the Ford Motor Company's plant to be erected along the Mississippi river between Minneapolis and St. Paul have been made and details just announced here give the first information regarding the magnitude of the new Ford project.

Hydro-electric plant, steam plant and manufacturing and assembly plant constitute the three important buildings with interest centering chiefly about the hydro-electric development since it represents the company's most extensive undertaking of this kind.

The dam where the power will be developed is 574 feet long and was completed by the government in 1917. When the Ford engineers started work it was discovered that modification of the power house substructure built by the government was necessary in order to take advantage of improvements since made in water wheel design. More than 6,000 feet of concrete work was torn out and the changes are now nearly completed. They will permit installation of modern turbines and besides improving flow conditions will effect the highest efficiency.

The power house will be 160 feet long by 74 feet wide and 48 feet above the foundation. Four water wheels of 4,500 horse-power will be installed, which, in conjunction with four vertical generators will under normal conditions produce approximately 18,000 horse power.

Within a short distance of the hydro-electric plant, and on the river bank, it also is planned to erect a steam power house to supplement the water power in case of emergency.

The immense manufacturing and assembly plant will be erected on an imposing site on the bluff 100 feet above the water level. It will front on the Mississippi River Boulevard and will be faced with stone on three sides and so designed as to present a most attractive appearance.

The building will be one-story high, 1,720 feet long and 600 feet wide and will have more than 1,000,000 square feet or 23 acres of floor space.

Railroad tracks will, of course, enter the building, but a transportation feature will be two tunnels leading underneath the factory from a river dock to elevators which will carry freight directly into the building. This anticipates a new era of river transportation on the Mississippi.

Special attention will be given to landscaping and general improvement of the grounds in the company's 187-acre tract so that all will blend harmoniously with the surrounding parkway development.

SHINE-SHOCKED

Policeman Dugan found his friend Murphy shine-shocked and leaning against a lamp post.

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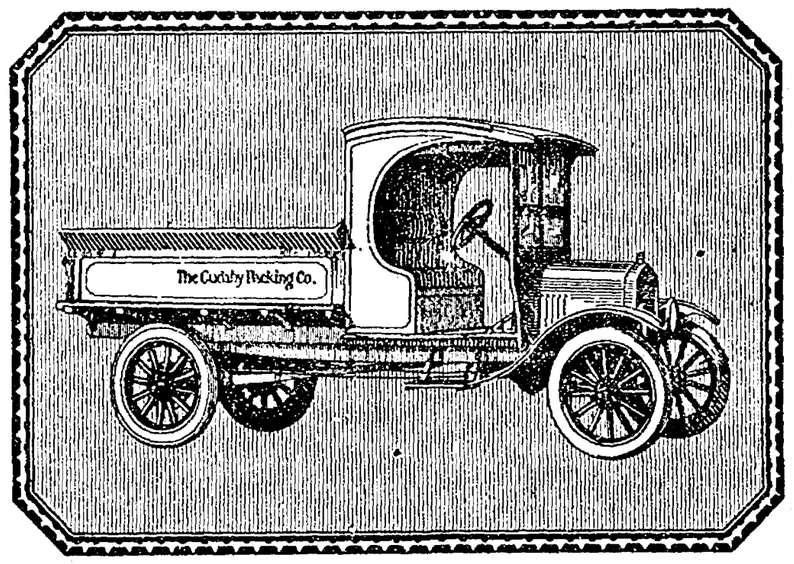

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SYNOPSIS

Book One.

CHAPTER I.—Joan Landis, eighteen years old, wife of Pierre, is the daughter of John Carver, who murdered her mother for adultery. Her lonely life, with her father, in a Wyoming cabin, unbearable, Joan leaves him, to work in a hotel in a nearby town.

CHAPTER II.—Joan meets Pierre, and the two, mutually attracted, are married.

CHAPTER III.—Carver tells Pierre the story of Joan's mother. Days afterward, Pierre, seemingly for no reason, forges a cattle brand, telling Joan it's their brand, the Two-Bar.

CHAPTER IV.—In Pierre's absence Frank Holliwell, young minister, asks shelter for the night. Joan interests him, and finding she is anxious to learn he offers to bring her books.

CHAPTER V.—Holliwell brings the books. Pierre, jealous, forbids Joan to read them. He leaves, to be gone a week, and Joan turns to the books.

CHAPTER VI.—Pierre, returning unexpectedly, finds Joan reading. Maddened by jealousy and liquor, he ties Joan and burns the Two-Bar brand into her shoulder. Hearing her scream, a stranger bursts in and in a duel Pierre is shot. Joan faints.

CHAPTER VII.—The stranger revives Joan and, telling her Pierre is dead, urges her to go with him

CHAPTER VIII.—At the stranger's home Joan's hurt is attended to.

CHAPTER IX.—The house belongs to Prosper Gael, writer, he living there with his Chinese valet, Wen Ho. With returned strength Joan would return to her home and "do something" for Pierre. Convincing her she has not the strength, Gael promises to go.

CHAPTER X.—Gael finds Pierre alive. He returns to Joan without being seen and tells the girl Pierre has been "cared for." She has no idea he is alive.

CHAPTER XI.—When her full strength returns, Gael, intensely interested in his companion, begins her "education."

CHAPTER XII.—Gael begins to realize the beauty of his "captive leopardess."

CHAPTER XIII.—Gael induces Joan to put on a woman's suit he gives her. The girl laughs at its smallness, remarking that it must have been made for a "tall child." In his absence, Joan starts for home, but, helpless, is compelled to return. Prosper's delight awakens the girl's heart.

CHAPTER XIV.—Joan hints of marriage, but Prosper puts her off. A letter in his mail, in a "small gray envelope," agitates him, and that night he says goodby to Joan. Next day she sees Pierre riding with Frank Holliwell, and realizes Gael's deception. She dare not meet Pierre.

Book Two.

CHAPTER I.—At the Lazy-Y ranch Jane, the cook, attracts the attention of Jasper Morena, Jew theatrical manager, there with his highborn Gentile wife Betty. Morena wants Jane for a new play he is to produce. Betty had had an "affair" with Prosper Gael, and believing her husband dying, had written she would marry him.

CHAPTER II.—Morena explains to Jane that in the play "The Leopardess," she would portray a "wild girl," partly tamed, almost her own experience.

CHAPTER III.—Jane is that Joan who fled from the sight of her husband at Gael's home. She had striven to forget her past life. Now, with Morena and his wife she goes back to part of it. A stranger comes to the ranch, seeking Joan, his wife. The rancher gives him Morena's address.

CHAPTER IV.—Gael returns from France to enjoy the success of his play, "The Leopardess," known as "Luck's" play. Betty tells him Jasper is compromised with his "star," and she can divorce him. To his horror Gael recognises Joan, known on the stage as "Miss West," in his play.

CHAPTER V.—Seeking to placate Joan, Gael is savagely repulsed, she scourging him with her knowledge of the fact that he knew Pierre was alive.

CHAPTER VI.—At a second meeting Prosper explains his actions, not endeavoring to exculpate himself. Joan is merciless, thinking only of Pierre, her husband.

Prosper went on monotonously. "When I came back a week later, I thought he would be dead. It was dusk, the wind was blowing, the snow was driving in a scud. I came down to the cabin and dropped below the drift by that northern window, and, the second I looked in, I dropped out of sight. There was a light and a fire. Your husband was lying before the fire on a cot. There was another man there, your Mr. Holliwell; they were talking, Holliwell was dressing Pierre's wound. I went away like a ghost, and while I was going back, I thought it all out; and I decided to keep you for myself. I suppose," said Prosper dully, "that that was a horrible sin. I didn't see it that way then. I'm not sure I see it that way now. Pierre had tied you up and pressed a white-hot iron into your bare shoulder. If you went back to him, if he took you back, how was I to know that he might not repeat his drunken deviltry, or do worse, if anything could be worse! It was the act of a fiend. It put him out of court with me. Whatever I gave you, education and beauty, and ease, must be better and happier for you than life with such a brute as Pierre—"

"Stop!" said Joan between her teeth; "you know nothing of Pierre and me; you only know that one dreadful night. You don't know—the rest."

"I don't want to know the rest," he said sharply; "that is enough to justify my action. I thought so then and I think so now. You won't be able to make me change that opinion."

"I shall not try," said Joan.

He accepted this and went on. "When I found you in your bed waiting for news of Pierre, I thought you the most beautiful, pitiful thing I had ever seen. I loved you then, Joan, then. Tell me, did I ever in those days hurt you or give you a moment's anxiety or fear?"

"No," Joan admitted, "you did not. In those days you were wonderful, kind and patient with me. I thought you were more like God than a human, then."

Prosper laughed with bitterness. "You thought very wrong, but according to my own lights, I was very careful of you. I meant to give you all I could and I meant to win you with patience and forbearance. I had respect for you and for your grief and for the horrible thing you had suffered. Joan, by now you know better what the world is. Can you reproach me so very bitterly for our—happiness, even if it was short?"

"You lied to me," said Joan. "It wasn't just. We didn't start even. And—and you knew what you wanted of me. I never guessed."

"You didn't? You never guessed?"

"No. Sometimes, toward the last, I was afraid. I felt that I ought to go away. That day I ran off—you remember—I was afraid of you. I felt you were bad and that I was bad, too. Then it seemed to me that I'd been dreadfully ungrateful and unkind. That was what began to make me give way to my feelings. I was sorrowful because I had hurt you and you so kind! The day I came in with that suit and spoke of—her as a 'tall child' and you cried, why, I felt so sorrowful that I'd made you suffer. I wanted to comfort you, to put my hands on you in comfort, like a mother, I felt. And you went out like you were angry and stayed away all night as though you couldn't bear to be seeing me again in your house that you had built for her. So I wrote you my letter and went away. And then—it was all so awful cold and empty. I didn't know Pierre was out there, I came back . . ."

They were both silent for a long time and in the silence the idyll was relived. Spring came again with its crest of green along the canyon and the lake lay like a turquoise drawing the glittering peak down into its heart.

"My book—its success," Prosper began at last, "made me restless. You'll understand that now that you are an artist yourself. And one day there came a letter from that woman I had loved."

"It was a little square gray envelope," said Joan breathlessly. "I can see it now. You never rightly looked at me again."

"Ah!" said Prosper. He turned and hid his face.

"Tell me the rest," said Joan.

He went on without turning back to her, his head bent. "The woman wrote that her husband was dying, that I must come back to her at once."

The snow tapped and the fire crackled.

"And when you—went back?"

"Her husband did not die," said Prosper blankly; "he is still alive."

"And you still love her very much?"

"That's the worst of it, Joan," groaned Prosper. His groan changed into a desperate laugh. "I love you. Now truly I do love you. If I could marry you—if I could have you for my wife—" He waited, breathing fast, then came and stood close before her. "I have never wanted a woman to be my wife till now. I want you. I want you to be the mother of my children."

Then Joan did look at him with all her eyes.

"I am Pierre's wife," she said. The liquid beauty had left her voice. It was hoarse and dry. "I am Pierre's wife and I have already been the mother of your child."

There was a long, rigid silence. "Joan—when?—where?" Prosper's throat clicked.

"I knew it before you left. I couldn't tell you because you were so changed. I worked all winter. It—it was born on an awful cold March night. I think the woman let it—made it—die. She wanted me to work for her during the summer and she thought I would be glad if the child didn't live. She used to say I was 'in trouble' and she'd be glad if she could 'help me out.' . . . It was what I was planning to live for . . . that child."

During the heavy stillness following Joan's dreadful, brief account of birth and death, Prosper went through a strange experience. It seemed to him that in his soul something was born and died. Always afterward there was a ghost in him—the father that might have been.

"I can't talk any more," said Joan faintly. "Won't you please go?"

CHAPTER VII

Against the Bars.

Jasper Morena had stood for an hour in a drafty passage of that dirty labyrinth known vaguely to the public as "behind the scenes," listening to the wearisome complaints of a long-nosed young actor. It was the sixth of such conversations that he had held that day; to begin with, there had been a difficulty between a director and the leading man. Morena's tact was still complete; he was very gentle to the long-nosed youth; but the latter, had he been capable of seeing anything but himself, must have noticed that his listener's face was pale and faintly lined.

"Yes, my boy, of course, that's reasonable enough. I'll do what I can."

"I don't make extravagant demands, you see," the young man spread down and out his hands, quivering with exaggerated feeling; "I ask only for decent treatment, what my own self-respect ab-so-lute-ly demands."

Morena put a hand on his shoulder and walked beside him.

"Did you ever stop to think," he said with his charming smile, "that the other fellow is thinking and saying just the same thing? Now, this chap that has, as you put it, got your goat, why, he came to me himself this morning, and, word for word, he said of you just precisely what you have just said of him to me. Odd, isn't it?"

Again the young actor stopped for one of his gestures, hands up this time. "But, my G—d, sir! Is there such a thing as honesty? He couldn't accuse me of—"

"Well, he thought he could. However, I do get your point of view and I think we can fix it up for you so that you'll get off with your self-respect entirely intact. I'll talk to George tomorrow. You're worth the bother. Good afternoon."

The young man bowed, his air of tragic injury softened to one of tragic self-appreciation. Worth the bother, indeed!

Morena left him at the top of the dingy stairs down which the manager fled to an alley at one side of the theater, where his car was waiting for him. He stood for a while with his foot on the step and his hand on the door, looking rather blankly at the gray, cold wall and the scurrying whirlwinds of dust and paper.

"Drop yourself at the garage, Ned," he said, "and I'll take the car."

He climbed in beside the wheel. He was very tired, but he had remembered that Jane West, when he had last seen her, had worn a look of profound discouragement. She never complained, but when he saw that particular expression he was frightened and the responsibility for her came heavily upon him. This wild thing he had brought to New York must not be allowed to beat its head dumbly against the bars.

When he had got rid of his driver, he turned the car northward, and a

The French Maid Chosen by Betty Opened the Door for Him.

few minutes later Mathilde, the French maid chosen by Betty, opened Jane's door to him.

While he took off his coat he looked along the hall and saw its owner sitting, her chin propped on a lattice-work of fingers. She was gazing out of the window. It was a beautiful, desperate silhouette; something fateful in the long, still pose and the fixed look. She was still dressed in street clothes as when she had left the theater, a blouse and skirt of dark gray, very plain. Her figure, now that it was trained to slight corseting, was less vigorous and more fine-drawn. She was very thin, but she had lost her worn and haggard look; the premature hard lines had almost disappeared; a softer climate, proper care, rest, food, luxury had given back her young, clear skin and the brightness of eyes and lips. Her hair, arranged very simply to frame her face in a broken setting of black, was glossy, and here and there, deeply waved. It was the arrangement chosen for her by Betty and copied from a Du-Maurier drawing of the duchess of Towers. It was hard to believe that this graceful woman was the virago Jane, harder for any one that had seen a heavy, handsome girl stride into Mrs. Upper's hotel and ask for work, to believe that she was here.

Morena clapped his hands in the eastern fashion of summons, and Jane looked toward him.

"Oh," she said, "I'm glad you came." He strolled in and stood beside her shaking his head.

"I didn't like the look of you this afternoon, my dear."

"Well, sir," said Jane, "I don't like the look of you, either." She smiled her slow, unself-conscious smile. "You sit down and I'll make tea for you."

He knew that thought for some one else was the best tonic for her mood, so he dropped, with his usual limp grace, into the nearest chair, put back his head and half-closed his eyes.

"I'm used up," he said; "I haven't a word—not one to throw at a dog."

"Please don't throw one at me, then. I surely wouldn't take it as a compliment." She made the tea gravely, as absorbed in the work as a little girl who makes tea for her dolls. She brought him his cup and went back to her place and again her face settled into that look. She had evidently forgotten him and her eyes held a vision as of distances.

He put a hand up to break her fixed gaze. "What is it, Jane? What do you see?"

To his astonishment she hid her face in her hands. "It's awful to live like this," she moaned; and it frightened him to see her move her head from side to side like an imprisoned beast, shifting before bars.

He looked about the pretty room and repeated, "Like this?" half-reproachfully.

"I hate it!" She spoke through her teeth. "I hate it! And, oh, the sounds, the noises, grinding into your ears."

Here the hands came to her ears and framed a white, desperate face in which the lids had fallen over sick eyes.

Jasper sat listening to the hum and roar and clatter of the street. To him it was a pleasant sound, and here it was subdued and remote enough. Her face was like that of some one maddened by noise.

"You don't smell anything fresh"—her chest lifted—"you don't get air. I can't breathe. Everything presses in." She opened her eyes, bright and desperate. "What am I doing here, Mr. Morena?"

He had put down his cup quietly, for he was really half-afraid of her. "Why did you come, Jane?"

"Because I was afraid of some one. I was running away, Mr. Morena. There's some one that mustn't ever find me now, and to run away from him—that was the business of my life. And it kept my heart full of him and the dread of his coming. You see, that was my happiness. I hoped he was taking after me so's I could run away." She laughed apologetically. "Does that sound crazy to you?"

"No, I think I understand. And here?"

"He'll never come here. He'll never find *me*. It's been *four years*. And I'm so changed. This"—she gave herself a downward look—"this isn't the 'gel' he wants . . . Probably by now he's given me up. Maybe he's found another. Everything that's bad and hateful can find me out here. Bad things can find you out and try to clutch after you anywheres. But when something wild and clean comes hunting for you, something out of the big lonely places—why, it would be scared to follow into this city."

"You're lonely, Jane. I've told you a hundred times that you ought to make friends for yourself."

"Oh, I don't care for that. I don't want friends, not many friends. These acting people, they're not real folks. I don't savvy their ways and they don't savvy mine. They always end by disliking me because I'm queer and different from them. You have been *my friend*, and your wife—that is, she used to be." Suddenly Jane became more her usual self and spoke with childlike wistfulness. "She doesn't come to see me any more, Mr. Morena. And I could love her. She's so like a little girl with those round eyes—" Jane held up two circles made by forefingers and thumbs to represent Betty's round eyes. "Oh, dear!" she said; "isn't she awfully winning? Seems as if you must be taking care of her. She's so small and fine."

Jasper laughed with some bitterness.

"She doesn't like me now," sighed Jane, but the feelings Betty had hurt were connected with a later development so that they turned her mood and brought her to a more normal dejection. She was no longer a caged beast, she had temporarily forgotten her bars.

"I think you're wrong," said Jasper doubtfully. "Betty does like you. She's merely busy and preoccupied. I've been neglected myself."

Jane gave him a far too expressive look. It was as though she had said, "You don't fancy that she cares for you?"

Jasper flushed and blinked his long, Oriental eyes.

"It's a pity you haven't a lover, Jane," he said.

She had walked over to the window, and his speech, purposely a trifle cruel and insulting, did not make her turn.

"You're angry," she said. "You'd better go home. I'm not in good humor myself."

At which he laughed his murmuring, musical laugh and prepared to leave her.

"I have a great deal of courage," he said, getting into his coat, "to bring a wildcat here, chain her up, and tease her—eh?"

"You think you have me chained?" Her tone was enraged and scornful. "I can snap your flimsy little tether and go."

She wheeled upon him. She looked tall and fierce and free.

"No, no," he cried with deprecating voice and gesture. "You are making Mr. Luck's fortune and mine, not to mention your own. You mustn't break your chains. Get used to them. We all have to, you know. It's much the best method."

"I shall never get used to this life, never. It just—somehow—isn't mine."

"Perhaps when you meet Mr. Luck he'll be able to reconcile you."

Her expressive face darkened. "When shall I meet Mr. Luck?"

"Soon, I hope."

"I hate Mr. Luck more than any one in the world," she said in a low, quiet voice.

Jasper stared. "Hate him! Why, in the name of savagery, should you hate him?"

"Oh, I can't explain. But you'd better keep us apart. How came he to write 'The Leopardess'?"

"I shall leave him to tell you that. Good night."

CHAPTER VIII

Gray Envelopes.

It was with more than the usual sinking of heart that Jasper let himself that evening into the beautiful house which Betty and he called their home. Joan's too expressive look had stung the old soreness of his disillusionment. He knew that the house was empty of welcome. He took off his hat and coat dejectedly. There were footsteps of his man who came from the far end of the hall.

While he stood waiting, Jasper noticed the absence of a familiar fragrance. For the first time in years Betty had forgotten to order flowers. The red roses which Jasper always caressed with a long, appreciative finger as he went by the table in the hall, were missing. Their absence gave him a faint sensation of alarm.

"Mr. Kane, Mrs. Morena's brother, has called to see you, sir. He is waiting."

Jasper's eyebrows rose. "To see me? Is he with Mrs. Morena now?"

"No, sir. Mrs. Morena went out this morning and has not yet returned. Mr. Kane has been here since five o'clock, sir."

"Very well."

It was a mechanical speech of dismissal. The footman went off. Jasper stood tapping his chin with his finger. Woodward Kane come to see him during Betty's absence! Woodward had not spoken more than three or four icy words of necessity to him since the marriage. After a stiff, ungracious fashion this brother had befriended Betty, but to his Jewish brother-in-law he had shown only a slightly disguised distaste. The Jew was well used to such a manner. He treated it with light bitterness, but he did not love to receive the users of it in his own house. It was with heightened color and bent brows that he pushed apart the long, crimson hangings and came into the immense drawing-room.

It was softly lighted and pleasantly warmed. A fire burned. The tall, fair visitor rose from a seat near the blaze and turned all in one rigid piece toward his advancing host. Jasper was perfectly conscious that his own gesture and speech of greeting were too eager, too ingratiating, that they had a touch of servility. He hated them himself, but they were inherited with his blood, as instinctive as the wagging of a dog's tail. They were met by a precise bow, no smile, no taking of his outstretched hand.

Jasper drew himself up at once, put the slighted hand on the back of a tall, crimson-damask chair, and looked his stateliest and most handsome self.

"Betty hasn't come in yet," he said. "You've been waiting for her?"

Woodward Kane pulled at his short, yellow mustache and stared at Jasper with his large blank, blue eyes. "As a matter of fact I didn't call to see my sister, but to see you. I have just come from Elizabeth. She is at my house. She came to me this morning."

Jasper's fingers tightened on the chair. "She is sick?"

"No." There was a pause during which the blank, blue eyes staring at him slowly gathered a look of cold pleasure. Jasper was aware that this man who hated him was enjoying his present mission.

"Shall we sit down? I shall have to take a good deal of your time, I am afraid. There is rather a good deal to be gone over."

Jasper sat down in the chair the back of which he had been holding. "Will you smoke?" he asked, and smiled his charming smile.

There was now not a trace of embarrassment, anger, or anxiety about him. His eyes were quiet, his voice flexible. Woodward declined to smoke, crossed his legs and drew a small gray envelope from his pocket. Jasper's eyes fastened upon it at once. It was Betty's paper and her angular, boyish writing marched across it. Evidently the note was addressed to him. He waited while Woodward turned it about in his long, stiff, white fingers.

"About two months ago Betty came to me one evening in great distress of mind. She asked for my advice and to the best of my ability I gave it to her. I wish that she had asked for it ten years ago. She might have saved herself a great deal. This time she has not only asked for it, but she has been following it, and, in following it, she has now left your house and come to mine. This, of course, will not surprise you."

"It does, however, surprise me greatly." It was still the gentle murmur, but Jasper's cigarette smoke veiled his face.

"I cannot understand that. However, it's not my business. Betty has asked me to interview you today so that she may be spared the humiliation. After this, you must address your communications to her lawyers In a short time Rogers and Daring will serve you with notice of divorce.'

Jasper sat perfectly still, leaning slightly forward, his cigarette between his fingers.

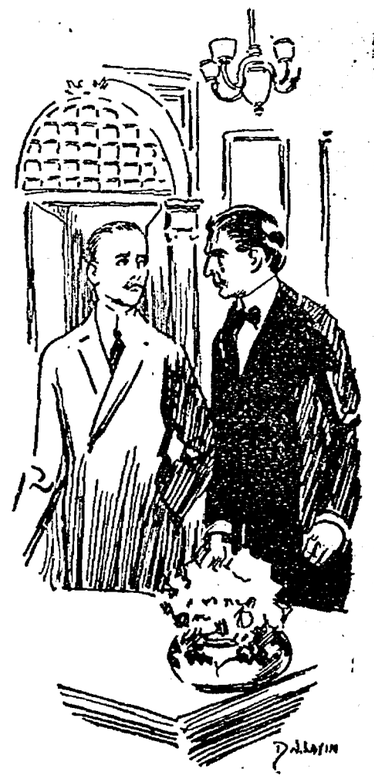
"So-o!" he said after a long silence. Then he held out his hand. "I may have Betty's letter?"

Woodward Kane withheld it and again that look of pleasure was visible in his eyes. "Just a moment, please. I should like to have my own say out first. I shall have to be brutal, I am afraid. In these matters there is nothing for it but frankness. Your infidelity has been common talk for some time. The story of it first came to Betty's ears on the evening when she came to me two months ago. Since then there has been but one possible course."

Jasper kept another silence, more difficult, however, than his last. His pallor was noticeable. "You say my—infidelity is common talk. There has been a name used?"

"Your protegee from Wyoming—Jane West."

Jasper was on his feet, and Woodward, too, rose, jerkily holding up a hand. "No excitement, please," he



"Let Us Conduct This Unfortunate Interview Like Gentlemen, if Possible."

begged. "Let us conduct this unfortunate interview like gentlemen, if possible."

Jasper laughed. "As you say—if possible. Why, man, it was Betty who helped me to install her here, it was Betty who chose the furnishings for her apartment, who helped her buy her clothes, who engaged her maid, who gave her most of her training. This is the most preposterous, the most filthy perversion of the truth. Betty must know it better than any one else. Come, now, Woodward, there's something more in it than this?" Jasper had himself in hand; but it was easy now to see the effort it cost him. The veins of his forehead were swollen.

"I shall not discuss the matter with you. Betty has excellent evidence, unimpeachable witnesses. There is no doubt in my mind, nor in the minds of her lawyers, that she will win her suit and get her divorce, her release. Of course, you will not contest—"

Jasper stopped in his pacing which had begun to take the curious, circling, weaving form characteristic of him, and, standing now with his head thrown back, he spoke sonorously.

"Do you imagine for one instant, Kane—does Betty imagine for one instant—that I shall not contest?"

This changed the look of cold pleasure in Woodward's eyes, which grew blank again. "Do you mean me to understand—Naturally, I took it for granted that you would act as most gentlemen act under the circumstances."

"Then you have taken too much for granted, you and Betty. Ten years ago your sister gave herself to me. She is mine. I will not for a whim, for a passion, for a temporary alienation, let her go. Neither will I have my good name and the name of a good woman besmirched for the sake of this impertinent desire for a release. I love my wife"—his voice was especially Hebraic and especially abhorrent to the other—"and as a husband I mean to keep her from the ruin this divorce would mean to her—"

"Far from being her ruin, Morena, it would be the saving of her. Her ruin was as nearly as possible brought about ten years ago, when against the advice, against the wishes of every one who loved her, she made her insane marriage with an underbred, commercial, and licentious Jew. She was seventeen and you seized your opportunity."

Jasper had stepped close. He was a head taller and several inches broader of shoulder than his brother-in-law. "As long as you are in my house, don't insult me. I am, as you say, a Jew, and I am, as you say, of a commercial family. But I am not, I have never been licentious. Is it necessary to use such language? You suggested that this interview be conducted by us like gentlemen."

Continued next week.

The Cynic.

Mrs. Smythe: "Here is an interesting news item. A girl in Canada ran 56 hours without stopping."

Mr. Smythe: "Did the man get away?"

LOCAL NEWS

Hear Rev. O'Connor Sunday evening on "The Greatest Institution in Belmond."

Mrs. Emma Norton is enjoying a visit from her daughter, Vera, who teachers school at Audubon.

Mrs. Marvin Lord went to Clarion on Friday to visit at the John Lord home a few days.

Supt. Guthrie was a business caller at Mason City last Saturday, driving up.

Hajo Pals went to Chicago last Tuesday with his brother, from Thornton, his brother undergoing examination at a hospital in Chicago. The young man has an infected jaw, caused by an ulcerated tooth. The surgeons will take away the lower part of his jaw, and removing a piece of bone from one leg, graft it on his face to replace the diseased jaw bone. Hajo returned home Saturday.

Mrs. T. B. Wallace enjoyed a visit Sunday from her brother, Mr. Davis, of Mason City.

Take advantage of the Independent's Big Family Offer—The Peoples' Popular Monthly, Farm and Fireside, Today's Housewife, and the Belmond Independent, All Four One Year For Only $2.45. This offer good only until December 1st.

Several of the neighbors of J. D. Sheffield are assisting him in erecting a new barn, to replace the one lost by fire one night a few weeks ago.

The M. E. Ladies had a good attendance at their supper last Thursday evening, in the church basement. They took in about $80.

Send a post card to the Hamilton University, Mason City, Iowa, for "Getting Ahead." It explains how others have made the start.

The Belmond Independent and the Des Moines Register both one year for $5.80. Regular price $7.00. Register subscriptions must be new; Independent either new or renewal. If renewal on Register, price for both is $6.10. Have your renewal sent in by taking advantage of this saving.

A number of Belmond people went to Mason City last Tuesday evening to attend the play, "Spice of 1922." They report a good show.

Corn husking has now begun in earnest, and farmers are busy from dawn to dark. With both beets and corn to get in, some of them are more than busy. Altho the Farm Bureau claims five and six cents as the proper husking price this year, many of the farmers in this vicinity are paying seven cents, the shortage of huskers causing the higher price. With the new corn coming in, the price on old corn has taken a tumble, being a nickel lower the past week.

For Gasoline, Kerosene and Lubricating oil, call phone 39½.—Belmond Deep Rock oil Co. 32tfc

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stebbleton from Britt were visitors with relatives in Belmond, Sunday.

Miss Anderson, teacher of the 8th grade, visited relatives near Mason City over the week end.

For Sale—Two new left over tailor made suits, size about 38. $20.00 each.—F. J. Tuffree. Phone 28. 1c

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mann of Eagle Grove were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jennings Sunday.

Independent Farm Sales Service is Real Service. If you plan on holding a sale, let the Independent help you. Forms for making up your sale list furnished free. Illustrations of any breed of any animal or any fowl. Eighty per cent of the farm sales in this vicinity are advertised thru the Independent. There's a reason. Ask the man who has held one. Dates listed free. Reserve yours by calling 115.

Mrs. J. B. Spitler, of Belmond was a Klemme visitor last Thursday.—Times.

Mrs. Daisy Pierce from Britt is a guest this week with friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Norris are the parents of a baby boy, born Sunday morning.

Mrs. Mickelson from Minneapolis was a week end visitor with her brother, T. O. Tomson.

St. John's Ladies' Aid will hold a bazaar and food sale Saturday of this week, in the library basement, starting at 1:00 o'clock.

Word received from Mrs. Carrie Sheffield in California, states they are still camping out, but that her daughter and son-in-law have purchased a home in Glendale and will take posession November 1st.

Mrs. Savogue of Goodell and Mrs. Laura Stockwell and Mrs. Ida Eldred of Sheldon, Iowa, were visitors at the home of Mrs. Dan Brooks on Saturday.

Word was received here Wednesday of the marriage of Raymond Walton of Iowa Falls, on Tuesday of this week. Raymond's friends in Belmond will extend their best wishes to he and his new bride.

Miss Alma Greenfield, who accompanied Mrs. Freek Frohling to California, remained out there and will spend the winter.

Chris Friesleben returned from Colfax the first of the week. He had been there the past two weeks taking treatment.

Mrs. Freek Frohling returned home from California last week Wednesday. She had been gone about three months. She says she liked California very much, but is glad to get back to good old Iowa. She visited at the W. H. Greenfield home in Denver a few weeks, also.

The St. John's Ladies' Aid Society will hold a Bazaar and Food Sale at the Library basement, Saturday, November 3rd. Doors open at 1:00 o'clock. Lunches served, beginning at 2:30. 1*

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barry and Beatrice, and Mrs. Eugene Sullivan drove to Mason City yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Baker and family, of Belmond spent Sunday at the R. W. Elder home.—Times.

Miss Dorothy Ferrie and Miss Edna Miller spent the week end in Minneapolis.

Mrs. Waddingon, mother of Bruce Waddington, is reported as being seriously ill.

Ole Rikansrud was out of the hospital for the first time Monday since his operation for appendicitis. Mr. Rikansrud is recovering rapidly from the operation, and in fact made an unusually swift recovery.

Join the crowd Sunday evening at the Methodist church. Good lively singing. Good music and a timely subject for discussion.

SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY!

We offer Ladies and Children's Hats, also all plumes and feather trimmings at 1-3 off. Also a good line of perfumes and toilet articles which we are closing out at two articles for the price of one. We have a nice line of house dresses and aprons just arrived. And in the ladies exchange many articles of interest. —Mrs. Emma Norton.

Miss Wilma Thompson is enjoying a two-week's vacation with her home folks.

Mrs. Reynold Kinseth was a caller at Mason City, Monday.

Miss Miller and Miss Ferrie were Mason City callers Saturday.

Rev. Northrup, a former pastor of the Congregational church here, was visiting old friends one day last week.

BUYERS GUILTY TOO

"I think that under the law you might successfully prosecute persons who purchase this unlawful liquor on conspiracy charges since there is always more than one person involved in this kind of violation. If there was no one to buy bootleg liquor or home brew there would be no makers or sellers. I think the man who buys this unlawful liquor and drinks it is just as guilty as the man who makes it or transports it and I believe the day is coming when persons buying unlawful liquor will be prosecuted along with the makers and sellers." —Judge George W. English in the United States district court in East St. Louis.

LET IN THE LIGHT

In war fraud cases now pending in the courts there is no charge that officials of the Wilson administration who let certain contracts received any financial compensation therefor. The accusation is that the contracts were let to personal friends who were not competent and who defrauded the government under the cost-plus contracts. If the charge is true, the injury to the government was just as great as though the conspirators had shared in the profits of the contracts. If a government official lets a contract to one man on the consideration of personal friendship when another man has offered a lower bid, the offense is just as much a violation of duty and a breach of trust as though the favor had been conferred for a money consideration. Of course, the public does not place the two transactions on exactly the same basis, but there is no material difference so far as public interest is concerned.

We are now paying not only for the necessary cost of the war, but for a lot of unnecessary extravagance.

We are not complaining of the necessary cost, nor of the cost of a reasonable percentage of mistakes, but of the cost of gross negligence, favoritism and unreasonable delay. The American people are willing to overlook much in the way of mistakes to which all human beings are subject. They are not willing to overlook rank disregard of public welfare in time of war.—Recorder.

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For Sale—White Rock Pullets, from prize winning stock. $1 each. —Mrs. Wm. Leonard, Swaledale, Ia.

For Sale—New range and two second hand cook stoves. Inquire at Independent. 45tf

For Sale—A few Spotted Poland China boars, pure bred.—J. M. Sampson, Belmond. 49tfc

For Sale: Used parts for Chevrolet Ford and Studebaker.

Two 1923 Ford tourings with starter and rims.

One 1923 Ford coupe.

Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond. 49tf

For Sale—One new Majestic Range.—Phone 206. 49tf

For Sale—Chester White boar, 18 months old. Pedigree furnished. Phone 3123. 502*

For Sale—Late cabbage. Phone 2712. Chas Gealow. 502

WANTED

WANTED—Correspondents on all rural routes out of Belmond. Good money paid, supplies free. Requirements not difficult. Call 115, or call at Independent office.

Wanted—Carpet rags to cut and sew; stockings to darn; quilts to tie or quilt; patching; fancy work on quilts. At Mrs. Pennel's—Mrs. Coates. 1*

Lost—Child's small pocketbook, blue containing handkerchief. Finder please return to Independent.

PUBLIC SALE DATES

(List your sale with the Independent to avoid confusion in dates.)

Rowan Short Course, January 16th and 17th.

Bernold Kinseth, one mile north and two miles west of Alexander, Nov. 15, Thursday. Closing out farm sale.

FRIEND C. BRAS, O. D.
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Schultz Jewelry Store
Belmond, Iowa

MONDAY, NOV. 5

BELMOND MARKETS
(Subject to change.)

Hens, heavy	15c
Hens, light	12c
Roosters	07c
Springs	14c
Leghorns	12c
Geese	10c
Ducks	12c
Turkeys	25c
Eggs	35c
Cream	45c
Creamery butter	50c
Oats	34c
Corn, old	85c

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Kinseth's Store News

We will have a CARLOAD OF LATE POTATOES on track here Friday and Saturday of this week. These potatoes are ripe, mealy and rich, and guaranteed to be good all round keepers. This is your chance to lay in your supply of "Spuds" if you have not already done so.

—K—

The last of those delicious PEARS are your last chance to get some. They are really good, and will be sold at $1.00 to $1.25 a bushel until they are gone. And as we only have a few bushel left you better get an order in quick.

—K—

Cold weather is the time when a juicy sweet apple does taste just a bit better than anything else, and we have some—DELICIOUS APPLES at $2.85 a bushel, and Baldwins at $1.95. A bushel put down in the cellar sure comes handy when you "get off feed" and want something different. Phone 19 and let us send you a bushel.

—K—

Of course the snow isn't deep yet, but the children need overshoes and rubbers. We have a complete line of men's, women's and children's overshoes. See us before you buy, and remember we always have a full line of groceries at prices you can afford to pay.

—K—

All you need to do—and all we ask of you—is just to follow the crowd. You'll land at the Store on the Corner, where your dollar has more cents.

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No Decision In Change Of Trains

Committee From Belmond And Other Towns Meet To Discuss Change Of Trains.

CLAIM IT IS ECONOMY

A committee of Belmond business men composed of M. C. Barry, W. T. Gfeller, C. N. Reese, M. D. Sullivan and Wallace Ramsay, drove to Iowa Falls last Thursday to meet with committees from other towns along the Rock Island branch, and the State Railway Commission, to discuss the proposed and greatly desired change of service on the Rock Island thru Belmond.

Many Towns Are Represented.

The meeting was attended by two members of the state commission, a number of officials of the Rock Island railroad and numerous business men from the towns along the road. The change of service which took place in September was thoroly argued, and it was definitely shown to the Commissioners that the change has resulted in money loss as well as inconvenience. The railroad will rest its case upon economy of operation, as the reason for the change. The various towns argue that if this is the case, the railroads would be money ahead to take off the Klondike trains and replace the morning and evening passengers, inasmuch as these two trains would carry far more traffic.

No Decision Is Given Yet.

The Commissioners did give their decision, taking the matter under advisement. It will likely be some time before they render an opinion, but it is probable that when they do the two noon trains will be taken off and the morning and evening trains replaced.

A bit of comedy was introduced into the meeting when a telegram was read from the Klemme Chamber of Commerce. The telegram said:

"Unable to attend meeting—no train service."

DUCKS DOVE INTO CONCRETE

Mistaking a white concrete pavement for a body of water, more than 100 wild ducks broke their necks diving to it at night from a height at Champaign, Illinois. They were found dead the next morning strewn along the roadside. The pavement, wet from a drizzling rain, reflected the moonlight when the moon occasionally shone thru the broken clouds. Mondern inventions are neck-breaking for others than ducks.—Ex.

WEBSTER CO. SUPERVISORS ARE CITED FOR CONTEMPT

The supervisors of Webster county have been cited for contempt of court for not allowing a bill ordered by the judge of the court to Robert Healy, as attorney for William Orlander, late accused and convicted of murder, and whose case aroused state-wide interest.

The court allowed Healy a certain amount for his services as Orlander's attorney, and the supervisors tendered Healy a much smaller sum, and refused to allow the amount ordered by the court. The supervisors are now commanded to appear before the court and show cause why they should not be punished for contempt. —Humboldt Republican.

A SENSIBLE METHOD

Cherokee Chief: The Iowa legislature which will meet in special session soon for revision of the entire code of laws of the state, could do nothing better to reassure business and the people of the state than to adopt a rule that the revision will be only such as is needed to eliminate obsolete and useless laws, amend and correct them, or reassemble and codify them in one volume where everybody can read and understand them. Any general adoption of changes or amendments to suit the whims of lobbyists or legislators, or to promote special interests, would be a crime, not a benefit to the state.—Ex.

STORES CLOSED MONDAY

The various business places of Belmond will be Closed from 12:00 noon Monday the balance of the day, in observance of Armistice Day.

The high school Literary Society will give an Armistice Day program at the auditorium of the school in the afternoon.

HALLOWE'EN FROLIC DRAWS

Altho the weather was cold and disagreeable, the Hallowe'en frolic at Hampton last Tuesday night was a huge success and drew 3,000 people. Several bands, including one each from Mason City, Geneva and Chapin, furnished music, a big free dance was held, and a procession in which hundreds of people in costume participated was a feature of the occasion. The frolic was sponsored by the Hampton Commercial club, and was so successful that it is planned to stage another next year.

RECENT DELIVERIES BY THE BELMOND AUTO CO.

Bertha Thorman Belmond, coupe.
O. C. Olson, Belmond, runabout
Geo. Blau, Alexander, coupe.
Clarence Cook, Belmond, coupe
Rev. J. P. Quirin, Britt, 4-d sedan
Edw. Van Farowe, Kanawha, 4-d sedan
P. Griggs, Goodell, runabout
Geo. Johnson, Klemme, touring
A. H. Finn, Hampton, coupe
John Ruiter, Meservey, coupe.
E. C. Schalinske, Britt, touring
Thayne Bailey, Belmond, coupe
John Hopkey, Alexander, tractor
Frank Drury, Rowan, tractor
Harold Rierson, Belmond, coupe
C. L. Smith, Belmond, coupe
C. A. Kragh, Belmond, runabout
Fred Fulton, Belmond, touring
G. R. Hill, Clarion, 4-d sedan
John Tiara, Belmond, coupe
F. M. Myers, Belmond, coupe
R. D. Cline, Belmond, 4-d sedan
John Watermiller, Goodell, touring
Lewis Benson, Belmond, runabout
Manhattan Oil Co., Des Moines, truck
J. T. Jensen, Clarion, touring
Nissen & Harbison, Belmond, runabout
Leonard Lester, Clarion, touring
Norman Cohan, Mason City, runabout
Phil Filzen, Mason City, truck
Peter Pals, Meservey, touring

18 WRIGHT COUNTY LADIES DRAWN ON JURY

Some From Belmond Included With Men In List Of Jurors.

The November term of the district court, which opens Monday, the 26th, will see eighteen Wright county women drawn for jury duty. The jurors called from this end of the county are:

Belmond

Geo. H. Baxter
Alice Hedges
John Hanson
Merle Hildebrand
A. L. Fetrow
Gus Ziska
Chas. Norris
H. H. Mennenga
Alice Burke.

Rowan

Ray Swope
R. E. Ryder
A. S. Boyington

Kanawha

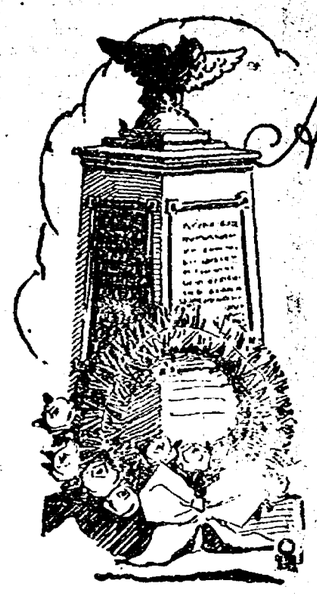
C. R. Fisher
E. T. Thorson

START MARKING A. Y. P. HIGHWAY THRU GARNER

Garner citizens witnessed the installation of the first trail marker of the Atlantic-Yellowstone-Pacific highway last week, when the first highway marker was put in west of the viaduct. This is a new and important cross-continent highway and which the Garner Chamber of Commerce managed to get routed by way of Garner.

SJOBERG DOING NICELY

Warren Sjoberg, the man who was badly injured last week at the sugar plant, is coming along nicely and he will not lose his arm as reports have been circulating. All his injuries are healing nicely, and it is expected that he will be discharged from the hospital before long, or as soon as his arm and leg knit.



Armistice Day

Harvey C. Eimbrink
Ray Barton
Levi Kurtz
Leroy Pierce
Charles J. McGuire
Clifford H. Rierson
Frank J. Johnson
DeForrest Reese
Morris G. Lateer
J. Bernard Wallace

Bitter Battle Tomorrow When Belmond And Kanawha Meet

The next game on the foot ball schedule of the high school team is tomorrow, Friday, afternoon when they meet the Kanawha team for the second time this fall, on the Kanawha grounds.

The game is called for 3:30 o'clock p. m. A large number of Belmond fans are planning on driving over to witness the battle and root the boys to another victory over the neighbors to the west. It is requested that all those who expect to attend please be at the school house from 1:30 to 2:00 p. m., and go with the team, which will leave around 2:00. It is hoped that the boys will go to Kanawha with a full backing of home fans. The moral affect on the boys will go a long ways toward bringing home the bacon.

This game will beyond any question be the best game of the season. Belmond defeated Kanawha early in the season by two points, 14 to 12, and ever since the Kanawha team has been priming for the return affair, and will play the best game they are capable of to wipe out their previous defeat. Everything in the town of Kanawha will be closed for the game, and a neutral referee has been secured according to the Kanawha paper. It is going to be some battle, and one worth going a long way to witness. So all who plan to go, please be at the school house at 1:30 to 2:00 Friday afternoon.

CLARION WANTS FLAGS

The ladies Auxiliary of the Clarion Legion post is backing a movement to install uniform flags on the main business thorofare of the county seat, as they are in Belmond. It is anticipated that the plan will go thru.

CITIZENS LOSE TAX FIGHT

Garner citizens, thru the Garner Tax Committee, lost their case in court wherein they questioned the validity of a friendly judgment for $43,000 given the Empire Construction company for paving at Garner, Judge Kelley recently handing down a decision that the judgment must stand. This judgment was given the construction company to cover an amount which the regular assessment for the paving could not reach. It is thought that the case will be appealed to the supreme court of Iowa for final decision.

IA. TWP. HAS FINE PARTY

The Lyle E. Hall home three and one-half miles west of Alexander, was the scene of a lively social last Friday evening when the Iowa township farm bureau held its regular monthly meeting. The forepart of the evening was spent in playing games and enjoying the Hallowe'en stunts which had been arranged by the committee. This was followed by a short address from the county agent who drove from the Norway township meeting in an effort to serve the people of both communities in the same evening. The most interesting part of the Iowa meeting was the serving of the delicious home-made pumpkin pie and good wholesome cream and coffee.

MOON GOES TO JAIL ON APRIL CONVICTION

Neighbor Pays Fine Upon Agreement To Deliver Him Corn.

During the last term of court an effort was made to secure an extension of time in which to pay the fine imposed upon Chas. Moon of Rowan, who was found guilty of having intoxicating liquors in his possession with intent to sell, at the April term of court. Judge McCall plainly informed the petitioner that he had no jurisdiction in the case; he had already had six months since his conviction and ordered proper papers issued for his commitment in the county jail. Monday Deputy Johnson from the Sheriff's office brought Moon to Clarion and placed him in the county jail. He remained there only a few hours when S. F. Stout came to Clarion and secured his release. The fine amounted to $200 and the costs $192 more. Mr. Stout paid the same after Moon had signed a contract to deliver to him sufficient corn to reimburse him for the above amount.

On the last day of the October term of court Ora Hilton of Clarion was granted a divorce from Frank Hilton, who failed to appear and defend said action. Plaintiff is to pay the costs in the case.

Ben Hetland of Eagle Grove brings suit against Mattie Casperson to compel the performance of a contract wherein defendant was to deed to plaintiff two lots in Wright's 3rd addition to Eagle Grove for the sum of $575.—Monitor.

JURY DECLARES NOT GUILTY

Atty. W. E. Bullard was declared not guilty of the charge of assault brought by Mrs. Norman Nelson, in Justice court at Rowan last Thursday afternoon, the jury remaining out but a short time.

WARNING

Fake solicitors claiming to represent the Iowa Anti-Saloon League are abroad in Iowa, according to information reaching league headquarters here today.

Rumors have been received repeatedly by the Iowa Anti-Saloon League of false representation. The most recent and most definite came today from Harris, Iowa, where a bona fide solicitor, atempting to collect funds for the league, was informed that someone had preceded him, thoroughly canvassing the town and asking one dollar from each subscriber.

According to Supt. S. P. McNaught, the Iowa Anti-Saloon League had no representative in Harris at this time, nor does it employ this means of solicitation. The League always operates with proper credentials and is identified in every community with local churches.

Word of fake solicitors for the Salvation Army and other organizations aside from the Anti-Saloon League has also been received. Supt. McNaught issues a general warning against solicitors of all kinds, unless properly identified.

BELMOND SCHOOL NOTES

An Armistice Day program will be given by Division I of the Literary society Monday afternoon at 2:30. It is necessary to have the program on Monday on account of the foot ball game Friday. The public is invited. The program follows:

Piano solo ------ Marion McNulty
Reading ------- Katherine Thiltgen
Double Quartette—
Dorothy Purcell — Samuel Leinbach
Miriam Gibbs — Fred Vestweber
Ida Steenblock — Edwin Mennenga
Elma Stapley — Harold Johnson
Reading -------- Clifford Johnston
Farce—

"The Slacker"

Grant Moore ------ Edwin Christie
Mrs. Moore ------ Opha Thompson
Betty Caldwell --- Mildred Schultz
Benny Smith ------- Louis Parsons
Ella Brown ---- Genevieve Starnes
Mrs. Smith ------ Gladys Johnston
Mrs. Ralph ---------- Ethel Luick
Mrs. Elton ---------- Emma Jacobs
Mrs. Jones ---------- Laura Riley
Piano solo ---------- Edna Rust

Monday evening was held the try outs for declamatory. Anyone could try out, but no training was given the contestants. Those who were selected will now be given selections and training. The following people were chosen to appear in the public contest:

Oratorical

Vivian Courtney
Ernie Gunderson
Katherine Thiltgen
William Tyrrell

Dramatic

Kathleen Barry
Shirley Brooks
Alpha Johnson
Everill Thompson

Humorous

Arthur Christie
Mildred Hauge
Opha Thompson
Ruth Veeder

Supt. Guthrie and Miss Sharon attended the state teachers' convention at Des Moines last week Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Miss Skouge has been out of school Monday and Tuesday of this week on account of the illness of her mother.

Friday afternoon our foot ball team plays at Kanawha. Kanawha seems to be making extensive preparations for this game.

Helen Elder has the honor of wearing the typing medal this week.

X-RAY SHOWS NEEDLE LODGED IN HIS HIP

Operation Necessary To Remove Bit Of Steel From Hip Joint.

John Tiara suffered a peculiar accident last week. He suddenly developed a sharp pain in one hip, and examination failed to disclose what the trouble was. He was taken to the local hospital where an x-ray disclosed a needle imbedded in the hip almost to the joint. Tiara does not know how the needle got there, unless it was in his clothes or pocket, and was driven into his hip while he was in a wagon and a bump threw him against the side of the vehicle, thus driving the steel into his body. An operation was performed Saturday and the needle removed. He is recovering nicely, altho the hip is quite badly infected from the steel being in the flesh so long.

INJURED IN ACCIDENT

A young man named Moran, who hails from California, was injured in the centrifugal at the sugar factory last week when he became caught. His arm was quite badly cut and he suffered two broken ribs. He was given prompt treatment at the local hospital and is recovering nicely.

GARNER PAVES THE WAY

Garner has been casting about for a suitable slogan for two months past. About five hundred were submitted. The commercial club met last week and selected this one — "Garner Paves the Way." It is a good one.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Craig of Alamo, Texas, old friends of Henry Crist and well known to many Belmond people, were in town Tuesday, enroute to Kanawha.

Sugar Plant In Some Record Runs

Every Day In Every Way The Mill Keeps Grinding Out Tons Of Pure Sugar.

ABOUT HALF THRU SEASON

The sugar factory is breaking all records for operation this fall, cutting over capacity every day. The average to date is 658 tons per day, which is 58 tons over capacity. The largest amount cut in any given 24 hours was 756 tons.

To date the factory has shipped out 30 carloads of sugar, 87 carloads of pulp, and 11 carloads of molasses. On October 28th the largest run in the history of the plant took place, when 1900 sacks of sugar were sacked, each sack being 100 pounds.

The sugar content is holding up in nice shape, the average being 13.3. The plant has turned out over three million pounds of sugar so far, and it is estimated will mill about seven million pounds during the campaign this fall.

The price on sugar continues to hold up nicely, and under the contract which the Belmond factory was furnished beets, the farmers are in the way of receiving a nice profit on their investment, while the stockholders in the factory are all wearing smiles. It looks like a big year all around.

A TOWN FUNERAL

A town that never has anything to do in a public way is on the way to the cemetery. Any citizen who will do nothing for his town is helping to dig the grave. A man that "cusses" the town furnishes the coffin. The man who is so selfish as to have no time to give from his business affairs is making the shroud. The man who will not advertise is driving the hearse. The man who is always pulling back from any public enterprise throws the boquets on the grave. The man who is so stingy as to be howling hard times, preaches the funeral, sings the doxology. And thus the town lies buried from all sorrow and care. — Exchange.

BAGGED SOME DUCKS

Chris Simonsen and Jim Miller were over at Cornelia the first of the week looking for some stray ducks. They expected to bring home a good sized bag full, but ducks always keep shy when crack shots are close at hand.

After remaining on guard about twenty-four hours the Hampton hunters gave up the chase, but Chris said that he did not intend to come home without a single duck and have Grant Mogle give him the horse laugh, so he called at a farm home where a flock of wild ducks had been raised the past year, and inquired the price of "four good ones." Just $1.50 each said the woman of the place. "Pretty stiff price," said Chris, "but we want them don't we, Jim?" "Sure we do," replied Jim.

When the men arrived home and were showing the ducks to their friend one of the local expert hunters discovered that one of the ducks was a real domesticated duck, and after some argument the boys admitted that the joke was on them. —Hampton Chronicle.

THE TEACHER OF TODAY

Free schools and compulsory attendence are new experiences. No power of goverment can bring to them success. If they succeed, it will be through the genuine effort and support that can come only from the heart of the people. themselves. It is this condition that makes the position of the teacher rise to such high importance.

The standards which teachers are required to maintain are continually rising. Their work takes on a new dignity. It is rising above a calling above a profession, into the realms of an art. It must be dignified by technical training, ennobled by character, and sanctified by faith. It is not too much to say that the need of civilization is the need of teachers. The contribution which they make to human welfare is beyond estimation. —President Calvin Coolidge. —Ex.

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Editorials

THE RED CROSS

Beginning on Armistice Day, November 11th, and lasting until and including Thanksgiving Day, November 29th, the annual roll call of the Red Cross will be in full swing. Iowa's quota this year has been increased from 62,100 to 100,000 members. This is because of the fact that the Central Division has five per cent of the total population of the United States.

The 100,000 quota is about one-twentieth of the population of the state. That means that if only one out of every 20 people in the state join, the quota will be filled. Does it not seem that one in 20 would be easy? That it ought to run way over that? Yet it is doubtful whether the quota will be reached. Not because Iowa people do not believe in or do not want the Red Cross, but because people are prone to forget too easily. We forget too soon the wonderful, merciful and holy work which the Red Cross has always done, and more especially what was accomplished in the recent war only five years ago. There is no profit in the Red Cross; no axes ground, no high salaries and graft. Every cent received by it goes to a merciful and needed work, the caring of wounded and suffering in peace and war. It is non partisan, non sectarian, and embodies in its ranks all nationalities, all creeds, and all political beliefs. It is simply and solely an organization of mercy.

Iowa should support the Red Cross with open heart and open pocketbook. A membership cost but one dollar. The Red Cross deserves support. It should receive it, from every one.

Society

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W. F. M. S.—

The W. F. M. S. met at the home of Mrs. Bailey for the November meeting. Our delegates to the National meeting at Des Moines gave us an interesting report. We hope to have more of these world views of things spiritual during the year.

Algona district sends its first missionary to foreign fields. Miss Letha Danbendeck of West Bend. This means a great deal to us. The Leinbach family are well acquainted with Miss Daubendeck.

Mrs. R. H. Klemme had the lesson in charge, which was the first one in our new book on Japan. We are glad to remember that our friends of the Congregational church are enjoying the same lessons. This book is being used by all denominations. It is particularly interesting because of the great disaster that has come to Japan.

Mrs. White presented the mystery questions in a novel way, those not knowing their question remaining in the dark until enlightened. Dainty refreshments were served. ***

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Bazaar—

The Ladies Aid of the St. Johns Lutheran church held their bazaar and chicken supper last Saturday in the library basement, which was unusually successful, the Aid clearing about $200.

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Party—

Last Saturday afternoon, Mrs. E. W. Luick and Mrs. A. W. Martin entertained about fifty friends at the beautiful home of Mrs. Luick. The ladies brought their work and the afternoon was spent in a social way. A two course luncheon was served by the hostesses.

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Light Bearers—

Mrs. E. Purcell entertained the Little Light Bearers at her home on Friday. She was assited by Mrs. Wm. Trafford.

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Priscilla—

The Priscilla club met at the home of Mrs. Rufus Morse on Wednesday of this week.

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Reception—

The reception tendered Rev. and Mrs. O'Connor by the Methodist people and friends last Friday evening was a very enjoyable affair. Addresses of welcome were given by Wallace Ramsay and Mrs. Bailey, to which Rev. O'Connor responded. Refreshments were served by the committee.

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Progress—

The Progress club met at the home of Mrs. A. E. Martin this week Tuesday. Mrs. C. I. Williams was the leader of the lesson, which was on The Parables of the Bible.

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Bridge—

Mrs. Harry Bohning was hostess to the girls' bridge club Monday evening. Miss Mary Wallace won high score.

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Entertains—

The Chain of Ten met Monday of this week at the home of Mrs. Gus Nissen.

CHURCHES

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

J. B. O'Connor, Pastor.

They come from Belmond. They come from the country. Until the older church members are amazed at the crowds. They are saying we haven't seen anything like this for a long time. They are bubling over with joy. It seems more like church to have folk there. Our congregation are increasing. Sunday evening our congregation was even larger than the morning congregation. The outlook is very encouraging to your pastor. Let's keep going while going is good. Your presence is always appreciated. All together this Sunday. Everybody in church. No one at home getting big dinners for someone else to eat.

Sunday school at 10 a. m.
Morning worship at 11.
Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.
Evening worship at 7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

Sunday morning the farmers of this community are invited to be our guests of honor.

Sunday morning subject: "Behold A Sower Went Forth To Sow."

The Sunday evening services will be in comemoration of Armistice Day The American Legion Post of this place will attend in a body.

Evening subject: "The Challenge of the Present Crisis."

Special music at both services.

A hearty welcome extended to all.

The official board together with their families met in the dining room of the church at 6:30 o'clock Monday evening and had their suppers together, after which the regular church business was transacted. This proved to be a very successful gathering. The men said it was the largest official board meeting that they had seen for years.

Mrs. O'Connor and I will be at home on Tuesday afternoon and evening to receive callers.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

The great event of this week is the Ladies Aid society bazaar and supper Thursday and Thursday evening.

Next Sunday is Armistice Day, and it will be observed with special music and an address.

Sunday evening we will have our orchestra and special music.

TRINITY CHURCH NOTES

Rev. J. M. Jensen, Pastor.

Thursday evening prayer meeting at the home of Henry Larson, in west Belmond.

Sunday morning class meets at 9 o'clock. Sunday school at 10:00. Norwegian service with communion at 11:00 o'clock. There will be no evening service.

ST. OLAF CHURCH NOTES

Rev. J. M. Jensen, Pastor

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the Sunday school will be held. Sunday evening all the young people are requested to meet at the church at 7:30. We have some things of importance to consider. Therefore, come and let others know about it.

OBLIGATION TO OBEY LAW

In an ideal state of society, laws do not require the attaching of penalties to secure obedience. The obligation to do the right, the behest of duty is sufficient. As society becomes less ideal, other means as the education of conscience, penalties and the like have to be resorted to to enforce obedience. Whatever the obligation, moral or penal, obedience is directly proportionate to this obligation.

In law enforcement the penalty must be sufficiently severe to curb the law-breaking impulses—otherwise the law is worthless.

It is one of the functions of the judiciary to secure evidence to the law. If one sentence will not secure that obedience a heavier one must be found. Otherwise the judiciary is a mere function.

One of the great hindrances in the enforcement of the prohibition law has been inadequate penalties attached by the courts. There is need that the judiciary be educated in this matter. There has been a great improvement in this regard. There is room for much more.—Exchange.

A REMEDY FOR WORLD WOES

He who knows not, and knows not that he knows not, is a fool—shun him.

He who knows not, and knows that he knows not, is dull—teach him.

He who knows, and knows not that he knows, is asleep—wake him.

He who knows and knows that he knows, is wise—follow him.

BELMOND TRAIN SCHEDULES

(Corrected to date.)

ROCK ISLAND

Going North

Freight, daily	11:46 a. m.
Passenger, daily,	2:10 p. m.

Going South

Freight, daily	1:10 p. m.
Passenger, daily	11:50 a. m.

M.& ST. L.

Going West.

Combination, daily	8:30 a. m

Going East

Combination, daily	3:35 p. m.

GREAT WESTERN

Going North

Motor, daily	10:03 a. m.
No. 16, pass., D & S	1:30 p. m.
No. 12, pass., D & S	1:26 a. m.
Local Freight	7:55 a. m.

Going South

No. 11, pass., D & S	1:24 a. m.
No. 15, pass., D & S	3:15 p. m.
Motor	5:19 p. m.
Local Freight	8:20 p. m.

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"Well, I'll prove it to you," and turning to the class the inspector said:

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"Thirty-seven," said a little boy eagerly.

The inspector wrote 73 on the board, and nothing was said.

"Will some one else give a number?"

"Fifty-two," said another lad.

The inspector wrote down 25 on the board, and smiled at the teacher. He called for another number, and young Jack called out:

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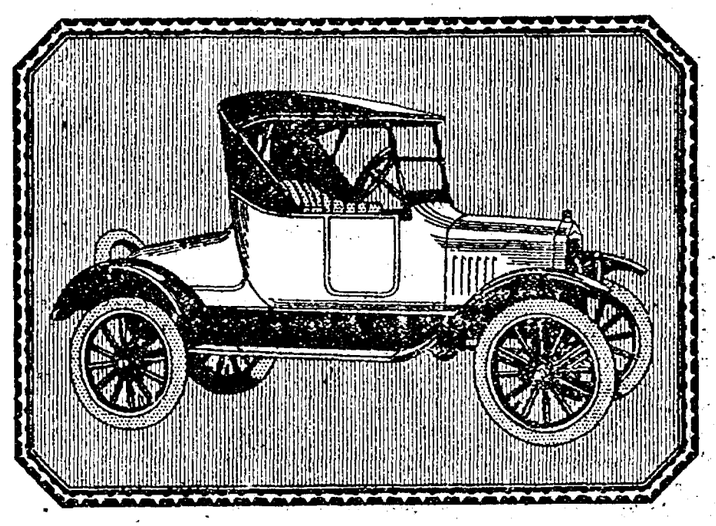

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FARM BUREAU NOTES

(By County Agnt Edwards)

Wright County Farmers To Ames

According to reports which have been received by the county agent Wright county will be well represented at the seventh swine feeders' day which will be held at Ames on November 16th under the direction of John M. Evvard, chief in swine production at the experiment station.

Delegates from Iowa, Lincoln, Vernon and Troy townships have already been made up and will make the trip to Ames to hear Professor Evvard's explanation of the hog feeding experiments which have been conducted at the experiment station. Large delegations from many other counties throughout the state are planning to attend the swine feeders' program which will be of vial interest to farmers of this sectionof the corn belt.

The growth of soybeans in Wrigh county has become very popular during thep ast two years and many of our farmers will be interested to find the results of the comparisons which are being made of hogging down corn and soy beans, corn and rye, corn and rape. Another experiment which will be explained to our farmers is the feeding of soy bean oil meal to fattening pigs in dry lot and feeding of the same rations to pigs in dry lot with the addition of tankage to the soy bean oil meal.

Many of our farmers expect to attend the three day training school in farm meat which is to be held at Ames Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 19, 20 and 21. This training school will be conducted by the extension department in an effort to train local leaders to assist their farmer neighbors in conducting farm meat demonstrations.

Farm Bureau Ladies Organize

A truly representative meeting of the ladies of the Wright county farm bureau was held at the county agent's office last Monday afternoon when thirty-three of our farm bureau ladies representing twelve townships and including nine lady vice-directors met for the purpose of organizing the schedule of work for 1924, also to elect a county wide chairman of the ladies' work.

Mrs. J. E. Kirstein of Woolstock township was unanimously elected as chairman of the women's department of the county farm bureau. Mrs. A. L. Middleton, Mrs. M. L. Clark and Miss Lydia Richards were also nominated for this office, but a motion was made later that Mrs. Kirstein be unanimously elected as leader of this department of the work. Miss Lydia Richards of Lincoln township was unanimously elected as chairman of the publicity committee to act as sort of a secretary to the chairman and assist with the publiciy work. An executive committee consisting of five other ladies in various part of the county was appointed to assist Mrs. Kirstein in carrying on the work, Mrs. A. L. Middleton, Troy township, Mrs. E. E. Evans, Norway township, Mrs. J. F. Henn, Pleasant township, Mrs A. E. Martin, Belmond township and Mrs. A. C. Lieuwen, Iowa township were appointed on this committee.

Miss Avis Talcott, assistant state leader of home demonstration agents from Ames was present at this meeting and assisted the ladies with the organization work. Considerable time was spent at this meeting in organizing the five months training course in clothing which is to be held in Wright county next year, the first series of meeting to be held during the month of February. Plans were made at this meeting for dividing the county into five different territories since the clothing specialist will hold a series of five meetings while in the county each time. Miss Alma Heiner, clothing specialist from the extension service at Ames, will be in charge of the clothing training schools and she has arranged to have twelve ladies in attendance at each of the training schools.

Buy Clover Seed Soon

According to figures recently given out by Charles F. Sarle, government statistican in Iowa, the near future is likely to witness a marked scarcity of clover seed.

Reports from 299 stations in 1922 indicates shipments of 17,560,000 pounds of seed, while reports from the same stations for this year show only 5,560,000 pounds. The falling off is attributed partly to unfavorable weather conditions in some clover growing sections, but mainly to the decreased acreage devoted to clover the last few years.

The inference is plain. If seed is going to be as scarce as the figures indicate the price will be high accordingly. The middle west needs to get back to normal in clover production. It will have to get back. But if it has to depend largely upon imported seed the movement will not only be retarded but it will also be unduly expensive.

Iowa land owners should give this situation serious thought.

Pigs Will Be Present

Iowa farmers who attend swine feeders' day to be held at Ames, November 16, will be shown the way to greater profits in swine feeding, the pigs having promised to be on the job to point out in clear fashion the best money making ways, according to John M. Evvard, chief in swine production at the Iowa Experiment station. A trip over the experimental farm will demonstrate how the various feeding methods are working out in actual practice.

More than twenty lots of pigs are being fed on such feeds as soy bean meal; soy bean forage; standing corn with and without soy beans, rape and rye; and mineral mixtures. For this reason, results of "dollars and cents" value to thefarmer will be given out November 16.

Among the many other items of interest to the Iowa farmer are the experiments which have to do with the feeding of soy bean oil meal in balancing corn as compared with tankage or a mixture of the soy bean oil meal with tankage. Such other problems as the feeding of Paf, a garbage tankage, the value of the small, medium and reasonably large types of swine, and the effects of minerals for fall pigs, will be fully discussed by men recognized as authorities.

Ames graduates and the fathers of Ames students, who attend, will have opportunity to visit with their friends during the homecoming celebration which comes the day following, November 17th, which is also the Nebraska-Iowa state game.

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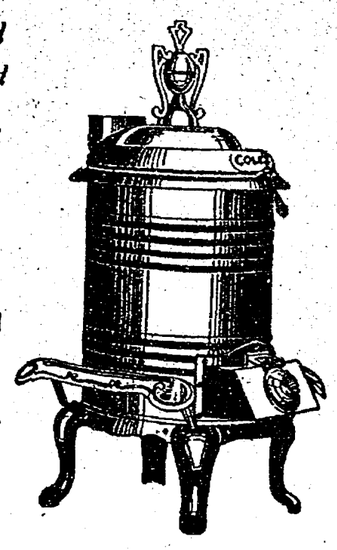

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"What are you doing there?"

"Getting my hat," he replied.

"Your hat!" exclaimed the woman. "That's our little black hen you're chasing."

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MESERVEY SECTION

MESERVEY LOCAL NEWS

Phone your news to 41 or 54.

The H. K. Pals family is enjoying a visit with Mrs. Pals' mother, Mrs. Wm. Rozebom, who arrived the fore part of last week from Soo Center, to spend several weeks with them. H. K. met her at Ventura.

Mr. Robert Smith and daughter, Miss Orpha, left last Thursday for Harper's Ferry, Wisconsin, to attend the funeral of Lester Kernan, a nephew of Mr. Smith, who died from injuries which he received in an accident.

Mrs. B. Bruns and daughter, Miss Fannie and Miss Jennie Meinderts were Belmond callers Wednesday afternoon of last week.

Mrs. H. Meinderts spent several days last week at the Bert Stadtlander home near Latimer. Mr. Stadtlander was in town last Thursday and while here made it known that a daughter had come to their home on Wednesday.

The Misses Viola Thomas and Alma Ralston, also Lois, motored to Mason City last Tuesday to bring Mrs. Thomas and daughter Thelma home from the hospital. Thelma is getting along nicely.

A. J. Nissen, Carl Quandt and E.A. Strasburg were in quest of ducks last Tuesday. They said the wild game chose to fly over other places rather than where they were that day, hence they had no trouble bringing home all they brought down.

Miss Viola Thomas left Friday for Cedar Falls where she spent a few days with her sister, Evelyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sloss from Ames were visitors at the Frank Nissen home Saturday and Sunday of last week. This should have appeared in last week's issue but we failed to get particulars.

Mrs. Geo. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Watson returned home from Harpers Ferry, Wis., last Saturday, having motored to that place several days before to attend the funeral of Lester Kernan, a nephew, who died from injuries received in an accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stadtlander were Mason City callers Friday. They were accompanied home by Albert Pals who had been receiving treatments for an infectious jaw caused by an ulcerated tooth.

Mrs. Tanner and her sister, Miss McCune, of Mason City, were callers in town last Saturday p. m.

F. C. Sprau was numbered among the sick list week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stadtlander were calling in Belmond last Saturday.

G. Lauster and family motored to Mason City to spend the day, Tuesday of this week.

Erwin Langlitz spent Sunday with relatives at Goodell.

H. Fischer, wife and Lyle and Lydia accompanied by Rev. H. Raecker motored to Waverly last Sunday p. m., remaining until Monday. Rev. Raecker went to Cedar Rapids from there where he had dental work done.

Fred Buche and family and the nurse who attended Mrs. F. Lemke, Sr., following her operation early this fall, motored down from Mason City, Sunday, to spend the afternoon at the Lemke home.

Miss Mildred Gealow spent Saturday evening and Sunday with the home folks at Belmond.

Rev. and Mrs. Raecker entertained the following relatives at dinner last Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. John Koenig, and two children, Miss Viva Schroedemeier, Walter Menzel, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Menzel of Waverly, H. Fischer and family, G. E. Raecker and family, and Fred Menzel of this place.

C. J. Wendel and family and the Misses Sylvia Blum and Irene Guth were Sheffield visitors last Sunday p. m.

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Miss Viva Schroedemeier and Walter Menzel of Waverly were visiting relatives here last Saturday and Sunday.

The "Helping Hand" society will meet with Mrs. Muller on Thursday, Nov. 15, for their regular monthly meeting.

The Cemetery society wil l meet with Mrs. S. P. Fischer on Tuesday p. m., Nov. 13, for their regular meeting.

J. Buck and family of Klemme spent Sunday at the Heiko Janssen home, also attending church here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Smith from Belmond were Sunday visitors at the Reif home.

Mrs. S. P. Fischer and daughter, Gladys, visited at the Geo. J. Fischer home in Mason City last Friday. Mrs. Fischer recently had the misfortune of falling down the stairs in their home, causing her much pain. Altho the doctor said no bones were broken she has suffered considerably, having been quite badly bruised up.

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On Monday, Nov. 12 all business houses of this place will be closed in order to observe Armistice Day properly.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Bier were Belmond callers Thursday last.

Mrs. Ir. Bier was a passenger to Mason City, Saturday.

A. J. Nissen and family and Bernard Brater were calling in Belmond last Sunday p. m.

Henry Gerdes and wife have been enjoying a visit for several weeks with their daughter and family from Wheeling, W. Va. Mrs. Gerdes has been very poorly and has not improved as her relatives and friends would like.

C. E. Brogan, wife and baby visited at the Thomas home last Sunday evening. They were returning home from Dows, having spent the day with the Harry Firkens family.

On Monday forenoon of this week a trio of the "hobo" class hied themselves down the track, stopping at the F. Ralston home. Miss Alma, being home alone, not caring to entertain them (having seen two of them approaching the house) latched the doors and went out to the cornfield where Mr. and Mrs. Ralston were. By the time she and her father returned to the house, two of the men were looking things over about the place, the third of the party having gained entrance into the house by taking a window screen off, had taken a watch and a ring, also satisfying his hunger by sampling some cake which he found in the kitchen. Mr. Ralston pointed out to the two men several "exits" and not having any trouble or need of urging either, they soon disappeared.

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BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

On Hallowe'en night about 12 of the young friends of Orvis Schleselman very pleasently surprised him, t being his birthday. Games were played that were in keeping with the occasion. Hallowe'en stunts were played and an enjoyable evening spent. Pumpkin pie with whipped cream and sandwiches and home made candies were consumed in a remarkably short time, and all went home feeling they had spent Hallowe'en in a very satisfactory manner. The kiddies appeared in Hallowe'en costume, Elanor Muller's and Marvin Nissen's being voted best.

HALLOWE'EN PARTY

The "King's Daughters" and the "Friends" S. S. classes of the Evang. church met at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Lauster on Tuesday eve for a Hallowe'en party. Refreshments consisting of sandwiches, pickles and pumpkin pie were served. "Spooky" games and pranks were played and the evening passed all too quickly for those who were present.

Victor Zimmerman and family visited his people at Sheffield last Sunday evening.

A. E. Muller and family and Geo. Brater were callers at the John Heuerman home in Belmond last Sunday p. m.

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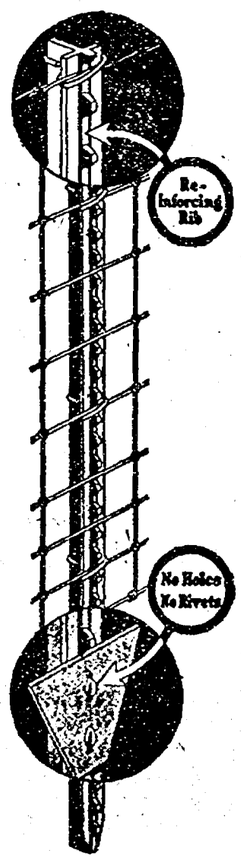

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ROWAN NEWS

Miss Nellie Hackley of Dows was here Thursday and Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hackley.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Snow went to Goldfield, Thursday to get the rest of their household goods. His nephew Harold Snow of Renwick, came to drive one car down to Reinbeck on Friday. They departed Saturday for that place.

The Epworth League social at the M. E. church Tuesday evening was immensely enjoyed by those present. There were about 45 young people in attendance. The evening was spent in playing Hallowe'en games.

Mrs. Kate Nordmeier and children spent the week end at the Fred Aldinger home.

Jake Aldinger and daughters and Charles Keith motored to Iowa Falls, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jacobs from Goodell, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mantle and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Moellering were entertained at Sunday dinner at the F. H. Brooks home.

Several of our local citizens were called as jurors in a case brought from Belmond to be tried before Justice of the Peace L. D. Yoeman, on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Sheldon drove to Williams, Sunday, to see Mr. Sheldon's brother, who has been seriously ill but is now improving.

Miss Mabel Ripley, whose home is in Idaho, and who has been staying with her father for the past three weeks, returned to Rowan for a visit with her aunt, Mrs. F. B. Sheldon.

Nels Hanson returned from Des Moines the first of the week. Mrs. Hanson is still with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Fox, who is still quite ill.

Miss Frances Farran spent the week end with friends at Hampton.

The 4th division of the Cong. Aid society will hold an Armistice Day supper Saturday afternoon and evening, Nov. 10 in the church basement. The price is 30 cents. All world war veterans are especially invited to attend as the honor guests of the evening.

The Standard Bearers held a meeting last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Guy Sheldon. About 15 of the girl members attending.

Farm House At Rowan Burns Down

The residence on the Pester farm west of Rowan, occupied by the Ray Swope family, was burned to the ground Saturday evening while the family were absent in Clarion.

Mr.and Mrs. O. E. Ballou and La Vonne were Galt visitors Saturday.

The Missionary society of the Cong. met on Thursday afternoon, with Mrs. O. E. Ballou. An interesting lesson on China was conducted by Mrs. R. H. Keith. The special features of the program were paper on Chinese life by Mrs. Keith and a talk on Chinese customs and manners by Mrs. Albert Emerson. Solos by Misses LaVonne Ballou and Violet Halbrook. Cocoa and doughnuts were served by Mrs. Ballou and LaVonne.

Mrs. Etta Carr is spending the week at the Emmet Carr home assisting with the work during corn husking.

Mrs. Blanche Jennings and her cousin, Mrs. Cecil Denth and little son, were over from Clarion Friday visiting with Mrs. Ina Stumph.

Mrs. Ina Stumph the lady clerk at Whitten's store, was off duty several days the first of the week.

Relatives here received the news Sunday of the death of Mrs. John Fyser in Polo, Ill. She was a distant relative of Mrs. Geo. Whitten and an old friend and neighbor of the Ed. Miller family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Denio of Galt called at the O. E. Ballou home on Sunday. They have sold their property in Galt and are looking for a suitable location.

D. A. French went to Kalona last week to visit his daughter, Mrs. Ola O'Laughlin.

Harry Harris and Guy Toyne went to Ames Saturday to attend the Drake-Ames foot ball game.

Friends here have received word from Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bingham and Faye that they are very comfortably settled for the winter. Their address is 142 1-2 Lake Drive, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Munson were in Belmond, Friday, visiting at Mrs. Munson's brother's, Perry Loomis.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Whitten drove to Hampton, Sunday p. m., Mrs. Conn returning with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tressider visited at the Howard Tressider home in Clarion, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Streveler and two daughters went to Ft. Dodge, Saturday. Mrs. Streveler had to report to the doctor who had performed the operation on her.

Art Gardiner, who was assisting Emma Carr in his husking, with the corn husker, had the misfortune to get his hand caught in the machine last Friday. His left hand and fingers were badly mangled. He was taken to Iowa Falls, Monday, to the Ellsworth hospital where he might receive the best treatment possible. It is feared at this time that he may lose his hand.

John Walker and Ralph Harlop of Faribault, Minn., are picking corn at Eugene Burt's.

Rev. Hardcastle of Iowa Falls and Rev. Bump of Galt were Sunday afternoon callers at the Rev. Halbert home.

Gay Fletcher departed Monday for St. Paul, where he expects to take a railroad examination with a view to securing a position as brakeman.

L. D. Bingham was up from Iowa Falls for the week end, making a farewell visit before departing for the east where he expects to spend the winter at Middletown, Conn., at the home of his son, Harold.

S. B. Heath was a business caller at Mason City, Monday.

Daniel Eugene, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Whitten, was quite ill last week but is better now.

F. H. Brooks received a message Friday telling of the death of his uncle, Geo. Proctor at his home in Hollywood, Cal. Mr. Proctor was a brother of Mrs. J. D. Brooks. Mrs. Brooks is the only remaining one of quite a large family. Mr. Proctor was formerly a resident of this vicinity, moving from here to Hampton 12 years ago, and from Hampton to California.

Mrs. S. B. Ferguson, who has been spending the summer with her daughter Mrs. Luther Howell, in Napoleon, O., returned last week and is now staying with her daughter, Mrs. Dan Harris.

Mrs. J. D. Brooks is making an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. U. B. Kepford, in Waterloo.

The W. H. M. S. of the M. E church had their regular monthly meeting at the home of Miss Nora Shaffer. They took up the second chapter of their study text book "America and its Future."

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Steffens entertained Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Packard of Belmond, Sunday.

Several auto loads of our young people attended the first basket ball game of the season with Williams last Friday eve, The score of the girls' game was 27 to 10 for Rowan. The boys' score was 2 to 0 in favor of Rowan.

Mrs. Clint Kercheval was very pleasantly surprised at her home on Thursday evening, Nov. 1, when about 30 of her neighbors walked in to spend the evening, the occasion being her birthday. An oyster supper was much enjoyed.

The Farmers' Union met at the Brooks' hall Thursday evening for a hard-time party. After the program and business meeting refreshments of sandwiches, pumpkin pie, ginger bread and coffee were served. The rest of the evening was spent in playing games. About 75 were present.

Mrs. Geo. Liming and son, Mrs. H. O. Azeltine and Angie Baines were Hampton shoppers Saturday.

Mrs. Carl Johnson of Mason City, who has been visiting her uncle, R. H. Virden, and other relatives returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Esther Andrews is staying at the Wm. Bailey, Jr., home during the corn husking season.

Mrs. Earl Allen and two children of Iowa Falls spent the latter part of the week with her cousin, Mrs. Les Andrews. They went from here to visit her parents at Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barker dropped in on the G. W. Whitten home Friday. They were enroute from Reinbeck to Armstrong with relatives.

Born to Mrs. Peter Eson, a ten-pound baby boy, Friday evening, Nov. 2. Mrs. Odland of Holmes is caring for them.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Burner autoed to Hampton, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hoke, Mr and Mrs. Harvey Linaweaver, and Mrs. John Riker returned the last of the week from Alma, where they have been engaged in gravel hauling.

The teachers of the lower grades treated their pupils to Hallowe'en parties last Wednesday p. m. Miss Barker and the pupils of the 4th and 5th grades formed a parade on the street dressed in their costumes. Miss Mendell with her 2nd and 3rd grade pupils played games and enjoyed a lunch of sandwiches, cake or pie and apples.

Rowan Congregational Church

Morning worship at 10:30. Sunday school at 11:30. Senior Endeavor at 6:30. Evening service at 7:30.

Wednesday at 4 p. m. Junior Endeavor. At 7:30 p. m. prayer meeting.

We will observe next Sunday as World Court Day. A patriotic message will be given and world war songs sung. Come and join us.

Rowan Methodist Church Notes

Class meeting at 9:30. Sunday school at 10. We passed the hundred mark last Sunday. Let us all be in our places next Sunday.

Divine worship at 11 a. m. Subject A review of Dr. Hays book, John and His Writings.

Epworth League at 6:30. Evening services at 7:30. Do we need a world court of justice?

Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. prayer meeting and study of the 4th chapter of John.

A cordial welcome to attend our services is extended to all.

SOME KANSAS GIRL, SAY WE

From wedding notice in Kiowa County Signal: The bride is a woman of wonderful fascination, for with a manner as enchanting as the wand of a siren and a disposition as sweet as the odor of flowers, and a spirit as joyous as the caroling of birds, and a mind as brilliant as the glittering tresses that adorn the brow of winter, and with a heart as pure as dew drops trembling in the coronet of violets, she will make the home of her husband a paradise of enchantment, where the heaven-tuned harp of marriage shall send forth those strains of felicity that thrill the senses with the rythmic pulsing of ecstatic rapture.

A PLUMP QUESTION

A certain man who may be serious or otherwise propounds this interesting question: "I am asked to join the Farm Bureau, also to subscribe for your paper. I can't do both. Which?" Join. That's one way to get enough money to subscribe.

GOODELL NEWS

Mrs. O. A. Nelson came Wednesday for a visit.

Miss Agnes Fuller will teach the winter term in the school 3 miles west of town.

Mesdames Nelson, Letch, Sandberg and Hanson spent Friday p. m. in the country with Mrs. Lew Avery.

Many Goodell men attended Masonic lodge at Belmond, Thursday evening.

A number of Belmond ladies visited Miss Butts, Thursday p. m.

Mrs. Butts and Bernice are staying with Lew Wesenberg until their new house is completed.

Mrs. Nelson, Edith Sandberg and Mrs. Hanson were entertained Friday to a six o'clock dinner at the Dr. Snearly home.

Mrs. Wesenberg had dental work done at Garner, Friday.

Last Tuesday evening the first quarterly meeting was held at the U. B. church. District Supt. Emerson was present and gave a talk.

Our local teachers went to Des Moines Wednesday to attend the state convention.

Miss Eunice Wesenberg visited on Friday and Saturday at Geo. Ruka's.

Elmer Tisdahl of Chicago is visiting his cousin, Eli Hetland.

The 3rd division of the Ladies Aid realized about $28 at their Hallowe'en affair Tuesday evening.

Don't forget the bazaar Nov. 17. Supper served. Everyone invited.

The Goram family will move into the Goodrich house this week.

Missionary meeting was held at the home of Maude Griggs, Friday. Mrs. Thada led the meeting.

A dance was held in the hall Friday evening. Another one is to be held Nov. nineth.

Alva Matson left Friday for an extended visit. She will visit a few days at Cedar Rapids with Ina Ahrenkeil and will spend a short time with her aunt in Chicago. From that place she goes to Indianapolis to be with the Stacy family for an indefinite period.

Mesdames Snearly, Peters, Nelson Hanson and Alva Matson were entertained Thursday at the Reynold Kinseth home at Belmond.

Robert Clark of Garner came on Wednesday to visit at the Frank McNutt home.

Mrs Lew Avery was a guest at the Kinseth home in Belmond Wednesday.

Mrs. Monroe Graeber and Mrs. Bier were Belmond callers Thursday.

Mildred Remer is helping at the Ahrenkeil store a few days.

Little Morris Zeilie had the misfortune to break one of his fingers last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sumned Trumbell and Lucile, of Klemme, were Goodell callers Saturday.

The Earl Clark family and Grandma McNutt of Garner moved their household goods to Goodell, Saturday.

Margaret Kearney is enjoying a two weeks vacation from her school duties.

A. D. White returned Wednesday from Prairie Du Chene where he had been receiving treatment.

Mrs. O. A. Nelson, Helen and Edith Sandberg were guests to dinner Saturday at the Peters home.

Fred Lemke and family of Meservey were callers in Goodell, Saturday.

Mrs. Edward Hughes visited at the home of her parents Saturday.

Leo Finn autoed to Iowa City on Friday to attend the foot ball game.

Harold Clark is suffering with infection in his hand, caused from a fracture in his wrist.

The Tracy family of Lake Mills visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gartin Sundayed at the John Griggs home.

Mrs. James Trumbell visited at the Harry Trumbell home last week.

Evelyn Johnson of Belmond was a visitor at the Lewis Johnson home Sunday.

Veronica Finn spent the week end at home.

The Ruka, and Thompson families of Belmond and the Schlichting family were entertained Sunday at A. C. Carpenters.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Benson of Kanawha, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wagoner and daughter Janice, of Algona were Sunday guests at Sandbergs.

The Fred Graeber family of Kanawha visited at Monroe Graeber's, Sunday.

Mrs. Deiger, mother of Mr. Deiger, of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Knott of S. D., and Miss Shugard of Chicago attended the funeral of Mrs. Deiger.

Casey Blank, who is working in Morrison, visited in Goodell Sunday.

Woman's Missionary program, which was postponed will be held on Sunday, Nov. 11, at 11 a. m. Choir practice will be held at the Burgess home on Friday evening.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Stella Lupton Deiger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jothathan, was born Oct. 11, 1878, at Algona, Pennsylvania. While a child her mother was called to the paradise of God, while the children, four in number, were left in the earthly home to be cared for by the hands of others. One sister also was called to fill a vacancy in the home of the soul, where she, too, may be found crowned with life eternal and dressed for the marriage feast of the lamb. The garments of salvation thrown about, indicating that she is anticipating the arrival of other members of the family.

Mrs. Deiger was a thrifty personality. Her young life was spent much the same as yours or my life would be spent had we been bereft of our mothers while a child. Her school days were for her, days of interest and joy. She was industrious as well as ambitious and did her work well, but under the circumstances in which she was placed no doubt there were some opportunities that were let slip by, opportunities that she was unable to make use of. But in the main, Stella Lupton came to womanhood very bright, beautiful character. Many things could be found in her personality that the very best of us might do exceedingly well if we would imitate her in those respects.

Stella was converted while quite young and did things very often that revealed to those around her that she was trying her utmost to exemplify the life of her Lord and Master. As a child she was full of life and delighted in the pranks of a real child, always playful and jubilant.

Stella was married to Chris Deiger Feb. 16, 1902, at Tipton, Iowa, after which Mr. and Mrs. Deiger moved to Illinois, but after two years they came to Iowa in Hancock county, where they bought and settled on a n. The two have lived happily together, making and building a beautiful country home, both working side by side, in the house and out of doors. Stella loved the out of r life and as much as possible you would find her sharing with her husband the toil, joy, misfortunes, and sorrows of the home building life. But that was not all, Stella became interested more and more in the larger and better and more important things of life. A few years ago she united with the United Brethern church, and started upon her errands of mercy by working in the church. She did things so often that made us all feel that we could not get along so congenial and happily as gether without her. While many of us would get behind the cloud, Stella always lived on the sunny side of life. She was ready to bring something to you that would cheer you up. Stella was in the Sunday school and church service. She sang very beautifully the gospel messages at church service. She was a member of our choir—and we will miss her—she was found in the mid week prayer and praise service. Her testimony was heard with ours. We will miss her there.

As a member of our church Aid society she was unsurpassed. The meetings of the Farm Bureau were her joy and delight. She will be missed upon earth but will be found in heaven. Stella left us when God called. She has lived her life among us. Tuesday morning, Oct. 30, at 4 a. m. it seemed an angel stooped and unlocked the house and ended a week or more of suffering while Stella went to her eternal home, at the age of 45 years, 19 days.

She leaves first of all her husband who said "I will miss her." She leaves an aged father, Captain Lupton of Monroe, Washington. Also a sister, Mrs. Ida Knott of the same place, another sister, Mrs. Clara Shugard of Sunnyside, Wash., and friends. She leaves us to finish our God-given task. I am wondering who will be next to pass along the same highway. Will it be you, or will it be I? "What I say unto one I say unto all: Watch ye therefore, for in an hour when ye think not the son of man commeth."

Funeral services were held in the United Brethern church of Goodell, Iowa, Sunday, at 11 a. m. Nov. 4th, '23, with Rev. D. W. Thompson, pastor of the church, officiating. Interment was in the cemetery east of Goodell.

ALEXANDER NEWS

Earl Hall and Mr. Braun were business callers at Hampton, Monday.

Corn picking vacation is over and most of the pupils are back in the school.

Some of the farmers are thru picking corn and others will finish in a few days. At a time when wages are so high and help is not to be had at any price the farm boys and girls and their parents especially appreciate the two weeks' vacation.

The Chris Yakel family are entertaining a new baby girl.

Mrs. John F. Herman and Mrs. Chas. Tucker who have spent the past month here with relatives and friends, departed on Thursday for their homes at Long Beach Calif.

Miss Marjorie Flynn, the 4th and 5th grade teacher in our schools, is absent this week on account of illness. Mrs. L. S. Reed is substituting in the grades.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Beenen were business callers at Hampton, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bohlen and their children visited with relatives and friends at Dumont last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bell and Miss Nellie Bell were business callers at Belmond last Thursday.

Rev. and Mrs. Heyenga are the proud parents of a fine baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Veeder and daughter, Virginia Ruth, and Mr. and Mrs. Vern Finkle and daughter Leona of Hampton were visitors at the Nels Larsen home on Sunday.

Mrs. Clarence Bohlen and two daughters, Bernice and Francis, visited with relatives at Belmond last Wednesday.

Jerry Beenen is driving a new Ford roadster.

Dr. Maker of Galt was a professional caller in town last week.

Miss Velma Larsen visited with relatives at Hampton several days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bohlen were business callers at the county seat on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Greenfield and son visited with relatives at Belmond on Sunday.

Miss Nellie Bell, Claas Modderman, Guy Simons and Harry Blom are attending jury at Hampton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dunn and family were callers at Hampton on last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. A. B. Arends spent several days the past week visiting with her sister at Dumont.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bohlen entertained at their home on Hallowe'en eve, 43 relatives as a farewell gathering in honor of Mrs. John Herman and Mrs. Chas. Tucker, who left Thursday for their homes at Long Beach, Calif. Hallowe'en decorations adorned the home thruout. The evening was very enjoyably spent in contests and guessing games in which Lewis Bell won the prizes. Altho no one was able to discover what was underneath the cornshock, which stood on the table. Much merriment was enjoyed when Mrs. Herman and Mrs. Tucker were asked to find a package in one of the rooms which they should take with them on their journey westward. The package was discovered amongst the ghost clothing. Dainty refreshments were served after which the relatives took their departure.

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MONDAY, NOV. 19

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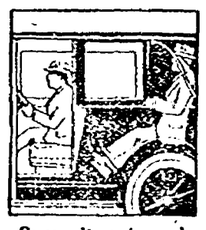

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Annual Red Cross Roll Call This Month

The official appeal for Iowa's seventh annual Red Cross Roll call was sent into every county, town and hamlet in the state today.

Over 100,000 members is the goal for this year, as set in the formal call issued today to county Red Cross leaders by Judge Hubert Utterback, state chairman. The roll call will begin on Armistice Day, November 11 and continue through Thanksgiving, November 29. During that time it is the aim of workers to offer the opportunity for membership to every man and woman in Iowa.

More than 5,000 men and women will participate in the solicitation in the state this year, it was said here today. Each county and town will have its separate organization for conducting the roll call. In many communities the work will be taken over bodily by business men's organizations, women's clubs and like groups.

The quotas throughout Iowa are larger than last year. In 1922 Iowa had 62,100 members. The enlargement of the quota is based on the fact that the Central Division has five percent of the total population of the United States. The division's quota for the seventh roll call is 1,165,000 members, which, accordingly, makes Iowa's quota 100,000 members.

The program for the coming year will be even broader than that of last year. Work for the ex-service men and public health will be stressed, also life saving. An effort will be made to build up disaster committees in every chapter so that in case of local or national disaster they will be ready to function. First aid, life saving, Junior Red Cross, and nutrition will also form a part of the year's program.

Although, Iowa has been assigned a larger quota than last year, Judge Hubert Utterback, state chairman of the Red Cross, says that the state will answer as she always has in the past and outdo her quota.

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GOODYEAR

EASY STEERING IS FEATURE

Motor car purchasers careful to consider safety elements in automobile construction, are giving more and more attention all the time to cars in which the operations necessary for proper control in traffic are reduced to a minimum.

Several reasons instantly appear for this, principal of which is that the more complicated the construction or the more complex the manipulations necessary for control the greater are the chances for trouble and even dangers in operations.

All of which brings home the fact that nothing contributes a greater element of safety in motoring than the utmost simplicity in those parts of the car upon which the control depends, thereby freeing the driver from as much exertion and distraction as possible.

A notable example of how this can be successfully carried out is found in the design and operation of the control of the Ford car which gives the driver exceptional command in traffic, in mud and sand, in fact in every place where facility of control is all important.

The short wheelbase and small turning radius insure easy turning of corners and convenience in maneuvering in and out of parking places.

There is no excessive motion of the steering wheel and action, being direct, gives the driver the "feel" of the road and facilitates steering.

In shifting gears, the driver's attention need not be distracted from the road and as the shifting is made by his feet on the pedals and soon becomes automatic, and his hands are at all times on the steering wheel. In the Ford transmission there is no danger of clashing gears and it is impossible to fail in accomplishing a gear shift. Further, the shift is made silently.

The all important brake, chief element of safety, is an outstanding feature of Ford control. Operating thru the foot pedal with but little effort, it exerts a quick grip and permits immediate stopping of the car. The action is simple. It is transmitted from the pedal directly to a drum on the driving shaft, giving the Ford owner a powerful, postive brake. Equalization of the braking effort is accomplished thru the differential, assuring even braking on each rear wheel.

An emergency brake, operated by a hand lever and acting on the drums of the rear wheels, also is provided. Construction of this brake system is of such simple and direct design that adjustment is seldom necessary and the safety factor is always of the highest.

WINTHROP IS DISGRACED

Recently there was a picnic at Winthrop, Iowa. It seems from reports that gambling in various forms was licensed, or at least permitted, with the consent of the authorities.

The Methodist pastor had the courage to enter a protest. It was ignored. He filed information against the gamblers and the sheriff cleaned up things in short order, as was his duty.

Then two promoters of the picnic went to the home of the minister, seized him and took him up town, placed him upon a platform and held him there for three hours. Two Winthrop business men may be charged with criminal offenses asserted to have been committed against the minister. The minister is not concerned, he declares, with retaliation for the rough handling and humiliation to which he was subjected, but rather with observance and enforcement of the law and respect for man's constitutional rights and betterment of community conditions.

This shows what can take place in Iowa. We would not think much of such a disgraceful affair, had it taken place in the South, but when such is allowed in this state it brings humiliation and shame to every law abiding citizen.

The better citizens of that community should unitely rise up and take this matter in hand and see that justice is meted out to all these law breakers and that gambling devices or other lawlessness shall not be permitted again in Winthrop.

We wonder where the mayor was when this disgraceful procedure was in progress ? If he knew of it, and refused to stop it, he should be impeached and thus made an example of. Such mayors are a disgrace to the community they serve.—Clear Lake Reporter.

"Beatrice Beautiful has a holiday today."

"I suppose she will take the day off?"

"Huh?"

"She is going to see herself act."

Flip: Too bad you had to lose your cow. What was the matter?

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Commencing at 1:00 O'clock Sharp, the following described property:

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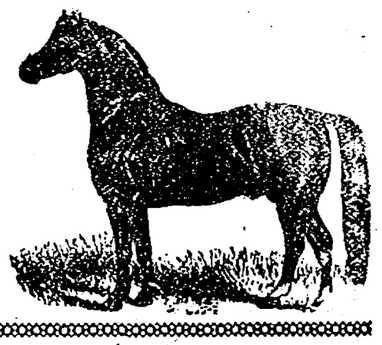

1 team roans, 1 gelding and 1 mare, weight 2800, 6 years old.

1 team mares, 1 black and one bay, 11 years old, weight 2400.

1 bay mare, coming 5 years old, weight 1400.

4 - Head of Cattle - 4

4 Milk Cows---3 fresh.

Poultry

About 200 Hens, old and young.

90 - Hogs - 90

Spring and Fall Pigs.

Farm Machinery, Etc.

1 8-ft. International disc, new.
1 John Deere corn plow, new.
1 3-section iron drag.
1 Sterling corn planter, with 80 rods wire and drill attachment.
2 new wagons.
1 new hay rack.
2 sets work harness.
1 John Deere riding plow.
1 bob sled.
1 self hog feeder.
Some chicken coops.
1 frame building, 14x8.
Numerous other tools and small articles.

1 DeLaval Cream Separator No. 12 **About 800 bushels new Corn**

TERMS: $10.00 or under, cash. Over that amount 12 months' time will be given on bankable notes bearing 8 per cent interest. All property to be settled for on day of sale.

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SYNOPSIS

Book One.

CHAPTER I.—Joan Landis, eighteen years old, wife of Pierre, is the daughter of John Carver, who murdered her mother for adultery. Her lonely life, with her father, in a Wyoming cabin, unbearable, Joan leaves him, to work in a hotel in a nearby town.

CHAPTER II.—Joan meets Pierre, and the two, mutually attracted, are married.

CHAPTER III.—Carver tells Pierre the story of Joan's mother. Days afterward, Pierre, seemingly for no reason, forges a cattle brand, telling Joan it's their brand, the Two-Bar.

CHAPTER IV.—In Pierre's absence Frank Holliwell, young minister, asks shelter for the night. Joan interests him, and finding she is anxious to learn he offers to bring her books.

CHAPTER V.—Holliwell brings the books. Pierre, jealous, forbids Joan to read them. He leaves, to be gone a week, and Joan turns to the books.

CHAPTER VI.—Pierre, returning unexpectedly, finds Joan reading. Maddened by jealousy and liquor, he ties Joan and burns the Two-Bar brand into her shoulder. Hearing her scream, a stranger bursts in and in a duel Pierre is shot. Joan faints.

CHAPTER VII.—The stranger revives Joan and, telling her Pierre is dead, urges her to go with him

CHAPTER VIII.—At the stranger's home Joan's hurt is attended to.

CHAPTER IX.—The house belongs to Prosper Gael, writer, he living there with his Chinese valet, Wen Ho. With returned strength Joan would return to her home and "do something" for Pierre. Convincing her she has not the strength Gael promises to go.

CHAPTER X.—Gael finds Pierre alive. He returns to Joan without being seen and tells the girl Pierre has been "cared for." She has no idea he is alive.

CHAPTER XI.—When her full strength returns, Gael, intensely interested in his companion, begins her "education."

CHAPTER XII.—Gael begins to realize the beauty of his "captive leopardess."

CHAPTER XIII.—Gael induces Joan to put on a woman's suit he gives her. The girl laughs at its smallness, remarking that it must have been made for a "tall child." In his absence, Joan starts for home, but, helpless, is compelled to return. Prosper's delight awakens the girl's heart.

CHAPTER XIV.—Joan hints of marriage, but Prosper puts her off. A letter in his mail, in a "small gray envelope," agitates him, and that night he says goodby to Joan. Next day she sees Pierre riding with Frank Holliwell, and realizes Gael's deception. She dare not meet Pierre.

Book Two.

CHAPTER I.—At the Lazy-Y ranch Jane, the cook, attracts the attention of Jasper Morena, Jew theatrical manager, there with his highborn Gentile wife Betty. Morena wants Jane for a new play he is to produce. Betty had had an "affair" with Prosper Gael, and believing her husband dying, had written she would marry him.

CHAPTER II.—Morena explains to Jane that in the play "The *Leopardess*," she would portray a "wild girl," partly tamed, almost her own experience.

CHAPTER III.—Jane is that Joan who fled from the sight of her husband at Gael's home. She had striven to forget her past life. Now, with Morena and his wife she goes back to part of it. A stranger comes to the ranch, seeking Joan, his wife. The rancher gives him Morena's address.

CHAPTER IV.—Gael returns from France to enjoy the success of his play, "The Leopardess," known as "Luck's" play. Betty tells him Jasper is compromised with his "star," and she can divorce him. To his horror Gael recognizes Joan, known on the stage as "Miss West," in his play.

CHAPTER V.—Seeking to placate Joan, Gael is savagely repulsed, she scourging him with her knowledge of the fact that he knew Pierre was alive.

CHAPTER VI.—At a second meeting Prosper explains his actions, not endeavoring to exculpate himself. Joan is merciless, thinking only of Pierre, her husband.

CHAPTER VII.—Joan confides to Morena that she is hiding from someone.

CHAPTER VIII.—Accusing Morena of misconduct with "Miss West," Betty tells him she will divorce him. In a small gray envelope Betty has sent him notice of her intention. Morena tells Joan of Betty's action. Joan sees the envelope and compares it with the one Prosper had received in Wyoming, which she had picked up and kept. She gives Jasper the letter, in which the woman had confessed her infidelity. Betty is the "tall child."

"The man who refuses to give her liberty to a wife that loathes him, scarcely comes under the definition."

"My ideas on the matter are different. We need not discuss them. If you will let me read my wife's letter, I think that we can come to an end of this."

Woodward unwillingly surrendered the small, gray envelope to a quivering, outstretched hand. Jasper turned away and stood near the lamp. But his excitement prevented him from reading. The angular writing jumped before his eyes. At last the words straightened themselves.

"I am glad that you have given me this opportunity to escape from a life that for a long time has been dreadful to me. Ten years ago I made a disaster of my life and yours. Forgive me if you can and let me escape. I will not see you again. Whatever you may have to say, please say it to Woodward. From now on he is my protector. In other matters there are my lawyers. It is absolutely not to be thought of that I should speak to you. I hope never to see you alone. I want you to hate me and this note ought to make it easy for you.

"BETTY."

Jasper stared at the name. He was utterly bewildered, utterly staggered, by the amazing dissimulation practiced by this small, soft-lipped, round-eyed girl who had lived with him for so long, sufficiently pliable, sufficiently agreeable. What was back of it all? Another man, of course. In imagination he was examining the faces of his acquaintances, narrowing his lids as though the real men passed in review before him.

"Perhaps you understand the situation better now?" asked Woodward cruelly.

Jasper's intense pain and humiliation gave him a sort of calm. He seemed entirely cool when he moved back toward his brother-in-law; his eyes were clear, the heat had gone from his temples. He was even smiling a little, though there was a white even frame to his lips.

"I shall not write to Betty nor attempt to see her," he said quietly. "But I shall ask you to take a message to her."

Woodward assented.

"Tell her she shall have her release, but to get it she will have to walk through the mire and there will be no one waiting for her on the other side. Can you remember that? Not even you will be there." He was entirely self-assured so that Woodward felt a chill of dismay.

"I shall contest the suit," went on Jasper, "and I believe that I shall win it. You may tell Betty so if you like or she can wait to hear it from my lawyer." He put the envelope into his pocket, crossed the room, and held back one of the crimson curtains of the door.

"If you have nothing more to say," he smiled, "neither have I. Goodby."

He bowed slightly, and Woodward found himself passing before him in silence and some confusion. He stood for a moment in the hall and, having stammered his way to a cold "Good-afternoon," he put on his hat and went out.

Jasper returned to the empty drawing room and began his weaving march.

Before he could begin his spinning which he hoped would entangle Betty and leave her powerless for him to hold or to release at will, he must go to Jane West and tell her what trick life with his help had played upon her. The prospect was bitterly distasteful. Jasper accused himself of selfishness. Because she cared nothing for the world, was a creature apart, he had let the world think what it would. He knew that an askance look would not hurt her; for himself, secure in innocence, he did not care; for Betty, he had thought her cruelly certain of him.

He went to Jane the day after his interview with Woodward Kane. It was Sunday afternoon. She was out, but came in very soon, and he stood up to meet her with an air of confusion and guilt.

"What's the matter with you?" she asked, pulling her gloves from her long hands.

Her quickly observant eyes swept him. She walked to him and stood near. The frosty air was still about her and her face was lightly stung to color with exercise. Her wild eyes were startling under the brim of her smart, tailored hat.

Jasper put a hand on either of her shoulders and bent his head before her. "My poor child—if I'd only left you in your kitchen!"

Joan tightened her lips, then smiled uncertainly. "You've got me scared," she said, stepped back and sat down, her hands in her muff. "What is it?" she asked; and in that moment of waiting she was sickly reminded of other moments in her life—of the nearing sound of Pierre's webs on a crystal winter night, of the sound of Prosper's footsteps going away from her up the mountain trail on a sword-like, autumn morning.

Jasper began his pacing. Feeling carefully for delicate phrases, he told her Betty's accusation, of her purpose.

Joan took off her hat, pushed back the hair from her forehead; then, as he came to the end, she looked up at him. Her pupils were larger than usual and the light, frosty tint of rose had left her cheeks.

"Would you mind telling me that again?" she asked.

He did so, more explicitly.

"She thinks, Betty thinks, that I have been—that we have been—? She thinks that of me? No wonder she hasn't been coming to see me!" She stopped, staring blindly at him; then, "You must tell her it isn't true," she said pitifully, and the quiver of her lips hurt him.

"Ah! But she doesn't want to believe that, my dear. She wants to believe the worst. It is her opportunity to escape me."

"Haven't you loved her? Have you hurt her?" asked Joan.

"God knows I have loved her. I have never hurt her—consciously. Even she cannot think that I have."

"Why must she blame me? Why do I have to be brought into this, Mr. Morena? Can't she go away from you? Why do the lawyers have to take it up? You are unhappy, and I so sorry. But you wouldn't want her to stay if—if she doesn't love you?"

"I want her. I mean to keep her or—break her." He turned his back to say this and went toward the window. Joan, fascinated, watched his fingers working into one another, tightening, crushing. "It's another man she wants," he said hoarsely, "and if I can prevent it, she shall not have him. I will force her to keep her vows to me—force her. If it kills her, I'll break this passion, this fancy. I'll have her back—" He wheeled round, showing a twitching face. "I'll prove

"You Don't Love Her," Said Joan, Very White.

her infidelity whether she's been unfaithful or not, and then I'll take her back, after the world has given her one of its names—"

"You don't love her," said Joan, very white. "You want to brand her."

"By G—d!" swore the Jew, "and I will brand her. I'll brand her."

He fumbled in his pocket and brought out the small envelope Woodward Kane had handed to him the day before. He stood turning the letter about in his hands as though some such meaningless occupation was a necessity to him. Joan's eyes, falling upon the letter, widened and fixed.

"She has written to me," said Jasper. "She wants her liberty. She wants it in such a way that she will fly clear and I—yes, and you, too, will be left in the mud. There's a man somewhere, of course. She thinks she has evidence, witnesses against me. I don't know what rubbish she has got together. But I'm going to fight her. I'm going to win. I'll save you if I can, Jane; if not, of course I am at your service for any amends—"

He stopped in his halting speech, for Joan had stood up and was moving across the room, her eyes fastened on the letter in his hands. She had the air of a sleep-walker.

She opened a drawer of her desk, took out an old tin box, once used for tobacco, and drew forth a small, gray envelope torn in two. Then she came back to him and said, "Let me see that letter," and he obeyed as though she had the right to ask.

She took his letter and hers and compared the two, the small, gray squares lying unopened on her knee and she spoke incomprehensibly.

"Betty is 'the tall child,'" she said and laughed with a catch in her breath.

Jasper looked at the envelopes. They were identical; Betty's gray note paper crossed by Betty's angular, upright hand, very bold, very black. The torn envelope was addressed to Prosper Gael. Jasper took it, opened each half laid the parts together, and read:

"Jasper is dying. By the time you get this he will be dead. If you can forgive me for having failed you in courage last year, come back. What I have been to you before I will be again, only, this time, we can love openly. Come back."

"Jane"—Morena spoke brokenly—"what does it mean?"

"He built that cabin in Wyoming for her," said Joan, speaking as though Jasper had seen the canyon hiding place and known its history, "and she didn't come. He brought me there on his sled. I was hurt. I was terribly hurt. He took care of me—"

"Prosper?" Jasper thrust in. His face was drawn with excitement.

"Yes. Prosper Gael. I was there with him for months. At first I wasn't strong enough to go away, and then after a while, I tried. But I was too lonely and sorrowful. In the spring I loved him. I thought I loved him. He wanted me. I was all alone in the world. I didn't know that he loved another woman. I thought she was dead—like Pierre. Prosper had clothes for her there. I suppose—I've thought it out since—that she was to leave as if for a short journey, and then secretly go on that long one, and she couldn't take many things with her. So he had beautiful stuffs for her—and a little suit to wear in the snow. That's how I came to call her 'the tall child,' seeing that little suit, long and narrow. . . . This letter came one morning, one awfully bright morning. He read it and went out and the next day he went away. Afterward I found the letter torn in two beside his desk on the floor. I took it and I've always kept it. 'The tall child'! He looked so terrible when I called her that. . . . And she was your Betty all the time!"

"Yes," said Morena slowly. "She was my Betty all the time." He gave her a twisted smile and put the two papers carefully into an inside pocket. "I am going to keep this letter, Jane. Truly the ways of the Lord are past finding out."

Joan looked at him in growing uneasiness. Her mind, never quick to take in all the bearings and the consequences of her acts, was beginning to work. "What are you going to do with it, Mr. Morena? I don't want you to do Betty a hurt. She must have loved Prosper Gael. Perhaps she still loves him."

This odd appeal drew another difficult smile from Betty's husband "Quite obviously she still loves him, Jane. She is divorcing me so that she can marry him."

"But, Mr. Morena, I don't believe he will marry her now. He is tired of her. He is that kind of lover. He gets tired. Now he would like to marry me. He told me so. Perhaps—if Betty knew that—she might come back to you, without branding her."

Jasper was startled out of his vengeful stillness.

"Prosper Gael wants to marry you? He has told you so?"

"Yes." She was sad and humbled. "Now he wants to marry me and once he told me things about marrying. He said"—Joan quoted slowly, her eyes half-closed in Prosper's manner, her voice a musical echo of his thin, vibrant tone—"'It's man's most studied insult to woman.'"

"Yes, that's Prosper," murmured Jasper.

"I wouldn't marry him, Mr. Morena, even if I could—not if I were to be—burnt for refusing him."

Jasper looked probingly at her, a new speculation in his eyes. She had begun to fit definitely into his plans. It seemed there might be a way to frustrate Betty and to keep a hold upon his valuable protegee. "Are you so sure of that, Jane?"

"Ah!" she answered; "you doubt it because I once thought I loved him? But you don't know all about me. . . ."

He stood silent, busy with his weaving. At last he looked at her rather blankly, impersonally. Joan was conscious of a frightened, lonely chill. She put out her hand uncertainly, a wrinkle appearing sharp and deep between her eyes.

"Mr. Morena, please—I haven't anyone but you. I don't understand very well what this divorcing rightly means. Nor what they will do to me. Will you be thinking of me a little? I wouldn't ask it, for I know you are unhappy and bothered enough, but, you see—"

He did not notice the hand. "It will come out right, Jane. Don't worry," he said with absent gentleness. "Keep your mind on your work. I'll look out for your best interests. Be sure of that." He came near to her, his hat in his hand, ready to go. "Try to forget all about it, will you?"

"Oh, I can't do that. I feel sort of—burnt. Betty thinking—that! But I'll do my work just the same, of course."

She sighed heavily and sat, the unnoticed hand clasped in its fellow.

When he had gone she called nervously for her maid. She had a hitherto unknown dread of being alone. But when Mathilde, chosen by Betty, came with her furtive step and treacherous eyes, Joan invented some duty for her. It occurred to her that Mathilde might be one of Betty's witnesses. For some time the girl's watchfulness and intrusions had become irritatingly noticeable. And Morena was Joan's only frequent and informal visitor.

"Mathilde thinks I am—that!" Joan said to herself; and afterward, with a burst of weeping, "And, of course, that is what I am." Her past sin pressed upon her and she trembled, remembering Pierre's wistful, seeking face. If he should find her now, he would find her branded, indeed—now he could never believe that she had indeed been innocent of guilt in the matter of Holliwell. Her father had first put a mark upon her. Since then the world had only deepened his revenge.

There followed a sleepless, dry and aching night.

CHAPTER IX

The Spider.

"Hullo. Is this Mrs. Morena?"

Betty held the receiver languidly. Her face had grown very thin and her eyes were patient. They were staring now absently through the front window of Woodward Kane's sitting-room at a day of driving April rain.

"Yes. This is Mrs. Morena."

The next speech changed her into a flushed and palpitating girl.

"Mr. Gael wishes to know, madam,"—the man-servant recited his lesson automatically—"if you have seen the exhibition of Foster's water-colors, Forty-eighth street and Fifth avenue. He wants to know if you will be there this afternoon at five o'clock. No. 88 in the inner room is the picture he would especially like you to notice, madam."

Betty's hand and voice were trembling.

"No. I haven't seen it." She hesitated, looking at the downpour. "Tell him, please, that I will be there."

Her voice trailed off doubtfully.

The man at the other end clipped out a "Very well, madam," and hung up.

Betty was puzzled. Why had Prosper sent her this message, made this appointment by his servant? Perhaps because he was afraid that, in her exaggerated caution, she might refuse to meet him if she could explain to him the reason for her refusal, or gauge the importance of his request. With a servant she could do neither, and the very uncertainty would force her to accept. It was a dreadful day. Nobody would be out, certainly not at the tea-hour, to look at Foster's pictures—an insignificant exhibition. Betty felt triumphant. At last, this far too acquiescent lover had rebelled against her decree of silence and separation.

At five o'clock she stepped out of her taxicab, made a run for shelter, and found herself in the empty exhibition rooms. She checked her wrap and her umbrella, took a catalogue from the little table, chatted for a moment with the man in charge, then moved about, looking carelessly at the pictures. No. 88 in the inner room! Her heart was beating violently, the hand in her muff was cold. She went slowly toward the inner room and saw at once that, under a small canvas at its far end, Prosper stood waiting for her.

He waited even after he had seen her smile and quickening step, and when he did come forward, it was with obvious reluctance. Betty's smile faded. His face was haggard and grim, unlike itself; his eyes lack-luster as she had never seen them. This was not the face of an impatient lover. It was—she would not name it, but she was conscious of a feeling of angry sickness.

He took her hand and forced a smile.

"Betty, I thought you disapproved of this kind of thing. I think, myself, it's rather imprudent to arrange a meeting through your maid."

Betty jerked away her hand, drew a sharp breath. "What do you mean? I didn't arrange this meeting. It was you—your man."

They became simultaneously aware of a trap. It had sprung upon them. With the look of trapped things, they stared at each other, and Betty instinctively looked back over her shoulder. There stood Jasper in the doorway of the room. He looked like the most casual of visitors to an art gallery, he carried a catalogue in his hand. When he saw that he was seen he smiled easily and came over to them.

"You will have to forgive me," he murmured pleasantly; "you see, it was necessary to see you both together and Betty is not willing to allow me an interview. I am sorry to have chosen a public place and to have used a trick to get you here, but I could not think of any other plan. This is really private enough. I have arranged this exhibition for Foster and it is closed to the public today. We got in by special permit—a fact you probably missed. And, after all, civilized people ought to be able to talk about anything without excitement."

Betty's eyes glared at him. "I will not stay! This is insufferable!"

But he put out his hand and something in his gesture compelled her. She sat down on the round, plush seat in the middle of the room and looked up at the two men helplessly. Joan had once leaned in a doorway, silent and unconsulted, while two men, her father and Pierre, settled their property rights in her. Betty was, after all, in no better case. She listened, whiter and whiter, till at the last she slowly raised her muff and pressed it against her twisted mouth.

Morena stood with his hand resting on the high back of the circular seat almost directly above Betty's head. It seemed to hold her there like a bar. But it was at Prosper he looked, to Prosper he spoke. "My friend," he began, and the accentuation of the Hebraic quality of his voice had an instantaneous effect upon his two listeners. Both Prosper and Betty knew he was master of some intense agitation. They were conscious of an increasing rapidity of their pulses. "My friend, I thought that I knew you fairly well, as one man knows another, but I find that there have been certain limits to my knowledge. How extraordinary it is! This inner world of our own lives which we keep closely to ourselves! I have a friend, yes, a very good friend, a very dear friend"—the ironic insistence upon this word gave Prosper the shock of a repeated blow—"and I fancy, in the ignorance of my conceit, that this friend's life is sufficiently open to my understanding. I see him leave college, I see him go out on various adventures. I share with him, by letters and confidences, the excitement of these adventures. I know with regret that he suffers from ill-health and goes west, and there, with a great deal of sympathy, I imagine him living, drearily enough, in some small, health-giving western town, writing his book and later his play which he has so generously allowed me to produce."

Both Prosper and Betty Knew He Was Master of Some Intense Agitation.

"What the devil are you after, Jasper?"

"But I do my friend an injustice," went on the manager, undiverted. "His career is infinitely more romantic. He has built himself a little log house amongst the mountains, and he has decorated it and laid in a supply of dainty and exquisite stuffs. I believe that there is even an outing suit, small and narrow—"

"My G—d!" said Prosper, very low.

There was a silence. Jasper moved slightly, and Prosper started, but the Jew stayed in his former place, only that he bent his head a little, half-closed his eyes, and marked time with the hand that was not buried in the plush above Betty's head. He recited in a heavy voice, and it was here that Betty raised her muff!

"Jasper is dying. By the time you get this letter he will be dead. If you can forgive me for having failed in courage last year, come back. What I have been to you before, I will be to you again, only this time we can love openly. Come back."

"I am going mad!" said Prosper harshly, and indeed his face had a pinched, half-crazy look.

The Jew waved his hand. "Oh, no, no, no. It is only that you are making a discovery. Letters should be burnt, my friend, not torn and thrown away, but burnt." He stood up to his stateliest height and he made a curious and rather terrible gesture of breaking something between his two hands. "I have this letter and I hold you and Betty—so!" he said softly—"so!"

Betty spoke. "I might have told you that I loved him, that I have loved him for years, Jasper. If you use this evidence, if you bring this countersuit, it will bring about the same, the very same, result. Prosper and I—" She broke off choking.

"Of course. Betty and I will be married at once, as soon as she gets her divorce, or you get yours." But Prosper's voice was hollow and strained.

"You will be married, Betty," went on Jasper as calmly as before; "you, branded in the eyes of the world as an unfaithful wife, will be married to a man who has ceased to love you."

"That is not true," said Betty.

"Look at his face, my dear. Look at it carefully. Now, watch it closely. Prosper Gael, if I should tell that with a little patience, a little skill, a little unselfishness, you could win a certain woman who once loved you—eh?—a certain Jane West, could you bring yourself to marry this discarded wife of mine?"

Betty sprang up and caught Prosper's arm in her small hand.

"He is tired of you, Betty. He loves Jane West." Jasper laughed shortly, looking at the tableau they made: Prosper white, caught in the teeth of honor, his face set to hide its secret, Betty reading his eyes, his soul.

"I am entirely yours, in your hands," said Prosper Gael.

Betty shook his arm and let it go. "You are lying. You love the woman. Do you think I can't see?"

"It will be a very strange divorce-suit," went on Jasper. "Your lawyers, Betty, will perhaps prove your case. My lawyers will certainly prove mine, and, when we find ourselves free, our—our lovers will then unite in holy matrimony—rather an original outcome."

"Will you go, Prosper?" asked Betty. It was a command.

He saw that, at that moment, his presence was intolerable to her.

"Of course. If you wish it. Jasper, you know where to find me, and, Betty,"—he turned to her with a weary tenderness—"forgive me and make use of me, if you will, as you will."

He went out quickly, feeling himself a coward to leave her, knowing that he would be a coward to stay to watch the anguish of her broken heart and pride. For an instant he did hesitate and look back. They were standing together, calmly, man and wife. What could he do to help them, he that had broken their lives?

Betty turned to Jasper, still with the muff before her mouth, looking at him above it with her wide, childlike, desperate eyes.

"What do you get out of this, Jasper? I will go to Woodward. I will never come back to you. . . . Is it revenge?"

"If so," said Jasper, "it isn't yet complete. Betty, you have been rash to pit yourself against me. You must have known that I would break you utterly. I will break you, my dear, and I will have you back, and will be your master instead of your servant, and I will love you—"

"You must be mad. I'm afraid of you. Please let me go."

"In a moment, when you have learned what home you have to go to. This morning I had an interview with your brother in his office, and he wrote this letter that I have in my pocket and asked me to give it to you."

Betty laid down her muff, showing at last the pale and twisted mouth. Jasper watched her read her brother's letter, and his eyes were as patient and observant as the eyes of a skillful doctor who has given a dangerous but necessary draught.

Continued next week.

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. J. B. Warren and children of Bagley, Iowa, are visiting her sister Mrs. G. C. Baker, this week.

Mrs. Ed. Eiler and children from Clarion, spent Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Longley.

Miss Marian Gibbs spent the week end with friends at Mason City.

Miss Elma Stapley spent the week end with friends at Eagle Grove.

Mrs. Geo. Reinke of Geneva spent the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Eimbrink.

Take advantage of the Independent's Big Family Offer—The Peoples' Popular Monthly, Farm and Fireside, Today's Housewife, and the Belmond Independent, All Four One Year For Only $2.45. This offer good only until December 1st.

Mrs. Reynold Kinseth entertained the Mesdames Snearley, Peters, Nelson and Hanson, and Miss Alva Matson, of Goodell, on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Bier and Mrs. Monroe Graeber of Goodell were callers at this city last week.

Miss Marjorie Flynn, who teaches in the Alexander school, has been at the home of her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Flynn, this week, absent from her duties on account of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Greenfield of Alexander were guests of relatives here Sunday.

Chas. Peterson and family from Hampton were guests at the home of his mother, Mrs. P. J. Peterson, on Sunday.

For Sale—A few Spotted Poland China boars. Three miles south of Kanawha.—Gundvel Johnson. 513*

Heiko Janssen and family of Meservey were visiting Saturday in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee W. Stacy were guests of relatives at Hampton on Sunday.

Geo. W. Griggs of Goodell was a business caller here one day last week.

The Belmond Independent and the Des Moines Register both one year for $5.80. Regular price $7.00. Register subscriptions must be new; Independent either new or renewal. If renewal on Register, price for both is $6.10. Have your renewal sent in by taking advantage of this saving.

For Gasoline, Kerosene and Lubricating oil, call phone 39½.—Belmond Deep Rock oil Co. 32tfc

Miss Edna Knau of Geneva returned to her home last week after a three-weeks' visit at the Will Eimbrink home.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Eimbrink and daughter, Zelda, were visiting friends at Geneva last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Smith spent Sunday with relatives at Meservey.

Independent Farm Sales Service is Real Service. If you plan on holding a sale, let the Independent help you. Forms for making up your sale list furnished free. Illustrations of any breed of any animal or any fowl. Eighty per cent of the farm sales in this vicinity are advertised thru the Independent. There's a reason. Ask the man who has held one. Dates listed free. Reserve yours by calling 115.

"GETTING AHEAD." Sounds interesting, doesn't it? It is a splendid little paper published for young people. It will show you how to get ahead. Send a post card for it today. THE HAMILTON UNIVERSITY, Mason City, Iowa.

Mrs. Lester Bickett and son Robert came Tuesday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Boughton. The Bickets are living at Dinsdale now, were Mr. Bickett is employed in a bank

Miss Evelyn Johnson spent the day, Sunday, at the Lewis Johnson home in Goodell.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Boller and daughter Helen Ruth, spent Sunday with his parents at Goodell

Bazaar At Congregational Church

Chicken supper 5 p. m. until all are served. 50 cents. Children under 12 years, 25 cents.

Mrs. W. L. Kent and daughter, Inez, returned home from Denver, Colorado last week Wednesday. Mrs Kent has been taking treatments at that place for several weeks, and is much improved in health.

Mrs. McCallum and daughter, Blanche, were visitors at Clarion on Saturday.

Mrs. Emma Norton and daughter, Vera, were Mason City shoppers on Monday.

Mrs. McGowan of West Union spent the week end at the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. S. U. Leinbach.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Munson from Rowan were visiting Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Loomis. Mr. Loomis and Mrs. Munson are brother and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Packard spent Sunday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Jesse Steffens, at Rowan.

Mrs. Lucy Brand left Tuesday for southern Florida, where she expects to spend the winter with her son.

Mrs. Rosecrans and Mrs. Walter Pritchard of Garner, returned from Rochester on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Gartin spent Sunday with friends at Goodell.

Mrs. Lew Avery of Goodell spent Wednesday last at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Kinseth

For Saturday, try our Russian Buns. 25 cents a dozen.

A full line of cake and pastry every day. Tell us your wants. We will make them. Anything in the bakery line. Try our pie.—Barban's Bakery.

Roomers wanted, ladies prefered. —Mrs. Emmie Landon.

Geo. Brater and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Muller, of Meservey, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Heuerman, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Bailey drove to Iowa Falls, Sunday afternoon. They were accompanied as far as Popejoy by Mrs. F. E. Snyder.

Members of the official board of the M. E. church, with their families and Rev. and Mrs. O'Connor enjoyed a picnic supper and meeting in the church parlors Monday evening.

Mr. Presley Griggs of the Geo. W. Griggs Fur Company of Goodell will be at the White Produce Co. Belmond, every Saturday afternoon and evening, starting Nov. 17, to buy furs. Bring in your furs to him and get the highest market price for them.

Mr. and Mrs. Eggers of Kanawha spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Eggers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Benson.

Verner Reed, of Boyd, Wisconsin, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Reed, this week.

P. Barban of the Belmond Bakery was on the sick list last week.

Light house keeping rooms for rent.—Mrs. Emmie Landon.

PUBLIC SALE DATES

(List your sale with the Independent to avoid confusion in dates.)

Rowan Short Course, January 16th and 17th.

Bernold Kinseth, one mile north and two miles west of Alexander, Nov. 15, Thursday. Closing out farm sale.

Oscar Alverson, Saturday, Nov. 10, at Case Bus Barn, Belmond Farm implements.

Mrs. Dan Brooks and John spent Sunday with relatives at Mason City.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brooks from Rowan were callers in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell and Miss Nellie Bell, of Alexander, were visitors here Thursday.

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For Gasoline, Kerosene and Lubricating oil, call phone 39½.—Belmond Deep Rock oil Co. 32tfc

Mr. Presley Griggs of the Geo W. Griggs Fur Company of Goodell will be at the White Produce Co. Belmond, every Saturday afternoon and evening, starting Nov. 17, to buy furs. Bring in your furs to him and get the highest market price for them.

The Independent is making an exceptionally fine clubbing offer with either new or renewal subscriptions. Read the big ad in this issue. Take advantage of this opportunity to secure your winter's reading at a very unusual price. The offer is limited in time, so do it now!

Trinity Ladies Aid and Dorcas society will hold their annual Bazaar and Supper Saturday, Nov. 17. Sale starts at 10 a. m. Supper at 5 p. m. 512c

Mr. and Mrs. Wolle were business callers in Goodell Friday.

Elmer Hafeman and wife of Meservey were visitors in Belmond on Sunday.

Philip Axen spent the week end at Cornelia with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hogenson are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl born Monday evening. This is their first born.

An Armistice Day program will be given by the literary society of the school next Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Butts and Warner drove down from Goodell, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. R. G. Brown has been numbered among the sick the past week.

Mesdames W. H. Wolle, E. M. Lathrop, and Snyder drove to Goodell last Friday to visit Miss Bernice Butts. Miss Butts is very ill.

Mrs. Amy Case Peterson spent the week end at the home of her parents and little daughter here. Mrs. Peterson is teaching at Webster City this year.

WANT ADS

Two cents per word first insertion; one cent per word ensuing insertions.

FOR SALE

For Sale—White Rock Pullets, from prize winning stock. $1 each. —Mrs. Wm. Leonard, Swaledale, Ia.

For Sale—New range and two second hand cook stoves. Inquire at Independent. 45tf

For Sale—A few Spotted Poland China boars, pure bred.—J. M. Sampson, Belmond. 49tfc

For Sale: Used parts for Chevrolet Ford and Studebaker.

Two 1923 Ford tourings with starter and rims.

One 1923 Ford coupe.

Nordschow Motor Co., Belmond. 49tf

For Sale—One new Majestic Range.—Phone 206. 49tf

For Sale—Chester White boar, 18 months old. Pedigree furnished. Phone 3121

For Sale—Late cabbage. Phone 2712. Chas Gealow. 50tf

For Sale—Buff Rock, Barred Rock, Light Brahma and Silver Laced Wyandotte cockerals at $1.50 each.—Phone 3217. Mrs. O. D. Jenison. 512*

WANTED

WANTED—Correspondents on all rural routes out of Belmond. Good money paid, supplies free. Requirements not difficult. Call 115, or call at Independent office.

BELMOND MARKETS
(Subject to change.)

Hens, heavy	14c
Hens, light	12c
Roosters	07c
Springs	13c
Leghorns	12c
Geese	10c
Ducks	12c
Turkeys	25c
Eggs	37c
Cream	45c
Creamery butter	50c
Oats	34c
Corn, old	70c
Corn, new	60c

My, how it can sweep!" says every woman who has ever used the New 2-piece

Fuller Broom

made of tough, durable Aztec Fibre (patented)

Won't break off. Makes sweeping easier, faster and cleaner.

Handle is detachable, you never have to buy a complete new broom

Watch for the "Fuller Man" or telephone for him to come any day you wish.

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WE DO ALL KINDS OF

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Belmond Tailor Shop

F. J. TUFFREE
South of Case Hotel

Phone 28

GIVING THIS FIRM A CHANCE TO HANDLE YOUR CREAM, EGGS AND POULTRY DOES NOT INVOLVE TAKING ONE YOURSELF.

WE CAN SERVE YOU WELL AND MAKE YOU MONEY ON THE PRODUCE SOLD TO US. TRY US.

White Produce Co.

Belmond Phone 272 — Goodell Phone 21

Kinseth's Store News

APPLES! You bet! A carload of Black Twig Apples on the track in Belmond today at $1.50 a basket. A real apple, juicy, sweet, tasty, full of enjoyment. Get your basket now. Nothing like a good, tart, juicy apple to satisfy that longing for something-you-don't-know-what.

—K—

AND—a carload of SPUDS! Late potatoes, guaranteed good keepers, thoroly ripe and mighty fine cookers. You haven't seen a better potato, or as good a potato, this fall. And only ninety cents at the store on the corner.

—K—

Of course at all times the best in groceries at the best in prices. All we want is a fair margin on a quick sale. Not a big profit on a few sales. That's why you always see so many folks in the Store on the Corner.

—K—

SPECIAL! SPECIAL! SPECIAL!

A pound of coffee—a package of macaroni—and a package of Quick Large Oatmeal—value $1.40—At the Special Price of only one dollar—and a FANCY SHOPPING BASKET FREE! Get yours quick—they won't last long at this price.

—K—

Follow the crowds!

Courtesy Pays

Courtesy is only another name for the Golden Rule of doing unto others as you would have others do unto you.

We aim to conduct our Bank along that line. We try to be courteous, considerate, appreciative and obliging. We try to make courtesy a distinctive feature of this Bank's service. Safety, service, satisfaction—all may be had by doing your banking business with us. We invite you to investigate.

Belmond Savings Bank

Belmond, Iowa

NEW WORK

BY

IOWA FALLS ELECTRIC COMPANY

Installation of Ten Additional Street Lights in Belmond and Two Additional Street Lights in IOWA FALLS.

Re-routing of the Iowa Falls-Garner line—at the Iowa Falls Plant.

Increasing the clearance of the High Line from Cedar Rapids to Iowa Falls over the Western Union lines at Iowa Falls.

The cost of this work approximates $1,150.

Another reason why our Customers have the opportunity to invest in the Company.

Have you inquired about the 7 per cent Convertible Notes?

Iowa Falls Electric Company

Iowa Falls, Iowa

Or Any Of Our Offices.

Belmond Independent

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Thanksgiving Day Game To Be One Of The Best Battles Of The Season

Belmond Tangles With Dows Then

Everything All Set For Biggest Crowd And Biggest Time Of The Year Thursday.

BELMOND TRIMS KAMRAR

When Belmond and Dows tangle on the Belmond field next Thursday foot ball fans will see one of the best games of the year. With one defeat chalked up against them last year, Belmond will try to even up the score this Thanksgiving, and the "dope" says they should. But not until the end of the game can it be safely said.

The strong Kamrar team went down to overwhelming defeat Friday afternoon on the local field, when Belmond's huskies walked thru them for four touchdowns and three goals.

Kamrar put up a hard fight, and tried desperately to hold the Belmond boys down, but the locals would not be denied and swept everything before them. Kamrar has one of the best high school teams in this section of the state, and have won the majority of their games, playing bigger towns. Against Belmond, however, they simply could not get started, and only once in the entire game, in the last five minutes of play did they have a chance to score. Their chance went glimmering when, after three unsuccessful attempts to smash the line, they fumbled on an end run just as the final whistle blew.

Belmond worked some beautiful plays, particularly on some new shifts and with forward passes. Their passing game was brilliantly executed, and invariably went for long gains. Not one of their passes was intercepted, while several Kamrar passes landed in Belmond hands. The old reliable line smashes and off tackle plays netted gains nearly every time, some of them for 15 yards. The boys played a splendid game, altho it was marred in spots, two chances for touchdowns losing out on fumbles and sluggish playing. Their eagerness to get into action several times drew them penalties for being off side. The interference was good and seems to be improving in every game, while their tackling is getting down to real fine points. That Belmond has a winning foot ball team was amply demonstrated Friday by the decisive score rolled up against one of the best teams around.

The next, and last, game of the year will be Thanksgiving Day on the Belmond grounds, when Dows comes up to battle. They have one defeat chalked up against Belmond from last year, but if they chalk up another this year they certainly will know they have been in a real game. The "dope" favors Belmond to win, but dope often goes astray, and this game is certain to be a stemwinder from start to finish. Dows is coming up with full strength, and Belmond people will be there with voices all tuned up and hopes high. It ought to be some time.

IF YOU DON'T THINK THEY READ THE ADS, TRY THIS

Mistakes in a newspaper are often apt to be serious or comical, and one of the latter occurred in the Independent last week. Hilko H. Pals, of Meservey, had a local advertising some potatoes he had to sell, at 75 cents a bushel. The galley proof showed up O. K., but after placing the type on the press the figure "7" broke off in printing, so that Mr. Pals was advertising potatoes at 5 cents a bushel. The paper hadn't been in the mail more than a couple of hours before folks started kidding us about it, F. P. Dibble being the first man who wanted to buy all the spuds Mr. Pals had! If you don't believe the ads are read just make a mistake. Mr. Pals sold all his potatoes—at 75 cents, however.

NO COMMENT NECESSARY

O. L. Varland, of the State Bank, recently received the following letter, which requires no comment, but which certainly is good. The letter:

——, Iowa,
November 19, 1923.

Dear Ser Mr. Warland I send up one Check for Dollars 1.80 that Kame bek unpaid a thet a had that much left bout will yow please send may check and if ther is eny monny send that to Doun to Me Adrese Are

OPERETTA GIVEN BY SCHOOL NEXT MONTH

The Senior class met Monday night and elected the annual staff for this year.

Editor in Chief—William Tyrrell
Business Manager—Edwin Christie
Advertising Mgr.—Lewis Parsons
Circulation Mgr.—Harold Johnson
Class Editor—Ruth Knudson
Literary—Katherine Thiltgen
Music—Mildred Schultz
Boys' Athletics—Fred Vestweber
Girls' Athletics—Grace Leavy
Calendar—Ruth Box
Joke—Ruth Veeder
Cartoonist—Arthur Christie
Photographer—Helen Hildebrand
Alumni—Raymond Stapley
Stenographers—Opha Thompson
Genevieve Starnes

The efforts of the team are now centered on winning the Thanksgiving game with Dows. This will be the big game of the season and every one should plan to see it.

The local business men and foot ball fans have contributed to the advertisement in the Independent this week. We are sorry that we could not give all who desired to contribute a chance to do so, but we were unable to see them all.

The Seniors have selected their class ring and are to have it before the Christmas vacation.

Margaret Blair is wearing the typewriting medal again this week.

Miss Hill and the Girls' Glee club are working hard on an operetta which will be given between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Division II of the Literary will give a Thanksgiving program Wednesday afternoon November 28.

Supt. Guthrie went to Clarion on Monday afternoon to judge a preliminary declamatory contest.

Mr. Pals went to Goodell last Friday night to referee a basket ball game between Goodell and Klemme

Miss Sharon entertained the high school faculty at her home last Saturday evening. Everyone spent a very enjoyable evening.

Miss Inga Hill, a student from the University of Minnesota, spent the week end with Miss Hill.

SUGAR CO. ENTERTAINS NEIGHBORING BANKERS

The sugar company entertained the bankers and their families from the surrounding towns at the plant on Tuesday evening, some 80 or more guests being present. The guests were entertained at a social hour, following which they inspected the factory. They then returned to the office and a delicious luncheon served, the party breaking up around 11 o'clock.

The affair was simply a get-together, good fellowship meeting, and was hugely enjoyed by all attending.

PICTURES SHOW AWFUL RUINS

Jasper Johnson recently sent his parents a bunch of pictures of the wreckage caused in Japan by the recent earthquake. The pictures show more vividly than any words could portray, the awful damage and loss of life caused by the disaster. One of them shows bodies piled in the ruins four and five deep; others of bodies which have been cremated; others of buildings still burning and a mass of flame and smoke and broken timbers. In one place the earth in the street cracked open in great fissures, two feet or more across and several feet deep. A railroad train was pictured where the ground had sunk and let the tracks down sideways, tipping the entire train into the rightofway.

BELMOND H. S. FOOT BALL TEAM

Top Row, Left to Right: Raymond Stapley, Harold Johnson, Glen Rierson, Cyril Jenison, Sam Leinbach.
Second Row: Coach Pals, Harland Rierson, Fred Vestweber, Edwin Christie, Ira Studebaker, Wm. Tyrrell.
Third Row: Joe Sprenzel, John Henn, Paul Johnson, Gerald Trees, Clifford Johnson, Sam Leinbach.
Bottom Row: Claude Johnson, Albert Martin, David Tyrrell, Marshall Nourse.
(Philip Axen, a member of the team, is not in the picture.)

Two Klemme Men Go To Grand Jury

Crash Into Louis Rierson While Driving In Stewed Condition.

C. M. Bredbenner and Albert Davidson, claiming Klemme as residence were bound over to the grand jury yesterday morning by Mayor Sullivan on a charge of operating an automobile while intoxicated.

Information was filed by County Attorney J. M. Jensen. The men are out on bonds of $1,000 each pending action by the next term of district court.

Bredbenner and Davidson crashed into Louis Rierson of Belmond on Tuesday night, about nine o'clock, as he was returning from Clarion in his Studebaker touring car. The two Klemme men were driving a Ford Runabout. The collision occured by the sugar factory, and both cars were badly damaged, the Klemme car having the front axle driven back behind the crank case of the engine by the collision.

Rierson escaped injury, but Davidson was badly cut about the face by broken glass. Marshal Finn got them both immediately, and Wednesday morning they were tried on a town ordinance and fined $25 each and costs, and the state then jerked them up and bound them over on a state charge.

One empty bottle and two full bottles of booze were found on them.

MAIN ENGINE BREAKS DOWN

A temporary delay in the sugar making campaign at the local factory was caused last Friday, when a bearing on the main engine gave out. It was necessary to tear the engine down to put in a new bearing, and about ten hours were lost, the plant resuming operation that evening.

BERNICE BEULAH BUTTS

Bernice Beulah Butts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Butts, was born June 20, 1897 at Goodell, Iowa and died November 15, 1923, at the age of 26 years, four months and 26 days, death being caused by Brights disease.

She graduated from the Goodell schools, then attended the Belmond school, and graduated later from the state teachers college at Cedar Falls. She taught for several years. Her mother, two brothers and two sisters are left, her father preceeding her in death. Funeral services were held at the U. B. church at Goodell, Saturday, interment being at Belmond.

SOUR GRAPES.

The Belmond-Kanawha high school foot ball game here last Friday afternoon drew the largeest crowd of spectators that has been here this fall to a game. The first half of the game was fine and at its close the score was 0 to 0. The teams played to a great disadvantage, on account darkness in the last half, at times it being almost impossible to see the ball. As has been the case here-to-fore and was again last Friday, the Belmond team seemed to play to "get" certain players on our team and in Friday's game were quite successful, Jerry Trainer, one of our star players being injured in the first quarter and unable to again enter the game and others were hurt and obliged to stop playing.

The game was won by Belmond, 27 to 7, but was a much closer contest than this score would indicate as Belmond was fortunate in having the ball a greater part of the time after darkness set in. —Reporter

FINED FOR FORGERY

Two man, claimed to be Greeks, and giving the names of Jim Massors and Bill Hinkle, claiming residence at LuVerne, were arrested on Monday charged with forgery. They first present a check for $7.50 to Johnson & Wright, who became suspicious and called the bank, which declared the check no good. The two men then went to Parsons & Co., where they cashed the check in payment of a bill of goods, receiving some change. Marshal Finn was on the trail and found them at Parsons. were brought before Mayor Sullivan, who made them give back the money and fined them each $10 and costs.

FIRE DAMAGES RESIDENCE

The residence of the Barry Sisters in north Belmond caught fire about noon Sunday, the shingles on the roof catching fire from sparks. The alarm was turned in and the fire department was promptly on the job, extinguishing the blaze with the use of chemicals. Damage was small, only on the roof of the house.

DECLARES MORALS IN SLUMP

Dr. W. S. Fleming, of Chicago, delivered an address in the Methodist church Sunday afternoon. The meeting was free, and of a patriotic nature. Dr. Fleming's idea was that the Bible should be placed in every public school, as it was in years past. He declared that we are now in the midst of the most serious slump in morals that America has ever known and that nothing would improve the morals of America till the Bible is put back in the education system of the country.

"The Brown Mouse" An Unusual Story

Independent's New Serial One For Farmers Especially.

The Independent Will Print Herbert Quick's Remarkable Farm Story, "The Brown Mouse.

The author's name alone will make this new feature of the Independent of interest to every reader and especially to every farm reader, for there is no name better known thruout the agricultural section of the United States. While Herbert Quick is known all over the country, we of the Missouri Valley claim him as our own, and it is Iowa and the Missouri Valley states that have supplied the settings for his world famous books.

Mr. Quick is a leader in the new rural science and has written exhaustively on all phases of it, especially as to the correlating of rural school work with the practical business of farming. He is well known among city people also, but principally as a novelist and writer of short fiction; and there are many crooked politicians and boodlers who are keenly interested in his writings not from any desire to be edified thereby, but to learn the latest angle of his attack upon them. 'The Brown Mouse" is a most unusual story in that it is the earnest sort of propaganda for more intelligent teaching in the rural schools and more businesslike methods in farming; rather dry subjects not likely to attract the average devotees of fiction but which the author has combined with a love story and other romantic elements to an extent as to be almost thrilling. The tale is so vivid and vital that it can not fail to hold the absorbed interest of every reader, irrespective of the reader's tastes of fiction. The novel is regarded almost as a textbook in agricultural colleges and has been read—actually read as part of the program at teachers' institutes and farmers' gatherings all over America, and the farm children have grasped the idea of it at once and been no less delighted than their elders. An equal appeal to young and old seems to us to be about the most valuable quality a serial can possess.

Next week we will tell you something more about this unusual story and with that issue will give you opening chapter.

ATTEND IOWA GAME

Dr Parsons, W. T. Gfeller, V. F. Mikesell and Harry Bohning drove to Minneapolis last Saturday to take in the foot ball game between Iowa University and Minnesota. Minnesota won. 20 to 7.

Five Year Bonds Take Dyer Mortgage

Sugar Company Arranges Big Deal Whereby Mortgage On Plant Is Released.

NEXT WEEK SEES FINISH

An arrangement has been completed by Messrs. A. L. Luick and W. C. Tyrrell, acting for the Iowa Valley Sugar Co., whereby the claim of the Dyer Co. against the factory, in the sum of about $600,000, has been adjusted by the Dyer company taking five-year gold bonds at 6% and releasing their mortgage against the plant.

This is one of the most important steps ever taken in the affairs of the company here, and the most momentous since the plant was built. It assures operation of the plant for the years to come, and enables the company, with profitable operation, to wipe out all indebtedness within a few years. The factory operated at a profit last year and this, and there is every indication that from now on the campaigns will be successful. A few more seasons such as the past two, and the Iowa Valley Sugar Co. stockholders will have a big dividend paying investment. The news of the adjustment with the Dyer Co. is indeed cheering to Belmond people, and much credit should be given the gentlemen who have arranged it. It has been a hard battle, but the plant seems assured now of coming thru.

The first of next week will see the finish of the sugar making campaign for this year. The plant has run over capacity nearly every day during the campaign, and a much shorter time has completed the campaign than was anticipated.

COURT HOUSE NOTES

J. N. Johnson of Belmond demands judgment against Bert Lowen in the sum of $163.00, being the amount due as rent on 50 acres of land, also men and teams to assist with the corn plowing.

Associated Mfg. Co. vs. Townsan Hardware Co. of Belmond ask judgment on note for $135.00.

Because W. A. Parsons of Belmond refused two shipments of flour the Hornell Milling Co. demand judgment of him in the sum of $276.75.

C. N. Reese of Belmond is suing P. N. Amblie on his unpaid note for $238.43. The same plaintiff has a similar claim against H. Forristal for $216.50.

J. N. Johnson of Belmond has filed suit against John Dettman to collect $582.11 alleged to be due for the lease of farm land at $7.00 per acre.

An auto damage suit for $1000 has been filed by W. A. Connor vs. Henry Eimbrink. Plaintiff alleges Eimbrink, while operating his car at a high rate of speed negligently and carelessly drove his car into the plaintiff's car at a point one mile east of Rowan on Primary No. 10 and as a result of said collision plaintiff was damaged in the above sum.

Three unpaid notes for $1000, $360 and $300 respectively are basis of suit filed by the Alexander Savings bank against Ben Kinseth. Interest and costs bring the total up to $1,925.68.—Monitor.

COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING

The Community club will hold its November meeting on Friday afternoon of this week at the library basement. Each member will take part in the program on "Thanksgiving and Christmas Cookery." Heretofore roll call has been dispensed with at regular meetings, but at this time each member is asked to respond to her name by giving a recipe, suggestion or item of interest relative to the Thanksgiving or Christmas seasons.

By conducting the meeting in this informal way, the committee hopes that is may prove mutually beneficial.

Two musical numbers will be given.

All members and friends are urged to be present. The usual refreshments and social hour will be enjoyed.

Belmond Independent

R. A. RANKINS
Editor and Proprietor.

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Editorials

THANKSGIVING

American people have so much to be thankful for this year, that they will overlook any one thing. We are so much better off than the rest of the human race that we cannot realize it. Where other nations are in constant fear of dissolution, of internal strife and threatening revolution, with thousands hungry, without the necessities of life, suffering from disaster, famine, and the after effects of the gigantic struggle of five years ago, we in America are at peace, our bins full, our homes secure, our nation stronger than ever in its history. We have so much that we do not know it.

America! Do you know what that means? Do you realize what a wonderful, Divinely guided country you are living in, that you call home? In all the world's history, since history was first recorded on natural rock by the cave man, there has not been a nation blessed with plenty and peace such as ours. Of all peoples, Americans have the most to be thankful for. We should stop a moment in the ever-increasing rush of our lives to think of that. We should remember that we are a free nation, of free people, with those blessings which only a free people can have. Every true American, on next Thursday morning, should lift up his eyes to the heavens above, and with a full heart return thanks to the Being who has guided us thru, and who has been with us in our every trial, who has endowed us and blessed us with the bounties of life. We have been the favored of God.

BOOST THE BALL TEAM!

This week's edition of the Independent is a combination Thanksgiving number and foot ball booster. Considerable space, both in the news and advertising columns, is being given the Belmond team, for several reasons.

The Belmond boys are winning in their games. They have played hard and clean, and deserve support. They are a part of our school institution, and as such are deserving of a boost. The team has had small attendance and are behind financially on their games. They must make it up, and the last opportunity will be Thanksgiving Day when Dows comes here.

Belmond people are asked to attend their Thanksgiving Day game. It means a lot to the boys, both by your moral support, and financially. Athletics must be support by funds other than those derived from taxes, and if Belmond is to have them, and to keep its place with other schools, the people must support the team. Be there next Thursday, and besides your ticket at the gate, lend your support and let the boys know that you are backing them. And aside from all this, you will see a really good game.

OUR FIFTH YEAR

With this issue the Independent places before you Volume 5, No. 1—the first paper of the fifth year of its life. The one great outstanding thought to the editor next Thursday will be his thanks to the many readers and advertisers who have made this issue, and all issues past and to come, possible. A newspaper is a public institution, and only as the public supports it can the paper succeed and thrive. It has been the one policy of the Independent from its first number to give service, both to its readers and its advertisers. We have not always been able to do it, but we have always tried, and we shall continue to do our best. The publisher is fully aware that in many respects the Independent is not as good as it should be, and he hopes in time to remedy these defects. With the help of the friends who have so loyally supported and stood by him, it shall be done.

To you all, our friends, who have enabled us to attain the measure of success which may be ours, we extend our heartfelt thanks. Cold type or mere words cannot tell you how much we appreciate your support, your encouragement and your interest. We shall endeavor, in giving you a better home paper, to show our appreciation.

CHURCHES

TRINITY CHURCH NOTES
Rev. J. M. Jensen, Pastor.

Thursday evening prayer meeting at the home of Henry Anderson at 7:30.

Saturday afternoon the class will meet in the church parlor at 2:00 o'clock.

Sunday morning Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Confirmation service in the English language at 11 o'clock. At the service we hope to receive a good offering, so we will be able to raise our fair share of the budget. Won't you please think of this and do your very best?

In the evening we will have English service with communion at 7:30.

ST. OLAF CHURCH NOTES
Rev. J. M. Jensen, Pastor

Thursday afternoon the South Ladies Aid meets at the home of Mrs. O. J. Lewis.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the lay brethern conduct a service in the Norwegian language. As many as can should attend this service.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

The Ladies Missionary society will meet with Mrs. Leinbach on next Thursday afternoon. Those who have no way of getting out will be provided for if they will meet at the church by 2:00 o'clock.

Our Sabbath school is doing excellent work, but we have room for a few more. Anyone not in the Sabbath school elsewhere is invited to come and join us. We meet at 10 a. m. The morning worship at 11. We now have an excellent orchestra and it is rendering us a great help at the evening services. We are going to have a sterioptican lecture next Sunday night on some phase of our work in America. These series are very instructive and give us a glimpse of the great work yet to be done.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES
J. B. O'Connor, Pastor.

It is certainly an encouraging thing to see the congregations increase at your regular services. We certainly appreciate your loyalty. The way to make a church grow is to have members that you can depend upon to be present at all services. We have them here and that is the reason our church is prospering.

Let's all work for the best services yet this coming Sunday. First boost for a big enthusiastic Sunday school. The Methodist church in Garner had 213 present last Sunday. The Methodist church in Belmond had 198 present. I just left Garner and I want my present Sunday school to beat the one I left. I am for Belmond now with all my strength, so come, loyal workers, "let's go" this Sunday. Hit the line hard!

Sunday school at 10 a. m.
Preaching services at 11 a. m.
Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.
Evening service at 7:30.
Prayer meeting Thursday at 7:30.
Sunday morning subject: "Undeveloped Resources."
Sunday evening subject: "A Young Man in Love."

This service is for the young people of Belmond and community. Invite every young person you see to this service. Of course we want the older people present also. Special music and a profitable time awaits your presence.

The Ladies Aid society will hold their annual bazaar this Saturday, beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning. Lunches will be served thruout the day.

Boost The Ball Team!

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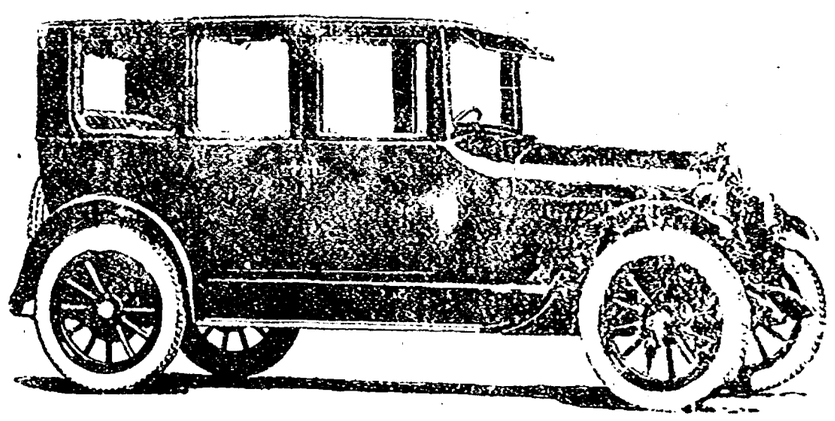

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Roadster	750
Sport Touring	885
Cab	955
Coupe	1035
Sedan	1095

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The new Oldsmobile-Six Sedan with its Fisher-built body provides all the comforts of a fine closed car—beautiful velure upholstery, deeply cushioned seats, heater, dome lights, etc. And mechanically this sedan is a revelation of smooth, flexible and reliable performance.

See this car and you will marvel at its low price.

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Belmond, Iowa

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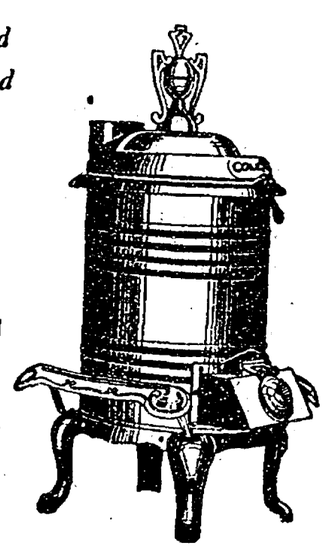

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Let's Be Thankful for What We Have

There are plenty of opportunities during the year to wish for things we lack. But in our eager longing for new and better things, let us not forget the good things that are already ours.

Thanksgiving Day, without proclaiming that the world is perfect, nevertheless bids us reflect upon and render thanks for the blessings we have

May this Thanksgiving find you with many things for which to be grateful!

STATE BANK OF BELMOND
BELMOND IOWA

SECRETARY WALLACE OUTLINES AGRICULTURE RELIEF PLAN

An agricultural expert commission, designed to restore farm purchasing power by withdrawing exportable surpluses from the domestic markets, is receiving the very careful consideration of the department of agricultural Secretary Henry C. Wallace said today in an address before the Chicago Association of Commerce. While the proposal "is not put forward as a policy of the administration the secretary said it had the support of many officials who are in a position to influence legislation on the program. The commission, it was explained, would buy exportable products at the American price and dispose of them in the world farket, charging back the losses to the producers on the following crop.

Restore Purchasing Power

Declaring that the present depression in agriculture particularly in the wheat belt, is due to the disparity in price between the farm products and the things the farmer buys, Secretary Wallace explained that the export commission plan would aim only "at the restoration of the farmers' purchasing power to that of the pre-war period."

Long studies by the department, he said, had demonstrated that on the whole, farm product prices still were largely determined by world competition, while the prices of virtually every thing farmers use are protected by the tariff against the competition of disorganized Europe. This situation, he said, has established two price levels in the country—one is determined by world conditions; and one for manufactured commodities.

The commission plan is calculated to withdraw from the American market from time to time such surplus quantities as will maintain the domestic market at a level giving the farmer his prewar purchasing power. The commodities withdraws will be sold at the best price possible in the world market and the loss charged back to the producer, not to the federal treasury.

Checks Unnecessary

In this latter respect, the secretary emphasized, the suggested plan is essentially different from any other suggested for farmer relief through governmental agencies. The charge-back feature, he said, would tend to check unnecessary production In any system of arbitrary governmental price fixing, on the other hand the assured profit would work to stimulate production. The plan is suggested merely as a temporary relief measure, which will be automatically dissolved by its own corrective influence in equalizing American production and consumption.

While the chief operation of such an agency would be in the wheat market it was indicated the proposed commission would be vested with authority to function in other markets where returns to farmers might be determined to be out of line with general price levels.

Price Fixing Condemned

The principle of arbitrary price fixing by the government was condemned as economically unsound by the department chief. But the plan to restore buying power, he said, was merely a practical application of "the principle of full protection to all products of which we produce a surplus." The suggested scheme, according to the secretary, has won wide approval throughout the northwest from bankers, business men and grain handlers, as well as producers and co-operative marketing agencies. Statistical studies of price ratios reveal beyond question, Mr. Wallace said, that relief must be given the farmer quickly.

Secretary Wallace commended President Coolidge as "an excellent administrator, a very systematic and efficient man and one who is willing to take the advice of all groups in forming his policies." He denied that the farmers are tending toward radicalism.

While The Going Was Good

Bill Roarer had a tremendously loud voice. One cold morning he walked into the village hotel and shouted out:

'Good morning, landlord! How are you?"

"Very well," came the reply. "How are you?"

"Oh, I'm about frozen—I can hardly talk!"

Just then a nervous traveler who was present ran up to the landlord, exclaiming:

"Please have my horse brought around as soon as possible."

"Why, what's the matter?" asked the landlord.

"Nothing. Only I want to get away before that man thaws!"

Geniuses

Senator Moses of New Hampshire relates the following instance of the way the town authorities used to resolve up in his state:

"Resolved, That we build a new jail;

"Resolved, That we build the new jail out of the material which the old jail is composed of, and

Resolved, That we will not tear down the old jail until the new jail is finished."

"Let the shoemaker stick to his last less he loss his awl.'" says he, not meaning a word of it and all that sort o'gag.

Maybe Darwin Can Tell

We have just noticed a headline in the Poland China Journal which reads like this:

Relation of the Pure-Bred Hog
To Average Iowa Farmer

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Willard STORAGE BATTERIES
RADIO PROGRAM
WTAM Cleveland
BELMOND STORAGE BATTERY COMPANY

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Both seats adjust forward and back for tall and short people.

Big loading space by removing rear seat and upholstery.

WE have never seen the public flock to a car the way they are flocking to the new Overland Champion! It's a revelation—how much they wanted such a car! Study these pictures—you'll understand. Then realize that the low price also secures regular sliding gear transmission, all standard accessories, bigger new engine, Triplex springs, cord tires, and all Overland superiorities. Come in.

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PUBLIC SALE

THE UNDERSIGNED WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON THE CHAS. UTZ FARM LOCATED 1 1-2 MILES SOUT H OF ROWAN, ON

Monday, November 26

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, BEGINNING AT 10:00 O'CLOCK A. M.

400 Head of Poland China Hogs

25 Yearling and Two-Year-Old Sows
Part of which are bred to an outstanding boar.

275 Spring Pigs
March, April and May farrow, weighing from 125 to 250 lbs.

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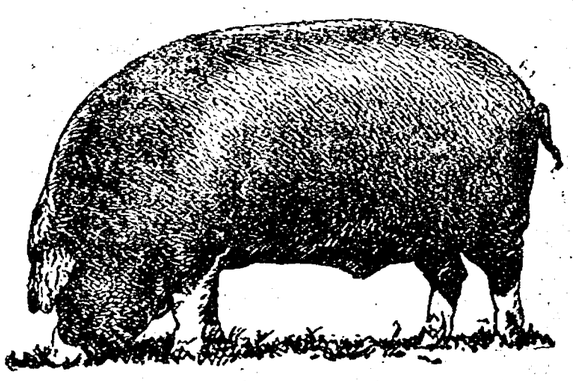
Just weaned. All pure bred but not recorded.



Farm Machinery, Etc.

1 hay rake
1 Dain hay loader
3 John Deere corn plows
1 6-shovel riding corn plow
1 16-in. Emerson sulky plow
1 Litchfield manure spreader
1 12-in. John Deere gang plow
1 16-in. Papec ensilage cutter
1 14-in. Rock Island gang plow
1 iron wheel wagon with rack
1 Rock Island manure spreader
1 Deering corn binder with wagon elevator
1 McCormick hay stacker and 3 bucks
1 8-ft. McCormick grain binder good as new
1 iron wheel wagon with beet box
1 narrow wheel wagon with triple box
1 Fairbanks-Morse engine, one and one-half h. p.
1 set carpenter tools
1 complete set blacksmith's tools
1 iron harrow
1 spring wagon
1 wood harrow
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1 power cider press
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50 TONS TAME HAY, TIMOTHY AND CLOVER

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THE FARMER'S WIFE

Thanksgiving Dinner

A tempting menu for the Thanksgiving dinner, including roast chicken, cranberry jelly and pumpkin pie, with generous servings for six persons at a total cost of $2.75, has been worked out in one of the cookery classes of the State college home economics departments. The menu with necessary recipes is as follows:

Roast chicken Gravy
Mashed potatoes
Bread dressing Corn a la Southern
Cranberry jell Parkerhouse rolls
Piccalilli
Fruit salad
Pumpkin pie Whipped cream
Coffee

FRUIT SALAD—Four large apples, one cup pineapple, one-half cup nuts, one-fourth cup celery, one-half cup marshmallow. Cut fine.

SALAD DRESSING—Scant one-half cup sugar, one tablespoon flour, one-half teaspoon mustard, two eggs beaten well, one-third to one-half cup vinegar and rest of cup of water. Cook until smooth, stirring constantly. Use equal parts of whipped cream and dressing.

CORN A LA SOUTHERN—To one can chopped corn add two eggs slightly beaten, one teaspoon salt, one-eighth teaspoon pepper, one and one-half tablespoons melted butter, and one pint scalded milk; turn into a buttered pudding dish and bake in slow oven until firm.

PUMPKIN PIE—One and one-half cups steamed and strained pumpkin, two-thirds cup brbown sugar, one teaspoon cinnamon, one-half tea spoon ginger, one-half teaspoon salt, two eggs, ne and ne-half cups milk, ne half cup cream. Mix ingredients in order given and bake in one crust.

THIS FELLOW WINS THE CELLULOID MATCH SAFE!

A dispatch states that several hundred wild ducks were picked up on a pavement in Champaign, Illinois, with their necks broken, received when they mistook a wet and shining concrete pavement for a duck pond, and dove head first into it, thereby breaking their necks.

We wonder. Hunters who have watched a flock of wild ducks settle gently into the water, can't help wondering at this business of a duck "diving" into a pavement thinking it was a pond, and thereby breaking its neck.

But then there are liars and liars. George Myers used to tell of the hundred odd wild geese he found one morning, all lying stone dead on the pavement. You see, the time was spring and the water was high and had backed up into the sloughs, and the pickerel had run up the small streams to spawn and got snagged on the barbed wire on the fences that had been overflowed, and the wild geese were eating the dead pickerel and also got snagged on the barbed wire when they became frightened and all arose at one time, stripping the wire off the fence for many rods, and then flew over the town, the dangling wire coming in contact with a live electric light wire, and all the geese were electrocuted and all fell dead on the street. Yes, sir, just like that. It was the strangest thing you ever heard of, and will probably never happen again.—Humboldt Republican.

Boost The Ball Team!

Stale News

Suitor: "Bobby, how do you think you will like me as a brother. Your sisters promised to marry me at the party last night? That's news, isn't it?"

Bobby: "Naw. That was what the party was for."

Dig, Brother, Dig

Of all sad words
From our own kin;
The saddest are these:
No coal in the bin.

Oh, That's Different

Mrs. Dibbs: "Everytime I raise my hand my husband gives me an awful beating."

Mrs. Dubbs: "Heavens! Why don't you call the police."

Mrs. Dibbs: "Why? What do they know about bridge?"

Boost The Ball Team!

Atta Boy, Doc

Ebner: "Doc, them pains still bother me now and then."

Doctor: "Here are some pills, Take one ten minutes before every pain."

Boresome Suitor: "Do you really think that picture looks like me?"

Miss: "Yes, but I can find no other fault with it."

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What the Electric Company Is Doing

Improvement in power station in Iowa Falls in connection with boilers.

New maintenance car on transmission system at Belmond and vicinity.

Changing from No. 6 copper wire to No. 2 copper wire on portions of transmission system, to increase capacity, and provide for additional load.

Installing additional street lights in GRUVER.

The cost of these several improvements authorized during the last few days of OCTOBER is about $3,100.

It is the constant demand for more service that necessitates additional investments such as these, and is one of the reasons why our Customers have the opportunity of Safely Investing in the Company's Capital Stock paying 7 per cent, and in the Gold Notes, paying 7 per cent.

Have you inquired yet about the Special Conversion privilege these Notes have?

For a short time investment they are IDEAL.

See our Manager, who will be glad to explain.

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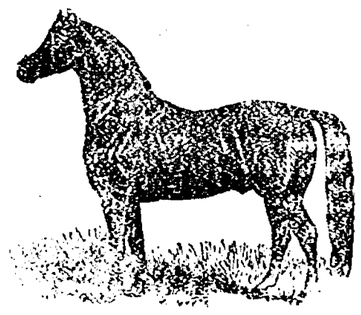
HAVING DECIDED TO QUIT FARMING, I WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION, ON THE CORKI SMITH FARM, 1 1-2 MILES STRAIGHT WEST OF MESERVEY, 2 1-2 MILES EAST AND 1 MILE SOUTH OF GOODELL, 2 1-2 MILES EAST AND 4 MILES NORTH OF BELMOND, ON

Wednesday, Nov. 28th

COMMENCING AT 1:00 O'CLOCK, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

6 - Head of Horses - 6



1 2-YEAR-OLD GELDING
1 ROAN MARE 8 YRS. OLD, WEIGHT 1600
1 BAY MARE 8 YRS. OLD, WEIGHT 1400
1 GRAY MARE 5 YRS. OLD, WEIGHT 1200
1 ROAN GELDING 12 YRS. OLD, WEIGHT 1700
1 BAY DRIVING MARE 9 YRS. OLD, WEIGHT 1100

14 - Head of Cattle - 14

6 MILK COWS, 4 FRESH NOW
4 YEARLING CALVES
4 BUCKET CALVES

30 - Head Duroc Jersey Hogs - 30

Farm Machinery, Etc.

1 surry
1 cutter
1 bob sled
1 single buggy
1 Rock Island disc
1 McCormick mower
2 sets single harness
2 sets double harness
1 Moline corn planter
1 1 1-2 h. p. gas engine
1 6-ft. Champion binder
1 Professional corn plow
1 Emerson sulky plow
1 John Deere 4-section harrow
2 truck wagons, 1 with triple box, 1 with rack.
1 Economy cream separator, as good as new.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

1 churn
1 stand
1 lounge
6 chairs
1 bureau
1 dresser
1 oil heater
1 Globe range
1 dining table
1 kitchen table
3 rocking chairs
1 kitchen cabinet
1 washing machine
4 beds with springs
Numerous other articles.

About 500 bushels new Corn in crib.

TERMS: $10.00 or under, cash. Over that amount 8 months' time will be given on bankable notes bearing 8 per cent interest. All property to be settled for on day of sale.

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Proprietor

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Belmond vs. Dows

FOOT BALL!

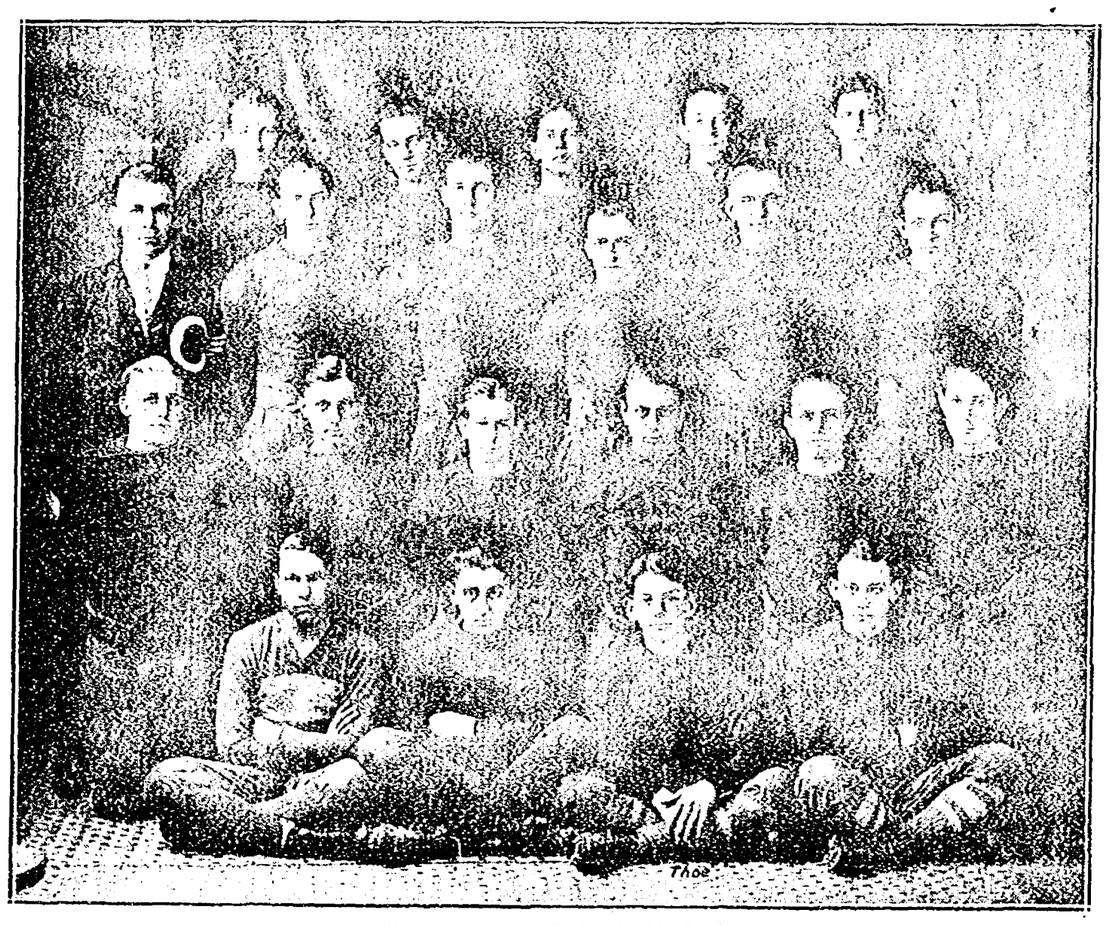
Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 29th

BELMOND FIELD, AT 2:30 P. M

REFEREE

Charles Lauen, former captain State University of Iowa foot ball team



BELMOND H. S. FOOT BALL TEAM

UMPIRE

Coburn Chapler, Secretary Charles City Y. M. C. A.

Both teams have played heavy schedules this year with strong opponents. Both have won the majority of their games. Dows defeated Belmond last year, and this year's game promises to be a hard-fought one, with Belmond determined to even the score. Come to this game---it will be the best of the season.

BOOST THE FOOT BALL TEAM!

The undersigned boosters of Belmond are paying the entire advertising expense of this game as an indication of their loyalty to Belmond High and the boys of the Belmond Foot Ball team.

Ed. Bailey	Ed. Riggs	Elite Cafe	Lee Luick	Jack Finn
Fred Fulton	M. J. Thoe	Hat Shoppe	C. M. Morse	Hotel Case
Homer Elder	Dr. Parsons	Rev. Jensen	The Gift Shop	Dr. Gowdy
Henry Luick	Fosters Cafe	Dell Rankins	Motor Inn Co.	Ben Fetrow
Ray Klemme	J. H. Nourse	Cash Market	Bohning & Co.	Gilda Nelson
Fred Johnson	Claud Veeder	Variety Store	Elaine Rierson	F. J. Tuffree
J. W. Thomas	Lloyd Skovlin	W. C. Tyrrell	W. A. Parsons	George Goelz
Glenn Klemme	Henry Schultz	Clyde Jennings	Dr. Geo. Steele	W. W. Goetz
Rev. O'Connor	Savings Bank	Wm. Vestweber	Adams Pharmacy	B K. Kinseth
Cato C. Griesy	Candy Kitchen	Barban's Bakery	Dibble Dray Line	M. H. Hanson
Father Eardley	Harold Rierson	City Meat Market	Shirley Thompson	Cyril McGuire
Herbert Nelson	Schultz Drug Co.	Johnson & Wright	White Produce Co.	Henry Saatoff
Community Oil Station	Deep Rock Oil Co.	Carlston & Skovlin	Jones Harness Shop	C. G. Johnson
Dempsey Pop Corn Stand	Belmond Storage Battery Co.	Nordschow Garage	Belmond Telephone Co.	Oscar Jacobson

MESERVEY SECTION

Ralph Waddingham and family were visitors at the Tom Wheelan home in Belmond, Sunday.

All those who are interested in Red Cross work and wishing to become members may do so by calling at the bank.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hulsebus are the proud parents of a son of standard weight born to them on Nov. 14 at the Park hospital. They have named him Robert Lewis.

O. Niehaus and son Carl of Sheffeld and John Van Deest of Aplington visited at the Hulsebus home last Monday.

W. F. Butz and wife, Irene and LuVerne and Mrs. Reif visited the sugar beet plant at Belmond, Saturday p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruby Freese and children of Dumont, and Miss Minnie Groen of Belmond, spent Sunday at the P. H. Pals home.

Mrs. A. J. Nissen and Marjory, Miss Mildred Gealow and Neva Muller were motor passengers to Mason City, Friday.

L. B. Hulsebus spent a few hours in town Friday, being on his way to Dows to look after business. Since purchasing the Dows Mercantile stock he has taken in a junior partner who will claim a share of the profits.

Herman Zieman of Thornton was in town Wednesday last distributing sale bills for his farm sale. The Zieman's will move to town but have not decided as to where they will locate. We are hoping they may consider Meservey as a possible choice.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nissen and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. James Faaborg and daughter motored to Mason City, Sunday, spending the day with Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Geisler and daughter Emma Mae who have been making their home in Thornton, were Sunday visitors at the J. A. Nissen home.

Miss Minnie Freese returned from Dumont last Saturday, and is staying at the P. H. Pals home for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Schmidt from Belmond and Mr. and Mrs. James Hemming of Thornton visited at the Ed. Foss home Sunday p. m.

W. T. Butz and wife are spending this week with relatives at Monterey and Buffalo Lake, Minn. They made the trip by auto.

T. T. Lieuwen and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Frey.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hanna and family of Hansell spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mary Butz.

H. T. Smith, our congenial blacksmith, returned from Holstein forepart of last week, having visited his brother a few days.

APPLES! Greenings and Malindas. Bushel basket $1.00. Bring basket or sack.—W. F. Butz. Phone 404. 52tfc

For Sale—Extra big Duroc Jersey Spring boars. 4 miles east of Meservey. —Peter Neve. 522*

For Sale—Large Riverside Hard Coal Stove good as new.—Peter H. Pals, Meservey. 52tfc

Aug. Guth and Ed. Foss were at Belmond Saturday p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stadtlander were calling at Belmond, Saturday p. m.

Miss Essa Myers was a passenger to Mason City last Friday where she is taking medical treatments.

George and Bernard Brater have assembled and installed a new radio which they will thoroly enjoy during the coming winter evenings.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Barger and son spent last Saturday evening with her parents, the Typers, at Hampton helping them celebrate Mrs. Typer's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Quandt and son Harvey and Mrs. Wm. Quandt attended the M. E. church at Belmond Sunday, spending the day with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Schmidt.

H. K. Pals and family and Mrs. Wm. Rozebom attended services 12 miles west of Belmond at the Holland church. Mrs. Rozebom remained for a few days' visit with friends at Kanawha.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Lauster entertained Ed. Rooks and family and Mr. and Mrs. L. Foss at a family dinner Sunday.

Mrs. A. E. Muller and children and Mr. and Mrs. S. Hulsebus motored to Mason City Sunday p. m., calling on Mrs. L. B. Hulsebus at the Park hospital and to make the acquaintance of Robert Lewis the new son. Friends of Mrs. Hulsebus will be pleased to hear she is getting along nicely.

Mesdames Louie Foss and Herman Fischer motored to Mason City Monday where they are taking medical treatments. They were joined at Thornton by Mr. and Mrs. James Hemming who accompanied them.

Mrs. A. D. Brogan and children returned Sunday from a two weeks' visit at Whittemore.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Butz, Irene and LuVerne and A. J. Nissen were business callers at the county seat Saturday forenoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Heuerman of Belmond were Sunday guests at the Frank Hafermann home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Boelman and son Clarence motored to Aplington last Monday, spending a few days' visiting relatives.

Joe Stadtlander and wife were Sheffield callers Friday.

Mrs. Hans Willer of near Klemme was a Sunday visitor at the Paul Willer home.

Grace Vierkant and younger brothers and sisters escaped uninjured when the car in which they were riding on their way to church Sunday turned over when they were turning the corner at the cemetery hill, driving from the east. Aside from a bad fright and a broken windshield no damage was done.

Mrs. Tom Jensen, who has been staying at the F. L. Halfpop home the past month, returned to her home on the Wm. Waak place where her husband is employed. A daughter was born to them several weeks ago.

Dr. Kruse and wife were Sunday guests at the home of the latter's aunt, Mrs. Harm Meinderts, near Palsville.

Aug. Guth and daughters Irene and Mrs. Louis Foss, and Mrs. G. Lauster motored to Mason City on Thursday, several of the party having dental work done.

Those who visited the sugar plant at Belmond Sunday were C. F. W. Paul and family, Rob't. Smith, Orpha and Dale, Fred Menzel, S. P. Fischer and family, H. Proost and family, Wm. Koehler and family, H. Ostendorf and children, Emil Schmalle, W R. Prelipp and family, Mrs. Aug. Prelipp and children, J. C. Janssen, Carl Oleson and family and E. Unferferth and mother.

S. S. CLASS ENTERTAINS

The "Friends," "King's Daughters" and "S. O. S." Sunday school classes of the Evang. church met at the C. F. W. Paul home last Tuesday evening for their monthly class meeting. The object of the joint meeting of Rev. Schlesselman's and F. Guth's class was to choose delegates to the older boys' conference to be held in Fort Dodge the latter part of this month. Gerald Janssen was chosen from the older class, with Dale Smith as alternate. Donald Muller is the delegate from the S. O. S. class and Olliver Sprau was chosen alternate. Ferdinand Lemke will accompany the boys as leader. It is honed that a goodly number will be able to accompany the ones chosen, for it will mean much to our young men to attend meetings of this class.

BANK NEWS

Evidently financial conditions are getting better. The Farmers Savings bank reports that they handled a total of 535 items on Nov. 13. On the same day 137 customers had either checks or deposits. The total day's business was close to $20,000. The large bank transactions usually come later in the year when the farmer begins to sell his stock and crops.

The farm loan examiner for the Northwestern Mutual Life Ins. Co. was in Meservey last Wednesday looking at several farms where they expect to make farm loans.

MESERVEY SCHOOL NOTES

The 7th grade had a debate Friday: Resolved, That the Cat is more useful than the Dog. The negative side won.

The 8th grade had a debate in geography: Resolved, That the Eastern section of the central states is better than the western section. The affirmative won.

The Grammar room is preparing a number of selections for a Thanksgiving program to be given at the Methodist church the 27th.

Lydia Pannkuk had perfect spelling lessons during the past week.

The 8th grade perfect spellers of last week were Trace Boelman, Franklin Fischer and Bernard Butz.

The 8th grade drew maps of Iowa on Friday of last week.

The 7th and 8th grades drew maps for history, Friday.

Wilma Pals was excused Friday in order to accompany Miss Bode to her home at Kesley.

The 7th grade ciphered last Friday morning. Lydia Groen and Herman Meints chose sides. The score was 6-3 in favor of Herman's side.

The 8th grade ciphered Friday a. m. Lucille Paul and Bonita Muller chose sides. Lucille's side won, the score being 8-5.

The Grammar room are learning two new songs which will be sung in the opening exercises.

The Grammar room have not had the pleasure of announcing any visitors lately. We hope we may by next week.

The following students have signed up for the declamatory contest: Kenneth Herbster, Thelma Thomas, Molly Zieman, Donald Muller, Grace Groen, Oliver Sprau, Ruby Quandt and Orvis Schlesselman.

The local contest will be held shortly after the first of the year. We are in the 3rd district consisting of Swaledale, Thornton and Meservey, and it is our turn to hold the contest at Meservey, providing we can find a place suitable, otherwise it will be held at Thornton.

A number of high school students are still absent from school on account of corn picking.

The boys have purchased a new foot ball and are hard at it making "flying tackles", "drop kicks" and "touchdowns." Don't look like we will be able to have a basket ball team unless we hide the foot ball.

The high school girls' team played a good game at Alexander, Friday night. The scores were 32 to 7 favor of Alexander. The girls did fine work considering that all the practice they have had has been on an out of doors court. The team this year is composed of inexperienced players for the most part, as five Members of the team are Grace year. However, the team is developing fast under the coaching of Miss Thomas and we expect them to maintain the splendid record they made by defeating Thornton twice. Membeers of the team are Grace Groen and Rozella Sprau, forwards; Thelma Thomas and Lena Pals, the guards; and Ruby Quandt, Mable Prellip and Mollie Zieman, centers.

Our next community program will be held Tues., Nov. 27, in the M. E. church. The program will appear in the next issue It will be a Thanksgiving program and all should attend who can for that is one way of showing your loyalty to the school.

STORES CLOSED THANKSGIVING

The business houses of this place will be closed all day Thursday, November 29 to observe the day.

Rev. H. Raecker returned from Cedar Rapids the latter part of last week where he had spent about two weeks at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joe Meci and family, while having dental work done.

Bertus Frey received word Saturday that John Truff of Ledyard had passed away last Friday evening. News of his death was unexpected as he was apparently in good health and he and family spent a few days at the Frey home several months ago. Mr. Frey, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Lieuwen and Mrs. J. P. Pals attended the funeral last Tuesday.

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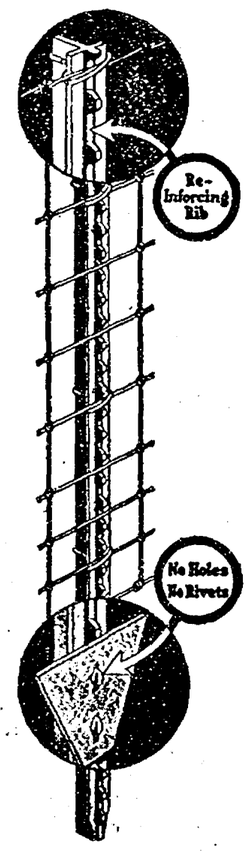

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ROWAN NEWS

Rowan Congregational Notes

Morning worship 10:30.
Sunday school 11:30.
Senior Endeavor 6:30 p. m.
Evening service 7:30.
Junior Endeavor Wed. 4 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wed. 7:30 p. m.
Thanksgiving service Thursday the 29th at 10:30 a. m.
This will be in the M. E. church.
The Ladies Aid have set Dec. 8 as the date for their bazaar and chicken pie supper.

Rowan Methodist Notes

Sunday school 10 a. m. Classes for all ages.
Morning worship 11.
Epworth League 6:30 p. m.
Evening service 7:30.
Let us not forget the Harvest sale at the sale pavilion on Saturday p. m. and evening. The ladies are planning for a great day.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tressider have been doing the work at the Kenneth Hagen home while Mr. and Mrs. Hagen have been away in Minnesota visiting relatives.

Mrs. Otto Christian and daughter Cecilia, who were visiting at the Harry Robinson and Hubbard McCallum homes in Mason City last week, returned to Rowan Friday. Mrs. McCallum came with them for a few days' visit.

John Dix of Hampton was in Rowan part of last week attending to farm interests and visiting at the Edgar Bingham home.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Munson visited a nephew, Joe Starnes, at Klemme on Sunday.

Mrs. Otto Christian, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Virden, departed Sunday by way of Eagle Grove for Roland where she expected to visit for a few days with his parents before returning home to Stratford, S. D.

Word was received here Monday that Miss Bernice Butts, quite well known to many of our people, had passed away at her home at Goodell.

The pastor of the M. E. church is planning on organizing a Junior League in the near future with Mrs. G. S. Liming as superintendent.

Rev. Osborn attended the district conference at Algona last week. About 100 ministers and laymen were in attendance.

Mrs. Marian Tindahl of Coggon, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Joe Patton, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Klemenson and two children of Latimer and Mrs. Hannah Whitten and family were Sunday guests after church service at the H. J. Whitten home.

Friends have received word from Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Ballou stating that they are touring thruout Florida and are enjoying themselves immensely. At the time the letter was written they were at Anastasia.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Miller of Clarion, Mrs. Ina Stumph, Garnette and Bernard, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mantle were guests at an oyster supper last Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gates in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Thomas.

The Iowa township farm bureau meeting will be held at the Albert Fetrow home Friday, Nov. 23. A Thanksgiving program will be rendered.

The oldest child of Herb Lesters was on the sick list the first of the week.

The Operetta "Polished Pebbles" at the high school auditorium last Friday evening was quite well attended.

Rev. Bushnell spoke here before the school assembly Monday morning. His subject was Historic points of interest about Cape Cod. He was pastor at Cape Cod for several years some years ago.

W. A. Duffy and Mrs. Chas. Burger were in Clarion Saturday and called on Mrs. Alvin Haupt at the hospital.

Frank Nabholtz and father attended the foot ball game at Ames Saturday.

Sils Church and Mr. and Mrs. Avery of Belmond called on relatives and friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Milton Brown and Mrs. Levi Johnson arrived home from Chicago Monday.

Messrs. R. R. Duffy and S. B. Heith were in Iowa Falls, Thursday.

Gordon Thomas and Blanche Jennings of Clarion were united in marriage last Wednesday p. m. in Hampton. They were accompanied by Mesdames Ed. Miller and Thomas the mothers of the bride and groom. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller, now of Clarion and formerly residents of Rowan vicinity. The groom is a son of Mrs. Nellie Thomas of Clarion and is a brakeman on the local passenger No. 5 and 6 on the Chicago Great Western. Their many friends wish them success and happiness in their married life.

The basket ball game at the school house Friday evening was an interesting one and well attended. The Rowan boys beat Williams 31-19. As the Williams girls team did not appear a local game in which the Senior school girls played the rest of the high school girls resulted in a score of 6-3 in favor of the Seniors.

Mrs. James Coulter returned on Thursday from her trip to Washington. Her sister, Mrs. Bishop, came up from Iowa Falls, with her to spend a few days at the F. B. Sheldon home.

Miss May Virden arrived from Mt. Vernon, Friday, to spend the week end with her parents. She returned Sunday evening to take up her school duties.

H. L. Hadley is erecting a garage on his property where Prof. Holliday resides. Mr. Myers is doing the work.

H. J. C. Box and wife are moving into their house east of the Congregational church. They have placed a basement under the house and installed a furnace and will have a very comfortable home. Alfred Boyington and family will occupy the property from which the Box family moved.

Word received from Mrs. Levi Johnson to her parents states that the attending physician in the hospital at Chicago found it necessary to scrape the bone in her foot. Her condition is much improved and her foot is well on the way to recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Pelley went to Dexter last Friday to visit at the Geo. Stephens home.

Dr. Hall of Hampton was a professional caller here last week.

The Mission club had a fine evening when they met with Mrs. C. T. Halbert, Wednesday last. Mrs. Jas. Burt and Mrs. Geo. Aldrich were assistant hostesses. Miss Frances Farren as leader conducted a well prepared lesson home life in Japan. Five new members were received on that evening. A social hour followed after which refreshments were served. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Fred Kercheval.

GOODELL NEWS

There will be a Thanksgiving program at the church Sunday evening. Special music will be given by the choir. Rev. Thompson will give the Thanksgiving sermon Sunday.

The choir will be entertained on Tuesday eve at the home of Dr. Snearly, and Friday evening meet at the church.

The Len Wilson family were shoppers at Mason City Friday.

John Surballe and Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes of Garner were callers here Saturday.

Supt. Peters, Harold Savogue, Don Meyers, Don Estelle and Carrol Cashman went to Ames Saturday to attend the home coming.

Adelia Hill spent the week end in Minneapolis.

Mesdames Benson and Yepson of Kanawha visited at the Sandberg home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Griffen are the parents of a baby girl, born Friday.

Mrs. Frank Clark underwent an operation for adhesion at the Hampton hospital last week.

Harold Clark is suffering severely with the condition of his arm.

The Cuppett and Fanselow families of Dows were in attendance at the funeral of Bernice Butts Saturday.

Mrs. Pat Quigley, daughters Bess and Grace of Belmond, visited Saturday at the Frank Quigley home.

Joe Cordes went to Minneapolis Friday to take in the foot ball game and visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinseth visited at Averys Monday.

Ethel Thompson of Belmond was a guest of Miss Carpenter over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Beier visited relatives at Garner, Sunday.

The Ladies Aid will be entertained this week by Mrs. Ahrenkeil and Mrs Savogue.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hanson spent Sunday at the Schlictinghome near Olaf.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Nelson of Thompson attended the funeral here Saturday.

Klemme and Goodell played basket ball Friday evening. The results were that Klemme was a victor in both games. This week end Mr. Peters plans to take his teams to Thompson.

Will Enabnit and John Wenzel of Kanawha were here Saturday.

Mary Nolan and a sister from Algona were week end guests at the Tony Boller home.

Ray Bachman is the owner of a new Ford coupe.

Olive Butts returned to Minneapolis and Bill to Iowa City, Sunday, to resume their school duties.

The annual bazaar was a complete success Saturday. In a short time everything was disposed of. The work and suppers for the bazaar realized nearly $300.

Mrs. Sumner Trumbell and Lucile of Klemme visited relatives in town Saturday.

Ruth Ness who has been working at Story City, returned home Saturday.

The Belmond club held their dance here last Wednesday.

Miss W. Robbins has been sick the past week.

Andrew Anderson of Garner was a business caller here Monday.

ALEXANDER NEWS

Arthur Peters was a Hampton caller last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Winwood and baby, and Mrs. Wm. Winwood were callers at Hampton, Tuesday.

F. W. Reasoner of Humboldt was a caller at the Henry Polmateer home the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greenfield and son, Frederick, were visitors at Rowan, Sunday.

Wesley Callum and James Mitchell of Kesley, Canada have spent the past two weeks at the Henry Polmateer home.

Miss Grace Dirksen was a visitor at Belmond last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Amandus Rusch and Walter and Clarence Riesch of Dumont were visitors at the Carl Bohlen home the past week.

Henry Sporaa of Garner was a caller at Alexander one day last week.

Miss Jennie Pals of near Belmond was calling on friends here on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Rodemeyer were business visitors at Hampton Thursday.

Fred L. Greenfield was transacting business in Belmond last Saturday.

A fine baby boy of standard weight came to the Henry Stoffer home on Thursday, Nov. 15.

Mrs. F. Frohling of Belmond was visiting relatives here part of the week.

Fred Bobst and A. L. Nelson were callers in Rockwell City, Sunday.

Mrs. Geo. Dunn and daughter Margaret, were Belmond visitors Saturday.

Miss Harriett Lee, Red Cross nurse, was a business visitor here several days the past week.

The Misses Oralee Brooks, Mary Kernan and Marjorie Flynn spent the week end with home folks at Belmond.

Miss Laura B. Hail of Des Moines who is state worker for the W. C. T. U., was working in our vicinity several days the past week.

Miss Charity Hanson of Hampton was calling in town one day the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Larsen were visitors at Hampton, Tuesday.

St. John's Evang. Luth. Church

Sunday school at 2 o'clock. Quarterly communion service at 3 p. m. All services in the English language.

The Ladies Aid society will meet with Mrs. Oscar Hensel, next Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 27. Election of officers will be held at this time.

C. J. Barth, Pastor.

Supper and Bazaar

The Methodist ladies will hold a bazaar and serve a chicken supper in the Chris. Larson building next Saturday evening, Nov. 24., and will begin serving supper at 5:30 o'clock. There will be various articles for sale including comforters, aprons, fancy work, hand made work, etc., candy and pop corn. The price of the supper will be 25 and 35 cents. Everyone cordially invited to attend this supper and bazaar.

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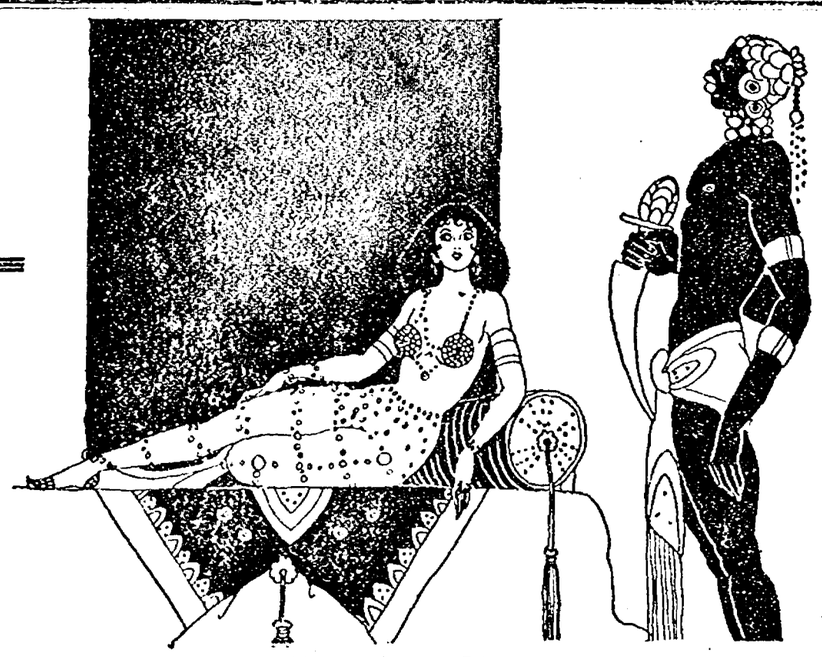

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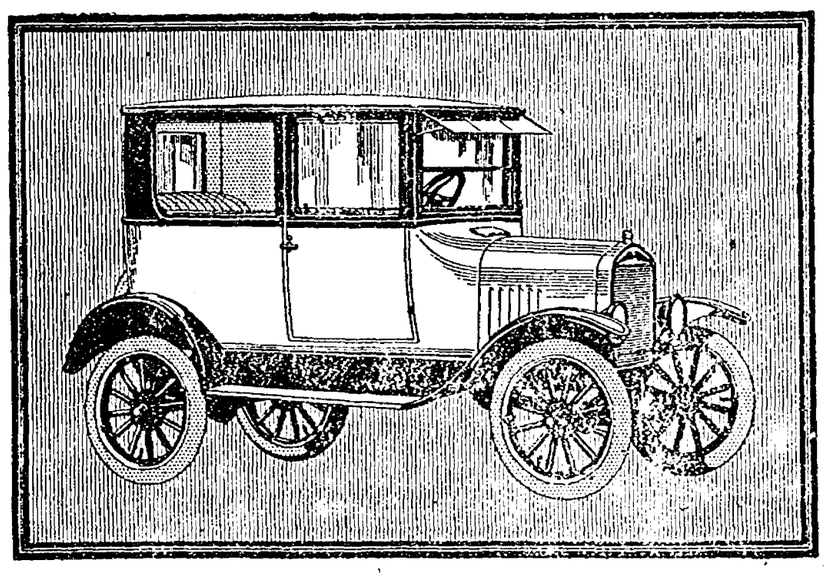

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Read the ads of the various merchants this week in the Independent and plan your Thanksgiving dinner from the suggestions they offer.

A number of friends and relatives dropped in on Hero Frohling Sunday to help him celebrate his 79th birthday. All enjoyed a good time.

S. A. Church and Mr. and Mrs. George Avery were guests of friends and relatives Rowan on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. McCallum and children of Strawberry Point spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Kiplinger.

Harry Brooks and family from Clear Lake spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. George Watkinson and Mrs. Herman Snyder and daughters of Garner called at the Methodist parsonage Sunday afternoon.

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The two doors are unusually wide, 28 3-4 inches, and are set at the front of the car, hung in exceptionally heavy frames and swing open forward on either side in line with the driver's seat. Side windows running back from the doors are oblong in shape and 32 inches in length, affording unusual vision to the occupants, while a large rear window adds to the visibility. All window glasses are lowered flush with the framing, affording clear vision and the maximum in ventilation. Exterior appearance is enhanced by a windshield visor, cowl ventilator and secure rear fenders of new design.

Interior arrangements of the Tudor Sedan meets all comfort requirements for both driver and passengers. The driver's seat is of the "bucket" design, with each cushion and back, assuring restful posture. There is a noticeable roominess in front with plenty of foot room. The tilting seat opposite the driver folds compactly out of the way so that entrance and exit thru the large and roomy door is easily and conveniently effected by those occupying the rear seat which is amply large for three persons.

Because of the location of the door, the driver has convenient access to his seat without folding up the extra seat alongside. The gasoline tank is located under the driver's seat making it unnecessary for him to disturb any other passengers when filling the tank. Interior fittings are attractive. The upholstery is in special Ford fabrics of dark brown with floor rug to match. Both the doors and side windows have been equipped with revolving type window regulators of the same design as those used in cars of much higher price. The Tudor Sedan, which is now in production, is priced at $590 at Detroit.

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The importance of efficient spark plugs cannot be estimated, says a well known automobile engineer. Never wait until they misfire and always buy the best quality obtainable.

New York City is building a city-owned repair shop and a garage costing $3,500,000. There are more than 5,000 automobiles and trucks in the street cleaning, police, fire and other departments.

Whether rubber paving will come into general use in this country may be decided as the result of experiments to be made by the Boston Board of Street Commissioners.

Feed a teaspoonful of graphite into the engine through the inlet while the engine is running, but be sure to use only the best graphite. The "treatment" will do wonders.

The Motor Vehicle Conference Committe, an organization consisting of motor users, dealers and manufacturers, is working on a plan for clarifying the present complex system of highway taxation.

Inspection of tires and rims frequently will prevent unnecessary trouble and annoyance. Rim cuts and breaking of wire cables at the base of the tire may be avoided if proper inspection is made regularly.

Don't forget that your tires are not built of steel. Taking corners at high speed; spinning the rear wheels in sand or mud; failing to watch inflation and crashing carelessly into curbs, as well as hastily applying brakes will each one of them shorten the life of your casings.

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(Corrected to date.)

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Freight, daily -------- 11:46 a. m.
Passenger, daily, ------ 2:10 p. m.
Going South
Freight, daily -------- 1:10 p. m.
Passenger, daily -------- 11:50 a. m.

M.& ST. L.
Going West.
Combination, daily ---- 8:30 a. m
Going East
Combination, daily ----- 3:35 p. m.

GREAT WESTERN
Going North
Motor, daily ---------- 10:03 a. m.
No. 16, pass., D & S ---- 1:30 p. m.
No. 12, pass., D & S ---- 1:26 a. m.
Local Freight -------- 7:55 a. m.
Going South
No. 11, pass., D & S ---- 1:24 a. m.
No. 15, pass., D & S ---- 3:15 p. m.
Motor ---------- 5:19 p. m.
Local Freight -------- 8:20 p. m.

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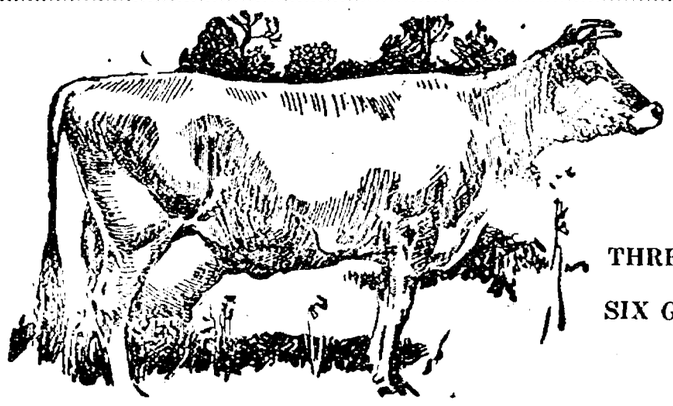

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1 AVERY riding corn plow
1 Cassidy 16-in. stubble plow
1 Velie top buggy, nearly new
1 John Deere 4-section harrow and drag cart
1 John Deere corn planter, new last spring, No. 999, with 80 rods of wire
1 New West Bend riding stubble plow, 16-in.
2 John Deere wagons with triple boxes, nearly new.
1 hay rack
1 barrel churn
1 grind stone
2 shoveling boards
1 good feed grinder
1 extra pair buggy fills
1 set good dump planks
20 bushels good potatoes
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1 Galloway separator, No. 9, in splendid running order.
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Boost The Ball Team!

Mr. and Mrs. LuVerne Smith and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Luick and son, Albert Luick, were visiting with Belmond relatives Sunday.—Times.

Mrs. LuVerne Smith went to Belmond last Wednesday for a visit at the home of her parents.—Times.

Mesdames Joe Starnes and Tom Roths drove to Belmond last week Thursday.—Times.

Mrs. Katheryn Rosecrans was a guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Barnes, the fore part of the week.—Leader.

Last Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Darrah entertained the farmers and their families who had raised beets this season in this community. A jolly bunch of ninety-one people partook of the excellent refreshments which were served them at 7:30 in the M. E. church parlors. Several connected with the sugar beet plant at Belmond were also guests.

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Mr. Darrah has been field agent for this section this year and has labored faithfully for all concerned.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Saatoff, former Kanawha residents who now reside at Belmond, were among the many Belmond folks who accompanied their football team here last Friday. Bert Nelson came up with Mr. and Mrs. Saatoff.—Reporter.

Willie Pierce, of Belmond visited the first of the week at the home of his aunt, Mrs. E. A. Horton. He is home on a month's furlough from the navy, where he has been serving for the past three years on the battleship Tennessee.—Monitor.

Mrs. J. L. Sinclair went to Belmond Saturday to help care for her mother who still continues very low.—Monitor.

Mrs. J. M. Stella visited over the week-end at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. R. Pierce, near Belmond.—Monitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Carlston and daughter, of Belmond were Kanawha callers Sunday afternoon.—Reporter.

John Lyman and wife went to Belmond Saturday and spent Sunday at the Wallace Ramsay home.—Signal. Ernest W. Luick to Adolf Meinders, tract in 30-93-23, Belmond, $25.—Monitor.

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Public notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been appointed and commissioned by the District Court of Wright County, in the State of Iowa, Executrix of the Estate of Clifford Trees, deceased; and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to file them with the Clerk of said Court, clearly stated and duly sworn to, and within legal time, preparatory to their being allowed or proved; and persons owing said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and avoid costs.

Dated at Belmond, Iowa, this 5th day of November, 1923.

Maul Trees, Executrix.
Birdsall, McGrath & Archerd,
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Little Willie: "How old is that lamp ma?"

Mother: "Oh, about three years."

L. W.: "Turn it down; it's too young to smoke."

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"Nossah, Boss, ah earns mah own living."

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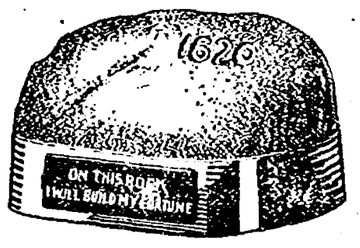

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CHAPTER XI

The Leopardess.

Pierre stood before the cheap bureau of his ugly hotel bedroom turning a red slip of cardboard about in his fingers. The gas-jet sputtering above his head threw heavy shadows down on his face. It was the face of hopeless, heartsick youth, the muscles sagging, the eyes dull, the lips tight and pale. Since last night when the contemptuous glitter of Joan's smile had fallen upon him, he had neither slept nor eaten. Jasper had joined him at the theater exit, had walked home with him, and, while he was with the manager, Pierre's pride and reserve had held him up. Afterward he had ranged the city like a prairie wolf, ranged it as though it had been an unpeopled desert, free to his stride. He had fixed his eyes above and beyond and walked alone in pain.

Dawn found him again in his room. What hope had sustained him, what memory of Joan, what purpose of tenderness toward her—these hopes and memories and purposes now choked and twisted him. He might have found her, his "gel," his Joan, with her dumb, loving gaze; he might have told her the story of his sorrow in such a way that she, who forgave so easily, would have forgiven even him, and he might have comforted her, holding her so and so, showing her utterly the true, unchanged, greatly changed love of his chastened heart. This girl, this love of his, whom, in his drunken, jealous madness, he had branded and driven away, he would have brought her back and tended her and made it up to her in a thousand, in ten thousand, ways. Pierre knelt by his bed, his black head buried in the cover, his arms bent above it, his hands clenched. Out there he had never lost hope of finding her, but here, in this peopled loneliness, with a memory of that woman's heartless smile, he did at least despair. In a strange, torturing way she had been like Joan. His heart had jumped to his mouth at first sight of her. And just there, to his shoulder where her head reached, had Joan's dear black head reached, too. Pierre groaned aloud. The picture of her was so vivid. Not in months had the reality of his "gel" come so close to his imagination. He could feel her—feel her! O God!

It Was the Face of Hopeless, Heartsick Youth.

That was the sort of night he had spent and the next day he passed in a lethargy. He had no heart to face the future now that the great purpose of his life had failed. Holliwell's God of comfort and forgiveness forsook him. What did he want with a God when that one comrade of his lonely, young, human life was out there lost by his own cruelty! Perhaps she was dead. Perhaps the wound had killed her. For all these years she might have been lying dead somewhere in the snow, under the sky. Sharp periods of pain followed dull periods of stupor. Now it was night again and a recollection of Jasper's theater ticket had dragged him to a vague purpose. He wanted to see again that woman who had so vivified his memory of Joan. It would be hateful to see her again, but he wanted the pain. He dressed and groomed himself carefully. Then, feeling a little faint, he went out into the clattering, glaring night.

Pierre's experience of theater-going was exceedingly small. He had never been in so large a playhouse as this one of Morena's; he had never seen so large and well-dressed an audience; never heard a full and well-trained orchestra. In spite of himself, he began to be distracted, excited, stirred.

When the curtain rose on the beautiful tropical scene, the lush island, the turquoise sea, the realistic strip of golden sand, Pierre gave an audible oath of admiration and surprise. The people about him began to be amused by the excitement of this handsome, haggard young man, so graceful and intense, so different with his hardness and leanness, the brilliance of his eyes, the brownness of his skin. His clothes were good enough, but they fitted him with an odd air of disguise. An experienced eye would inevitably have seen the appropriateness of flannel shirt, gay silk neck-handkerchief, boots, spurs and chaparreras. Pierre was entirely unaware of being interesting or different. At that moment, caught up in the action of the play, he was as outside of himself as a child.

The palms of stage-land stirred, the ferns swayed; between their tall, vivid greenness came Joan with her tread and grace and watchful eyes of a leopardess, her loose, wild hair decked with flowers: these and her make-up and her thinness disguised her completely from Pierre, but again his heart came to his throat and, when she put her hands up to her mouth and called, his pulses gave a leap. He shut his eyes. He remembered a voice calling him in to supper. "Pi-erre! Pi-erre!" He could sniff the smoke of his cabin fire. He opened his eyes. Of course she wasn't Joan, this strange, gaunt creature. Besides, his wife could never have done what this woman was doing. Why, Joan couldn't talk like this, she couldn't act to save her soul! She was as simple as a child, and shy, with the unself-conscious shyness of wild things. To be sure, this "actress-lady" was making believe she was a wild thing, and she was doing it almighty well, but Joan had been the reality, and grave and still, part of his own big, grave mountain country, not a fierce, man-devouring animal of the tropics. Pierre lived in the play with all but one fragment of his brain, and that remembered Joan. It hurt like a hot coal, but he deliberately ignored the pain of it.

He followed the action breathlessly, applauded with contagious fervor, surreptitiously rid himself of tears, and when, in the last scene, the angry, jealous woman sprang upon her tamer, he muttered, "Serve you right, you coyote!" with an oath of the cow-camp that made one of his neighbors jump and throttle a startled laugh.

The curtain fell, and while the applause rose and died down and rose again, and the people called for "Jane West! Jane West!" the stage-director, a plump little Jew, came out behind the footlights and held up his hand. There was a gradual silence.

"I want to make an interesting announcement," he said; "the author of 'The Leopardess' has hitherto maintained his anonymity, but tonight I have permission to give you his name. He is in the theater tonight. The name is already familiar to you as that of the author of a popular novel, 'The Canyon': Prosper Gael."

There was a stir of interest, a general searching of the house, clapping, cries of "Author! Author!" and in a few moments Prosper Gael left his box and appeared beside the director in answer to the calls. He was entirely self-possessed, looked even a little bored, but he was very white. He stood there bowing, a graceful and attractive figure, and he was about to begin a speech when he was interrupted by a renewed calling for "Jane West!" The audience wanted to see the star and the author side by side. Pierre joined in the clamor.

After a little pause Jane West came out from the opposite wing, walking slowly, dressed in her green gown, jewels on her neck and in her hair. She did not look toward the audience at all, nor bow, nor smile, and for some reason the applause began to falter as though the sensitive mind of the crowd was already aware that here something must be wrong. She came very slowly, her arms hanging, her head bent, her eyes looking up from under her brows, and she stood beside Prosper Gael, whose forced smile had stiffened on his lips. He looked at her in obvious fear, as a man might look at a dangerous madwoman. There must have been madness in her eyes. She stood there for a strange, terrible moment, moving her head slightly from side to side. Then she said something in a very low tone. Because of the extraordinary carrying quality of her voice—the question was heard by everyone there present:

"You wrote the play? You wrote the play?"

She said it twice. She seemed to quiver, to gather herself together, her hands bent, her arms lifted. She flew at Prosper with all the sudden strength of her insanity.

There was an outcry, a confusion. People rushed to Gael's assistance. Men caught hold of Joan, now struggling frantically. It was a dreadful sight, mercifully a brief one. She collapsed utterly, fell forward, the strap of her gown breaking in the grasp of one of the men who held her. For an instant everyone in the audience saw a strange double scar that ran across her shoulder to the edge of the shoulder-blade. It was like two bars.

Pierre got to his feet, dropped back, and hid his face. Then he was up, and struggling past excited people down the row, out into the aisle, along it, hurrying blindly down unknown passages till somehow he got himself into that confused labyrinth behind the scenes. Here a pale, distracted scene-shifter informed him that Miss West had already been taken home.

Pierre got the address, found his way out to the street, hailed a taxicab and threw himself into it. He sat forward, every muscle tight; he felt that he could take the taxicab up and hurl it forward, so terrible was his impatience.

An apartment house was a greater novelty to him even than a theater, but, after a dazed moment of discovering that he did not have to ring or knock, but just push open the great iron-scrolled door and step into the brightly lighted, steam-heated marble hall, he decided that the woman at the desk was a person in authority, and to her he addressed himself, soft hat gripped in his hand, his face set to hide excitement.

The girl was pale and red-eyed. They had brought Miss West in a few minutes ago, she told him, and carried her up. She was still unconscious; poor thing! "I don't think you could see her, sir. Mr. Morena is up there, and Mr. Gael, and a doctor. A trained nurse has been sent for. Everything in the world will be done. She's such an elegant actress, ain't she? I've often seen her myself. And so kind and pleasant always. Yes, sir. I'll ask, if you like, but I'm sure they won't allow you up."

She put the receiver to her ear, pushed in the black plug, and Pierre listened to her questions.

"Can Miss West see anyone? Can an old friend"—for so Pierre had named himself—"be allowed to see her? No. I thought not." This, with a sympathetic glance at Pierre. "She is not conscious yet. Dangerously ill."

"Could I speak to the doctor?" Pierre asked hoarsely.

"The gentleman wants to know if he can speak to the doctor. Certainly not at present. If he will wait, the doctor will speak to him on the way out.

Pierre sat on the bench and waited. He leaned forward, elbows on knees, head crushed in both hands, and the woman stared at him pitifully—not that he was aware of her scrutiny. His eyes looked through his surroundings to Joan. He saw her in every pose and in every look in which he had ever seen her, and, with a very sick and frightened heart, he saw her, at the last, pass by him in her fur coat, throwing him that half-contemptuous look and smile. She didn't know him. Was he changed so greatly? Or was the change in her so enormous that it had disassociated her completely from her old life, from him? He kept repeating to himself Holliwell's stern, admonishing speech: "However changed for the worse, she may be when you do find her, Pierre, you must remember that it is your fault, your sin. You must not judge her, must not dare to judge her. Judge yourself. Condemn yourself. It is for her to forgive if she can bring herself to do it."

So now Pierre fought down his suspicions and his fears. He had not recognized Prosper. The man who had come in out of the white night, four years ago, had worn his cap low over his eyes, his collar turned up about his face, and, even at that, Pierre, in his drunken stupor, had not been able to see him very clearly. This Prosper Gael who had stood behind the footlights, this Prosper Gael at whom Joan, for some unknown cause, had sprung like a woman maddened by injury, was a person entirely strange to Pierre. But Pierre hated him. The man had done Joan some insufferable mischief, which at the last had driven her beside herself. Pierre put up a hand, pressing it against his eyes. He wanted to shut out the picture of that struggling girl with her torn dress and the double scar across her shoulder. If it hadn't been for the scar he would never have known her—his Joan, his gentle, silent Joan! What had they been doing to her to change her so? No, not they. He. He had changed her. He had branded her and driven her out. It was his fault. He must try to find her again, to find the old Joan—if she should live. The doctor had said that she was desperately ill. O God! What was keeping him so long? Why didn't he come?

The arrival of the trained nurse distracted Pierre for a few moments. She went past him in her gray cloak, very quiet and earnest, and the elevator lifted her out of sight.

"Were you in the theater tonight?" asked the girl at the desk, seeing that he was temporarily aware of her again.

"Yes, ma'am."

She was puzzled by his appearance and the fashion of his speech. He must be a gentleman, she thought, for his bearing was gentle and assured and unself-conscious, but he wore his clothes differently and spoke differently from other gentlemen.

That "Yes, ma'am," especially disturbed her. Then she remembered a novel she had read and her mind jumped to a conclusion. She leaned forward.

"Say, aren't you from the West?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"You weren't ever a cowboy, were you?"

Pierre smiled. "Yes, ma'am. I was raised in a cow-camp. I was a cowboy till about seven years ago when I took to ranchin'."

"Where was that?"

"Out in Wyoming."

"And you've come straight from there to New York?" She pronounced it "Noo Yolk."

"No, ma'am. I've been in Alasky for two years now. I've been in a lumber-camp."

"Gee! That's real interesting. And you knew Miss West before she came East, then?"

"Yes, ma'am." But there was a subtle change in Pierre's patient voice and clear, unhappy eyes, so that the girl fell to humming and bottled up her curiosity. But just as soon as he began to brood again she gave up her whole mind to staring at him. Gee! He was brown and strong and thin! And a good-looker! She wished that she had worn her transformation that evening and her blue blouse. He might have taken more interest in her.

A stout, bald-headed man, bag in hand, stepped out of the elevator, and Pierre rippled to his feet.

"Are you the doctor?"

"Yes. Oh, you're the gentleman who wanted to see Miss West. She's come to, but she is out of her head completely . . . doesn't know anyone. Can you step out with me?"

Pierre kept beside him and stood by the motor, hat still in his hand, while the doctor talked irritably: "No. You certainly can't see her, for some time. I shall not allow anyone to see her except the nurse. It will be a matter of weeks. She'll be lucky if she gets back her sanity at all. She was entirely out of her head there at the theater. She's worn out, nerves frayed to a frazzle. Horribly unhealthy life and unnatural. To take a country girl, an ignorant, untrained, healthy animal, bring her to the city, and force her under terrific pressure into a life so foreign to her—well! it was just a piece of d—d brutality." Then his acute eye suddenly fixed itself on the man standing on the curb listening.

"You're from the West yourself?"

"Yes, sir."

"Knew her in the old days—eh?"

"Yes, sir." Pierre's voice was faint and he put a hand against the motor.

"Well, why don't you take her back with you to that life? You're not feeling any too fit yourself, are you? Look here. Get in and I'll drop you where you belong."

Pierre obeyed rather blindly and leaned back with closed eyes. The doctor got out a flask and poured him a dose of brandy.

"What's the trouble? Too much New York?"

Pierre shook his head and smiled. "No, sir. I've been bothered and didn't get around to eating and sleeping lately."

"Then I'll take you to a restaurant and we'll have supper. I need something myself. And, look here, I'll make you a promise. Just as soon as I consider her fit for an interview with anyone, I'll let you see Miss West. That helps you a whole lot, doesn't it?"

But there were other powers, besides this friendly one, watching over Joan, and they were bent upon keeping Pierre away. Day after sickening day Pierre came and stood beside the desk, and the girl, each time a little more careless of him, a little more insolent toward him—for the cowboy would not notice her blouse and her transformation and the invitation of her eyes—gave him negligent and discouraging information.

"Miss West was better, but very weak. No. She wouldn't see anyone. Yes, Mr. Morena could see her, but not Mr. Landis, certainly not Mr. Pierre Landis of Wyoming."

And the doctor, being questioned by the half-frantic Westerner, admitted that Mr. Morena had hinted at reasons why it might be dangerous for the patient to see her old friend from the West. Pierre stood to receive this sentence, and after it his eye fell. The doctor had seen the quick, desperate moisture in them.

"I tell you what, Landis," he said, putting a hand on Pierre's shoulder. "I'm willing to take a risk. I'm sure of one thing. Miss West hasn't even heard of your inquiries."

"You mean Morena's making it up—about her not being willing to see me?"

"I do mean that. And no doubt he's doing it with the best intentions. But I'm willing to take a risk. See those stairs? You run up them to the fifth floor. The nurse is out. Gael is in attendance; that is, he's in the sitting-room. She doesn't know of his presence, hasn't been allowed to see him. Miss West's door—the outside one—is ajar. Go up. Get past Gael if you can. Behave yourself quietly, and if you see the least sign of weakness on the part of Miss West, or if she shows the slightest disinclination for your company, come down—I'm trusting you—as quickly as you can and tell me. I'll wait. Have I your promise?"

"Yes, sir," gasped Pierre.

The doctor smiled at the swift, leaping grace of his western friend's ascent. He was anxious concerning the result of his experiment, but there was a memory upon him of a haunted look in Joan's eyes that seemed the fellow to a look of Pierre's. He rather believed in intuitions, especially his own.

CHAPTER XII

The End of the Trail.

At the top of the fourth flight of steps Pierre found himself facing a door that stood ajar. Beyond that door was Joan and he knew not what experience of discovery, of explanation, of punishment. What he had suffered since the night of his cruelty would be nothing to what he might have to suffer now at the hands of the woman he had loved and hurt. That she was incredibly changed he knew; what had happened to change her he did not know. That she had suffered greatly was certain. One could not look at the face of Jane West, even under its disguise of pain and pencil, without a sharp realization of profound and embittering experience. And, just as certainly, she had gone far ahead of her husband in learning, in a certain sort of mental and social development. Pierre was filled with doubt and with dread, with an almost unbearable self-depreciation. And at the same time he was filled with a nameless fear of what Joan might herself have become.

He stood with his hand on the knob of that half-opened door, bent his head, and drew some deep, uneven breaths. He thought of Holliwell as though the man were standing beside him. He stepped in quietly, shut the door, and walked without hesitation down the passageway into the little sunny sitting-room. There, before the crackling open fire, sat Prosper Gael.

Prosper, it seemed, was alone in the small, silent place. He was sitting on the middle of his spine, as usual, with his long, thin legs stretched out before him and a veil of cigarette smoke before his eyes. He turned his head idly, expecting, no doubt, to see the nurse.

Pierre, white and grim, stood looking down at him.

The older man recognized him at once, but he did not change his position by a muscle, merely lounged there, his head against the side of the cushioned chair, the brilliant, surprised gaze changing slowly to amused contempt. His cigarette hung between the long fingers of one hand, its blue spiral of smoke rising tranquilly into a bar of sunshine from the window.

"The doctor told me to come up," said Pierre gravely. He was aware of the insult of this stranger's attitude, but he was too deeply stirred, too deeply suspenseful, to be irritated by it. He seemed to be moving in some rare, disconnected atmosphere. "I have his permission to see—to see Miss West, if she is willing to see me."

Prosper flicked off an ash with his little finger. "And you believe that she is willing to see you, Pierre Landis?" he asked slowly.

Pierre gave him a startled look. "You know my name?"

"Yes. I believe that four years ago, on an especially cold and snowy night, I interrupted you in a rather extraordinary occupation and gave myself the pleasure of shooting you." With that he got to his feet and stood before the mantel, negligently enough, but ready to his fingertips.

Pierre came nearer by a stride. He had been stripped at once of his air of high detachment. He was pale and quivering. He looked at Prosper with eyes of incredulous dread.

"Were you—that man?" A tide of shamed scarlet engulfed him and he dropped his eyes.

"I thought that would take the assurance out of you," said Prosper. "As a matter of fact, shooting was too good for you. On that night you forfeited every claim to the consideration of man or woman. I have the right of any decent citizen to turn you out of here. Do you still maintain your intention of asking for an interview with Miss Jane West?"

Pierre, half-blind with humiliation, turned without a word and made his way to the door. He meant to go away and kill himself. The purpose was like iron in his mind. That he should have to stand and, because of his own cowardly fault, to endure insult from this contemptuous stranger, made of life a garment too stained, too shameful to be worn. He was in haste to be rid of it. Something, however, barred his exit. He stumbled back to avoid it. There, holding aside the curtain in the doorway, stood Joan.

This time there was no possible doubt of her identity. She was wrapped in a long blue gown, her hair had fallen in braided loops on either side of her face and neck. The unchanged eyes of Joan under her broad brows looked up at him. She was thin and wan, unbelievably broken and tired and hurt, but she was Joan. Pierre could not but forget death at sight of her. He staggered forward, and she, putting up her arms, drew him hungrily and let fall her head upon his shoulder.

"My gel! My Joan!" Pierre sobbed.

Prosper's voice sawed into their tremulous silence.

"So, after all, the branding iron is the proper instrument," he said. "A man can always recognize his estray, and when she is recognized she will come to heel."

Joan pushed Pierre from her violently and turned upon Prosper Gael. Her voice broke over him in a tumult of soft scorn.

"You know nothing of loving, Prosper Gael, not the first letter of loving. Nobody has learned that about you as well as I have. Now, listen and I will teach you something. This is something that I have learned. There are worse wounds than I had from Pierre, and it is by the hands of such men as you are that they are given. The hurts you get from love, they heal. Pierre was mad, he was a beast, he branded me as though I had been a beast. For long years I couldn't think of him but with a sort of horror in my heart. If it hadn't been for you, I might never have thought of him no other way forever. But what you did to me, Prosper, you with your white-hot brain and your gray-cold heart, you with your music and your talk throbbing and whining about my soul, what you did to me has made Pierre's iron a very gentle thing. I have not acted in the play you wrote, the play you made out of me and my unhappiness without understanding just what it was that you did to me. Perhaps if it hadn't been for the play, I might even have believed that you were capable of something better than that passion you had once for me—but not now. Never, now can I believe it. What you make other people suffer is material for your own success, and you delight in it. You make notes upon it. Pierre was mad through loving me, too ignorantly, too jealously, but what you did to me was through loving me too little. That was a brand upon my brain and soul. Sometimes since then that scar on my shoulder has seemed to me almost like the memory of a caress. I went away from Pierre, leaving him for dead, ready for death myself. When you left me, you left me alive and ready for what sort of living? It has been Pierre's love and his following after me that have kept me from low and beastly things. I've run from him, but I've run clean and free." She began to tremble. "Will you say anything more to me and to my man?"

Prosper's face wore its old look of the winged demon. He was cold in his angry pain.

"Just one thing to your man, perhaps, if you will allow me, but perhaps you'll tell him that yourself. That his method is the right one. I admit. But in one respect not even a brand will altogether preserve property rights. Morena could say something on that score. So could I. . . ."

"Hush!" said Joan; "I will tell him myself. Pierre, I left you for dead and I went away with this man, and after a while, because I thought you were dead, and because I was alone and sorrowful and weak, and because, perhaps, of what my mother was, I—I—" She fell away from Pierre, crouched against the side of the door, and wrapped the curtain round her face. "He told me you were dead—" The words came muffled.

Pierre had let her go and turned to Prosper. His own face was a mask of rage. Prosper knew that it was the Westerner's intention to kill. For a minute, no longer, he was a lightning channel of death. But Pierre, the Pierre shaped during the last four difficult years, turned upon his own writhing, savage soul and forced it to submit. It was as though he fought with his hands. Sweat broke out on him. At last, he stood and looked at Prosper with sane, stern eyes.

"If that's true what you hinted, if that's true what she was tryin' to tell, if it's even partly true," he said painfully, "then it was me that brought it upon her, not you—an' not herself, but me."

He turned back to Joan, drew the curtain from her face, drew down her hands, lifted her and carried her to the couch beside the fire.

There she shrank away from him, tried to push him back.

"It's true, Pierre; not that about Morena, but the rest is true. It's true. Only he told me you were dead. But you weren't—no, don't take my hands. I never did have dealings with Holliwell. Indeed, I loved only you. But you must have known me better than I knew myself. For I am bad. I am bad. I left you for dead and I went away."

He had mastered her hands, both of them in one of his, and he drew them close to his heart.

"Don't Joan! Hush, Joan! You mustn't. It was my doings, gel, all of it. Hush!"

He bent and crushed his lips against hers, silencing her. Then she gave way and clung to him, sobbing.

After a while Pierre looked up at Prosper Gael. All the patience and the hunger and the beauty of his love possessed his face. There was simply no room in his heart for any lesser thing.

"Stranger," he said in the grave and gentle western speech, "I'll have to ask you to leave me with my wife."

Prosper made a curious, silent gesture of self-despair and went out, feeling his way before him.

It was half an hour later when the doctor came softly to the door and held back the curtain in his hand. He did not say anything and, after a silent minute, he let fall the curtain and moved softly away. He was reassured as to the success of his experiment. He had seen Joan's face.

[THE END]

Boost The Ball Team!

Yea, Verily, Henry

Book Agent: "Here, sir, is a wonderful volume—a complete course in oratory——"

Mr. Henry Peck: "Haven't you got something like a course in back talk? I am a married man."

There's A Limit

Insurance Agent (filling out life insurance blank): "And now what kind of a car do you drive?"

Applicant: "None, I hate 'em all."

Insurance Agent: "I am sorry, sir but this company no longer insures pedestrians."

Special Thanksgiving

Overcoat Offering

Starts Friday a. m.,

November 23rd

BE the original early bird. Find out what a big selection a small sum can command in high grade overcoats. If you're "from Missouri" this is the place you've been looking for.

Remember Saturday A. M. bright and early. Two big fine lots of high grade overcoats.

$27.00 **$32.00**

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GILDNER BROS.

IOWA'S LARGEST CLOTHIERS
MASON CITY, IOWA

taking this three months' course. Write for splendid catalog.
THE HAMILTON UNIVERSITY
Mason City, Iowa

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Erdman and son, W. T. Jr., of Corwith, were visitors last week at the L. E. Titzell home.

Miss Bessie Hellard, of Marshalltown, was a guest of her friends, Misses Avis and Myrtle Hereim, a day or two last week.

Mrs. Lester Bickett and son returned to their home at Dinsdale on Saturday. They had been staying at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Boughton the past few weeks.

Boost The Ball Team!

YOU'LL NEVER FORGET
MRS. WALLACE REID
IN
"HUMAN WRECKAGE"
At The STAR THEATRE
ROWAN, IOWA
STARTING THANKSGIVING
Thursday, Friday, Saturday
November 29, 30, December 1
Matinee Saturday p. m. at 2:30

LOCALS

Look far enough in the future so that you won't forget the "present." The Fuller Brush line affords wonderful opportunity to buy Christmas Gifts. Evening demonstrations given if requested.—E. R. Lockwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stadtlander and Mrs. Ben Stadtlander were visitors at the Bert Stadtlander home in Latimer last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Halligan left last Tuesday for their home at Prophetstown, Illinois, after a two weeks' visit with the former's sister, Mrs. L. E. Titzell, in Pleasant township.

Supt. Guthrie drove to Mason City last Saturday to attend to business matters and secure a referee for the Thanksgiving game.

Friday and Saturday of this week we will allow you 30 cents on your old Hot Water Bottle to apply on a new Hot Water Bottle, Combination or Fountain Syringe, no matter what condition your old bottle is in.
SCHULTZ DRUG CO.

The Farmers' Short Course consists of farm bookkeeping, farm arithmetic, income tax law, etc, opens December 3. Boys, you can make the best investment of your lives by

MAY we express to you our thanks and appreciation for your loyal patronage given us. May your day of Thanksgiving be filled with joy and happiness.

White Produce Company

SPECIAL

Reduction Sale

Of All LADIES' COATS

Including This Year's Models

W. W. GOETZ

Belmond, Iowa

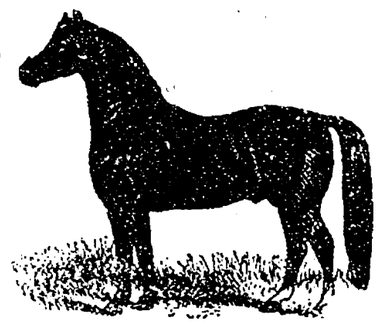
PUBLIC SALE

As I am moving away, I will sell at public auction, at the Rierson place on the hill in west Belmond, on

Saturday, November 24

COMMENCING AT 1:00 O'CLOCK, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

8 - Head of Horses - 8



1 YEARLING COLT
1 BAY DRIVING MARE
1 GREY COLT 3 YRS. OLD.
1 BAY MARE 6 YRS. OLD, WT. 1300
1 BAY HORSE 15 YRS. OLD, WT. 1300
1 BLACK GELDING 4 YRS. OLD, WT. 1300
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1 - Good Milk Cow - 1

5 - Head of Hogs - 5

FOUR GOOD HAMPSHIRE SHOATS
ONE PURE BRED DUROC JERSEY BROOD SOW, WT. 350

Farm Machinery, Etc.

1 seeder
1 mower
4 wagons
1 Deering hay rake
1 Crackerjack corn planter
2 saddles
2 loads of hay
7 slip scrappers
3 sets work harness
6 corn fodder stacks
1 corn sheller
1 single buggy
2 other cultivators
Some blacksmith tools
1 John Deere cultivator
1 FORD TOURING CAR, MODEL 1914
A QUANTITY OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS

TERMS: $10.00 or under, cash. Over that amount 9 months' time will be given on bankable notes bearing 8 per cent interest. All property to be settled for on day of sale.

Thos. Guest & Son

Proprietor

T. D. RANKINS, AUCTIONEER. STATE BANK OF BELMOND, CLERK.

LOCAL NEWS

The Ladies Aid of the M. E. church will hold their annual bazaar in the church basement Nov. 24, beginning at 10:00 o'clock. Lunches served thru out the day.

Miss Edith Dirksen of Alexander visited her friend, Edna Arends, on Friday and Saturday.

Drop in at the Methodist church for an hour Sunday evening and enjoy the music. Sermon subject: "A Young Man in Love."

Mrs. D. E. Quinn and Mrs. A. J. Dorr left last week Wednesday for the Black Hills, where they will visit some time with friends and relatives.

Miss Era Hampton of Ventura arrived Saturday for a few days' visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Packard.

Workmen have been engaged the past week or two on the sewer and water extensions which were recently authorized by the city council, in north Belmond. It is expected that the work will be completed within the present month or around the first of December.

NOTICE!

Because of heavy obligations falling due at this time of year, we request all persons owing us to settle by cash or bankable note not later than Dec. 1st. —Cato C. Griesy.

Annual Bazaar of the Methodist Ladies will be held this Saturday. Come and see the nice things they have for sale and get something good to eat.

Boost The Ball Team!

Thos. Guest is holding a closing out sale Saturday of this week, and he and his family will move to Toledo, Ohio, where they will make their future home.

Guy Toyne of Rowan was a business caller in town Monday of this week.

Next week the Independent will offer its readers a treat in the way of a Thanksgiving sermon written especially for the Independent by the Rev. J. B. O'Connor. Watch for this feature in the next issue.

Cato Griesy returned the latter part of last week from St. Paul, where had been on business.

B. O. Kinseth held a successful sale at his place near Alexander last Thursday. He is retiring from the farm, having purchased a hardware and implement business at Alexander which he will take charge of at once.

A. L. Luick and W. C. Tyrrell were business callers in Chicago a day or two last week on affairs connected with the sugar factory.

John Anderson left the first of the week for Crystal Lake on a few days vacation and to visit old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair White of Fort Dodge drove up Wednesday on business matters.

Atty. Jensen was a caller at Mason City yesterday, where he had a case in court.

Harry Nordschow and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Reed went to Ft. Dodge last week, where Mr. Reed purchased and drove back home a new Overland Red Bird.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bode of Kesley, and Mrs. C. Bode of Austinville, and Mr. and Mrs. Limburg were visitors Tuesday at the J. C. Arends home.

Hajo Pals refereed a basket ball game at Goodell last Friday night, between Goodell and Klemme, which the latter won.

BIG APRON SALE!

Friday, November 23.

We have just received a large shipment of Novelty Dress Aprons that we are going to offer to the trade at 99 cents. These aprons are entirely new and different, made from a good grade of Richardson's Art Material in the following colors: Rose, Blue, Tan, Lavender and Henna. Transfer design on front and sleeves. A handsome Christmas Gift. Watch Our Window.

—C. G. JOHNSON

Atty. J. M. Jensen has moved his office from the old First National bank building to rooms over the McGuire clothing store.

Don't forget the Bazaar at the Methodist church this Saturday. Lunches served at all hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jacobmeyer and family arrived Tuesday from Minnesota, via auto, and will make their home here where they formerly resided.

Boost The Ball Team!

For Sale—Dressed Geese for Thanksgiving. Phone 3217.—O. D. Jenison. 1c

Mrs. John Mack is reported very ill at this writing.

Bernard Mennenga and family of Mason City were visiting old friends and relatives in Belmond Sunday.

L. E. Titzell has just completed a fine improvement on his farm in Pleasant township by the erection of a fine large barn and double corn crib.

J. C. Arends and family were at Alexander, Sunday.

Hilko H. Pals, of Meservey, was a business caller in town last Saturday.

Society

Party—

Miss Esther Dibble enjoyed a birthday party last Friday evening, November 11th, some sixteen of her little friends being present to assist her The evening was delightfully spent in games and various amusements, after which refreshments were served. Miss Esther was 12 years old. She received many fine presents in honor of the occasion.

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Entertains—

The Congregational Aid society will meet at the home of Mrs. S. U. Leinbach this afternoon.

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Progress—

The ladies of the Progress club entertained their husbands at the library last night. The receiving committee, dressed in Indian costumes, met the guests at the door where each one was given an Indian name and head dress. A sumptious dinner was served at 6:30 by pretty Indian maidens. The guests found their places by the Indian names given them at the door, which were written on the place cards.

After dinner the Indian braves had a contest in war whoops. Hunting games were played. The evening closed with a scene from Hiawatha.

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Entertain—

Mrs. C. O. Fitts and Mrs. Albert Chamberlain entertained a number of their friends last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Fitts.

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Bridge—

Mr. and Mrs Glenn Klemme will entertain the young married people's bridge club tonight.

J. C. Arends attended the shooting match at the gun club at Hampton the first of the week.

$1.25 worth of P & G and Bob White soap 98c
$1.47 worth of Grandma's White Naptha soap, 10 oz. bar 98c
W. A. Parsons & Co.

For Gasoline, Kerosene and Lubricating oil, call phone 39½.—Belmond Deep Rock oil Co. 32tfc

PUBLIC SALE DATES

(List your sale with the Independent to avoid confusion in dates.)

Rowan Short Course, January 16th and 17th.

Thos. Guest, farm implements and stock, Sat., Nov. 24, in Belmond. Ad this week.

Jack Finn, northeast of Belmond, Monday, Nov. 26, farm sale. Ad this issue.

Frank Toyne & Son, 1 1-2 miles south of Rowan, Monday, Nov. 26. Farm sale and pure bred hogs. Ad this issue.

Tony Knipp, southeast of Goodell, Wednesday, Nov. 28. Farm sale. Ad this issue.

Richard Anderson, farm sale, Monday, Dec. 3. Ad next week.

H. B. Sandry, near Goodell, Tuesday, Dec. 4. Farm sale. Ad next issue.

C. B. Allison, east of Belmond. Farm sale. Wednesday, Dec. 5. Ad next week.

C. C. Landon, southeast of Belmond, farm sale, Tuesday, Dec. 11. Ad later.

Boost The Ball Team!

Fred Greenfield of Alexander was a business caller in town Saturday.

Mrs. Fred Frohling was a guest of relatives at Alexander a few days last week.

The Des Moines Register and the Independent for one year for only $5.80. New subscriptions only to the Register.

I'm the trouble man. What's your trouble? Your trouble is no trouble to me. Bring in your trouble. R. D. Kenefick. 522c

Boost The Ball Team!

For Gasoline, Kerosene and Lubricating oil, call phone 39½.—Belmond Deep Rock oil Co. 32tfc

BELMOND MARKETS
(Subject to change.)

Hens, old	13c
Roosters	07c
Springs	12c
Geese	10c
Ducks	10c
Turkeys	25c
Eggs	44c
Cream	50c
Barley	50c
Oats	34c
Corn, No. 4	60c

WANT ADS

Two cents per word first insertion; one cent per word ensuing insertions.

FOR SALE

Apples! Yakoma pear and Greenings, hand picked, sprayed orchard, will keep until April. Dollar a bushel. Will deliver in town. Bring baskets.—M. Halfwassen. 1*

For Sale—A few Spotted Poland China boars. Three miles south of Kanawha.—Gundvel Johnson. 513*

For Sale—A few Spotted Poland China boars, pure bred.—J. M. Sampson, Belmond. 49tfc

For Sale—Single comb Black Minorca cockerals, April hatch. $1.00 if taken at once.—Fred Bobst, Alexander, Iowa, Route 2. 522*

If you are a lover of the Spots, remember I can supply you with pedigreed and guaranteed Spring Boars, at farmers' prices.—Roy Jenison, Belmond. 522*

For Sale—Woven wire corn crib, capacity 800 bushels.—Galen Johnson. 12*

For Sale—Chester White boars. Champion blood lines. Cholera immune. Farm located two miles west and one-half mile north of Kanawha. Ed Riekens. 52tfc

Poland China male pig. 200 lbs. $15.—M. Halfwassen. 1*

LOST AND FOUND

Strayed—Dark bay mare, weight about 1200, white star on forehead, one white hind foot. Finder please notify Leo Brennen, Kanawha. 522*

Lost—Brown guantlet glove between Robinson store and George Hake residence. Finder please leave at this office or return to Mrs. Henry Docterman. 1*

WANTED

Man Wanted—Experienced farm hand to work during winter doing chores and cutting wood. Will hire all year around if desirable. Phone 2202.—F. E. Christie. 1*

FOR RENT

For Rent—20 acre farm with buildings, five miles from town.—John D. Pals, Belmond, Iowa. Phone 1614. 12*

BELMOND AUTO CO.

Lincoln—Ford—Fordson

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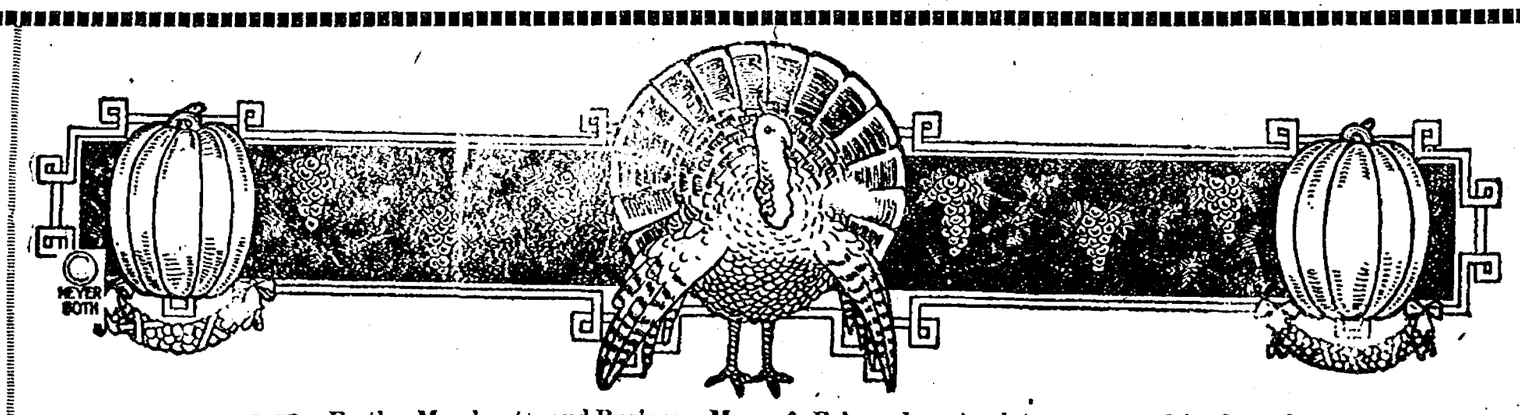

WE, the Merchants and Business Men of Belmond, extend to you, our friends and patrons, our sincere appreciation and thanks for the favors you have shown us during the past year, and we sincerely hope that the months to follow will witness a continuation of our friendly relations.

—Greetings and best wishes for a HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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H. JACOBSON & SON

Dry Goods and Groceries

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It is our pleasure to serve you at all times.

To you and yours
A HAPPY, PROSPEROUS THANKSGIVING
Is the sincere wish of
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The one gift that can not be duplicated.

—THE THOE STUDIO—

I extend to you all my heartiest wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving

EMMA NORTON
Millinery
Ladies' Exchange

JONES HARNESS CO.

Harness, Tires, Blankets.

We appreciate your patronage.

Phone 47

AUG. FOSS

Shoe Repairing

Employment Agency

I desire to express my appreciation and thanks for the patronage you have given me.

We Thank You for the Patronage you have given us during the past year.

WM. DEMPSEY
Pop Corn, Peanuts, Candy

E. E. BOUGHTON

Reclaimed Furniture

We offer you our appreciation and thanks for the patronage you have given us during the past year.

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Factory Completes Sugar Making Campaign Last Night By Making 6,000,000 Pounds

Most Successful Year of History

Finish Slicing Beets Sunday Morning; Have 3,000,000 Pounds Of Sugar Left.

NEXT YEAR BIGGER YET

By the time the Independent goes into the mails this morning, the sugar factory will probably have completed its campaign for the year. At this writing approximately 59,500 sacks, or about 6,000,000 pounds. of pure granulated sugar have been made. Of this total, about 2,900,000 pounds have been sold, and 3,000,009 pounds are now at the plant.

It has been a very successful season of operation. The plant has operated at a high point of efficiency, and has cut over capacity nearly every day. Slicing was completed at two o'clock Sunday morning, and the sugar making ended last night. Approximately 200 men were employed during the campaign, who were paid some $45,000 during the campaign. It cost about $30,000 to overhaul the plant, and field labor in this vicinity received over $100,000 in wages. The cash turned loose in this vicinity during the past ten months, then, was in the neighborhood of $200,000, not an amount in ready money turned into business channels which can well be ignored.

Next year doubtless from 20,000 to 30,000 more tons of beets will be cut. The Company has been in receipt of letters and inquiries from various points in Iowa and Minnesota regarding beets, and several thousand more acres are anticipated for next year

It has been truly a "sweet" season for all concerned, and the prospects for next year are such as to put the smile-that-won't-come-off on the face of all officials, stockholders and business men

SAYS HUSKERS ARE A GOOD THING FOR FARMERS

R. E. Lee Aldrich, one of the most prominent farmers of Iowa township, believes the new corn husking machines are a boon to the Iowa farmer, and offers his own experience this fall as proof. Mr. Aldrich purchased a husker, paying $395.00. With it he husked 145 acres of corn, which totaled 7,000 bushels. When thru, he sold the machine to Chester Cullinan for $50 less than he paid, or $345.00 The total expense of husking the 7,000 bushels, including the $50 loss in reselling the machine, all repairs while operating it, and the hired help, amounted to $120.60. It will be seen therefore that Mr. Aldrich had 7,000 bushels of corn husked at a total cost of less than two cents a bushel. He states that the husker does a good job, clean and thoro, and gets the ears clear down to those as small as a walnut, that it picks cleaner than a man and will husk as much in a given time as four men will pick. He claims it is economical to operate, and as safe as any other farm machine. The accidents with huskers this fall, he claims, have been due to carelessness on the part of the men operating them, and that numerous accidents were encountered when mowers first came into use.

Mr. Aldrich certainly realized a handsome profit with his husker and secured good results. His experience will be of interest to all farmers who have seen a large slice of profits on their corn go for hand husking. The Independent would be pleased to have the opinion of other farmers as to the good or bad points of the corn husking machines, which, while a somewhat new article in territory, seem to be rapidly coming into use.

ALGONA ATTORNEY SUED FOR $10,000 DAMAGES

T. P. Harrington, an attorney at Algona, is being sued for damages in the sum of $10,000 by the father of Robert Townsen, a small boy, who was struck by Harrington's car near Britt last July.

BEG YOUR PARDON

In printing the names of the foot ball team last week, Sam Leinbach was given in place of Roger Leinbach as last man in the third row of the picture. Sam is end man in the first row, Roger in the third.

ADVERTISING PUBLIC SALES

V. A. Jackson, who held a public salé near Toledo last week, publishes the following in the Toledo Journal:

"My recent experience in holding a public sale convinces me that it pays well to advertise a sale thoroly. My first intention was to put $15 or $16 into sale bills and advertising, but when I got started I invested $26 and my sale ran at least $600 more than I expected and $200 or $300 more than the auctioneer estimated. I know that the extra $10 spent for advertising more than I figured on made me several hundred dollars."

HERE'S A HUSKING RECORD

One hundred seventy bushels of good Iowa corn husked by hand in nine hours' time, is the record submitted to the Independent by Irving Thompson.

Mr. Thompson's record was made while picking for Albert Thompson, of Norway township, and is attested by that gentleman, and others. Furthermore, Irving Thompson is said to have averaged 135 bushels per day for three weeks. In the case of his record husking, he was in very good corn, but even at that 170 bushels is certainly "some" corn to throw in nine hours. On a test between three men, Mr. Thompson picked 55 ears in one minute flat, which is going some.

Come on, now, all you corn tossers, and let's see this record broken. Iowa boasts some mighty fast huskers, and this community has some of them. A five-year subscription goes to the man who can show us the highest number of bushels picked in nine hours, each entry to be attested by another party. Don't let Thompson walk away with the prize without a fight. Send in your record. Even if you don't win, your record will be of interest to all farmers, and will set a goal for others to reach toward.

BROOKS-DUNN

Last week Tuesday, November 20, occurred the marriage of Miss Eloise Brooks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brooks and Mr. L. M. Dunn, of Peoria, Illinois.

The ceremony was performed at 8:00 a. m. at the St. Francis church by Father Eardley. A sumptuous wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride west of town.

The bride and groom left the same day for their home in Peoria where Mr. Dunn is salesman for a wholesale house. The groom was formerly a resident of Clarion, and is a brother of W. E. Dunn, who was candidate for Sheriff at the last election. Miss Brooks with her sunny smile and charming disposition has won a host of friends who wish her much happiness.

CLEAR LAKE SPENDS $14,000 ADVERTISING CITY

An item in the papers last week stated that the Commercial club of Clear Lake spent $14,000 advertising that place as a summer resort the past summer. If the town was advertised as it was attempted in the Independent, we fail to see where any $14,000 was spent. Copy was sent this paper by an Omaha agency, and a few weeks' of it was run before the editor tumbled to the fact that what was the rankest kind of advertising matter was being palmed off as "news". Clear Lake certainly did not secure any favorable advertising with the newspapers of the state which were stung by this *free publicity stuff and if $14,000* was spent it did not reach the places it should have.

HAMPTON DENTIST GOES ON A TEAR AND GETS JAILED

Dr. Dow A. Rice, a dentist at Hampton, accumulated a load of good strong booze last week and went home, where he started to beat up his wife. He was arrested for intoxication and for assault, and was sentenced to 30 days in the cooler. The sentence was suspended, however, by the judge when the dentist divulged the source of his supply.

DRIVES DRUNK; IS INDICTED

Charles Storck of Sheffield has been indicted by the grand jury for driving an automobile while intoxicated. He will be tried at the February term of court.

Thanksgiving Proclamation

To The People of Iowa:

In compliance with a custom which is immemorial and in conformity to the proclamation of the President, I, N. E. Kendall, Governor of Iowa, do hereby appoint

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1923

as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer.

Our people have more to be thankful for this year than any similar population in the world. The health of the Commonwealth is excellent. Nature has rewarded abundantly the industry of the husbandman. Capital is safely invested at satisfactory returns and labor is steadily employed at remunerative wages. Prosperity is manifest in every section and in every activity. Blessed are we indeed, and above all fortunate to live in a state of advanced enlightenment, under the best government ever organized by man, with a constitution and laws which guarantee to the humblest citizen the unabridged right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Let our hearts be uplifted in gratitude for the immeasurable benefits which a Divine Providence has bestowed upon us.

I recommend that on the day above designated, all secular pursuits be suspended, and that the people assemble in their usual sanctuaries of worship, there to unite in humble thanksgiving to Almighty God for His infinite goodness in the past, and in fervent appeal that His generous favor may be continued in the future.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the State of Iowa.

Done at Des Moines, this 13th day of November, A. D. 1923.

W. C. RAMSAY, Secretary of State.

N. E. KENDALL, Governor.

NOTES OF OUR SCHOOLS

Division II of the Literary society gave a Thanksgiving program Wednesday afternoon.

Thursday afternoon at 2:30 occurs our last foot ball game of the season. Dows high school will play us on our home field. Come out and see a real foot ball game.

Basket ball practice starts next week.

There are now 24 in the try-outs for debate. The first round of the home debates will be held next week.

Declamatory practice for the home contest will start next week.

The following Senior Commercial students won the Underwood typewriting medals for speed and accuracy, in writing between 40 and 50 words per minute: Genevieve Starnes Mildred Schultz, and Opha Thompson.

The following won the Remington certificate for over 25 words per minute: Harold Johnson, Arthur Christie, Opha Thompson.

Reka Buschman is wearing the typewriting medal this week for getting in the greatest number of perfect lessons.

Union Thanksgiving services will be held today at the Congregational church at ten o'clock a. m. Rev. J. B O'Connor of the Methodist church will preach the sermon.

GIVE PASTOR REAL GIFT

Father Eardley came home from a pastorial visit to Goodell on Monday afternoon, and when he went to put his car in the garage, found that he couldn't—because there reposed therein a brand new Willys-Knight Coupe-Sedan, the gift to him of the ladies of the Catholic churches from both Goodell and Belmond. It was a complete and a real surprise, and Father Eardley takes great pleasure in telling of the kindness of his parish.

KANAWHA KLU KLUX TAKES IN LARGE CLASS FRIDAY

Reporter: The Kanawha Ku Klux Klan met at the I. O. O. F hall Friday evening and initiated a class of 81 candidates. The work was put on by an outside team.

After the initiation a large number of the klansmen garbed in full regalia, marched thru Main street, after which they returned to the hall and enjoyed an oyster feed.

It is reported to us that about 200 to 250 members of the organization were present and a good time enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Slauter of Omaha is visiting this week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Carl Wenzel.

TO RUN A NEWSPAPER

TO run a newspaper all a fellow has to do is to be able to write poems, discuss the tariff and money questions, umpire a baseball game, describe a fire so that the readers will shed their wraps, report a wedding, saw wood, make $1 do the work of $10, shine at a dance, measure calico, abuse the liquor habit, test whiskey, subscribe to charity, attack free silver, wear diamonds, invent advertisements, sneer at snobbery, overlook scandal, appraise babies, delight potato raisers, minister to the afflicted, heal the disgruntled, fight to a finish, set type, mold public opinion, sweep out the office, speak at prayer meeting, and stand in with everybody and everything.—Exchange.

"BROWN MOUSE" BEGINS

Last week we told you the Independent was to print Herbert Quick's remarkable farm story, "The Brown Mouse" and that we would tell you more about it in this issue.

A natural query is "Why is a farm story called "The Brown Mouse" and here is the reason:

A Scientific Man in Scotland, engaged in the study of heredity, crossed Japanese waltzing mice with the common white ones. He got some variously colored hybrids that had the common characteristics of their parents accentuated toward one side or the other, but in the litters he occasionally found a brown individual that was different from anything else in the mouse tribe. It was neither a waltzer nor an albino and totally unlike its domesticated parents, it was wild; it bit, scratched ran away and was generally unruly.

Colonel Woodruff, an all-round farmer and prominent man in the Woodruff school district, was a great reader on the subject of breeding and applied his knowledge to his business. He explained the brown mouse as " a Mendelian segregation of genetic factors" which translated into English means that its characteristics were dormant in its parents and came out in a highly individualized state in the brown offspring. He explained further that the same principles apply to humans and account for the form of lunacy commonly described as genuis.

The colonel was of the opinion that he had found a ""brown mouse" in the character of his neighbor and farm hand, Jim Irwin. Jim was a trifle peculiar and the community was inclined to look down on him and even to 'guy" him. For one thing Jim liked to read books—cheap books—because, as he expressed it, the best books were those on which the copyright had expired and which could be purchased cheaply. For instance, he read Emerson, Thoreau, an Encyclopedia of English Literature, some editions of the standard poets and a few Ruskins and Carlyles—read 'em to rags—he could get them for 25 cents a copy. He read the reports of the secretary of agriculture, college bulletins from Ames, and publications of the various bureaus of the Department of Agriculture at Washington, because *he could get them for nothing.*

Jim was ungainly, uncouth and couldn't wear clothes gracefully; altogether a sort of an off-ox in that community, as odd as Dick's hatband. Jennie Woodruff, the colonel's daughter, who had played with Jim from childhood, was decidedly interested in him, for all that he was such an unpromising specimen. The colonel was confirmed in his brown mouse theory by the fact that Jim's peddling father has been a sort of a waltzing mouse, inclined to jump from one place to another for no good reason. His mother filled the characteristics of an albino mouse, having had all the color washed out of her in one way and another.

The three trustees of the Woodruff school district had been hopelessly deadlocked for months on the matter of selecting a teacher. Each man had his own candidate and would vote for no other. Some wag proposed that Jim Irwin's name be put up. Oh! It was a great joke and the entire community was in a titter. Jim made a speech at the meeting and as no one could understand it thoroughly, it was regarded as humorous. In the secret ballot each of the trustees, being compassionate men, voted for Jim and explained afterward with much disgruntlement that "They wanted the poor cuss to git one vote."

What Jim did with that school and how he did it and along with it all, a wonderful love story is what you will find in "The Brown Mouse," the first chapter of which you will find in this issue of the Independent.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Barry and Miss Nell Barry were callers at Clarion on Tuesday.

Today Is The Day Of The Big Battle

Long-Awaited Gridiron Battle To Be Decided At 2:30 This Afternoon.

GOOD GAME IS ASSURED

Today is the Big Day, when Belmond's warriors clash with the husky bunch from Dows for the foot ball honors of the season between the two teams. Dows defeated Belmond last year, but that, as they say, "is something else again." A great and interesting battle is forcast for the local field today. And with a good day it is expected that a large crowd will attend.

Both teams are primed for the biggest fight of the season, and whoever wins will certainly have to earn their victory. Come out to this game and boost the home boys. You will see a game that will thrill you to your toes.

FOR STATE PARK NEAR SAND BAR

A sheriff's jury of six men has been selected by Byron W. Preston, chief justice of the Iowa supreme court, to conduct appraisement and condemnation on property on the north shore of Clear Lake belonging to Mrs. Rose McIntosh for the purpose of obtaining a sit to establish a state park for the use and benefit of the state of Iowa and the public." The jury will meet in the C. A. Knutson store in Clear Lake at 1:00 o'clock, Nov. 27.

The land promised to be used as a park is located on the north shore between Ventura and Clear Lake, comprises a 48 acre plot, all on the south side of the road. Mrs. McIntosh is to be allowed to retain approximately six acres on the south of the road, although there are some persons interested in the project who contend that portion, containing the farm buildings, should be condemned also.

It is said that Mrs. McIntosh has valued that portion of the property south of the road at $1,200 an acre, the north portion at $500 an acre.

This property is valuable. What the appraisement will be fixed at is a matter of conjecture, but it is believed that it will be appraised at a good round price.—Clear Lake Mirror.

HALFWASSENS ARE INDICTED

Harm and Anneus Halfwassen of Chapin were both indicted on a charge of manslaughter by the grand jury of Cerro Gordo county recently, following the crash on Nov. 4 in which they ran into and killed Orville Van Dusen of Sheffield while driving in an alleged intoxicated condition. Another brother, Peter, of Rockwell, was also indicted on a charge of nuisance, it being charged that he furnished his brothers with the booze. Bonds of $800 for Peter, $3,000 for Anneus, and $2,000 for Harm were required. Harm and Peter managed to raise theirs, Anneus being unable to secure the amount of his. Their trial will take place at the next term.

RECEPTION FOR O'CONNORS

On Monday, November 26, the M. E. parsonage was a scene of happiness and good cheer. Rev. and Mrs. O'Connor assisted by many of their friends and parishoners of Belmond and other charges they have served, celebrated their fifteenth wedding anniversary.

From two o'clock in the afternoon until late in the evening, people came to greet them and offer congratulations and good wishes. Many beautiful gifts of flowers, cut glass and silver ware were left in token of the love and esteem borne this estimable couple.

Amid the soft, sweet strains from the piano, the glow of chrisanthemums and the happy laughter of guests was felt the influence of friendships and fellowships that help make life worth while. This will be a memorable event in the lives of Rev. and Mrs. O'Connor and all those who partook of their splendid hospitality.

The out of town guests present at the reception were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Thomkins, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Ross and daughter, Bernice, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schesselbein, and Mrs. Clayton Burke, of Garner; Prof. and Mrs. Rankin of Hampton; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. O'Connor, Mr. and Mrs. Will Paimey and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Henderson and two daughters, Mrs. Fred Levier, and Mrs. H. Allen, of LuVerne.

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Editorials

A Thanksgiving Sermon

(By Rev. J. B. O'Connor)

I suggest reading for your Thanksgiving meditation Psalm 148.

Text for Sermon: 1 Thes. 5:18.

"Thank God for everything." This is Moffat's translation of the text. Paul, the author of this text suggests to our mind this fact, that the spirit of gratitude should possess us at all times and that this spirit should be applied to every department of life.

A grateful person is one who has a due sense of benefits received; kindly disposed toward the one who bestows the benefits and acknowledges the same to both giver and others.

He who does not do this is rightly classed as an ingrate and is unworthy of the favors and benefits that he is a recipient of, regardless of who the donor is.

The spirit of gratitude does not depend upon the number of favors received. But it is dependent upon the attitude of the recipient toward the party who gratuitously bestows the gift.

Our Pilgrim fathers came to America, not in search for gold nor a land of ease but rather that they might have religious democracy. Dire were the persecutions they suffered. Tempestous were the storms passed through. Unsparing were the physical inflictions heaped upon them. Through it all they fought victoriously. Many fell in the fight of that memorable first year in the New World, but none gave up the fight. It was theirs to do or die Toward the close of the year the survivors of this most excellent company assembled together and inaugurated the first Thanksgiving day.

Such spirits as those men and women possessed are seldom found in the annals of history. They joined with the poet in saying

"God gives the grazing ox his meat
And quickly hears the sheep's low cry,
But man, who tastes his finest wheat,
Should joy to lift his praises high."

The Pilgrim fathers were the path finders. They blazed the trail for us. Although the path led through the most severe tests they never lost the way. They always kept their eyes upon the guide of life. The altar fires of their souls were ever kept burning, and sweet is the smell of the incense burned. Its fragrance penetrated, and helped many a discouraged soul. Being dead, They yet speak. Their message is "Be Ye Thankful."

Let each reader now ask themselves three questions.

1. What should I be thankful for?
2. To whom am I obligated for these many blessings and favors?
3. How pay homage due the giver of all good and perfect gifts?

In answering the first question, let me say that when we begin to count our blessings we find them too numerous to mention, so all we can do is simply point out a few.

In the first place we should be thankful for America. I know of no better country on this terrestial ball than our country. Do you know of any better? If you do the quicker you can pack baggage and start the better it will be for all concerned.

I recognize the fact that my country is not perfect. Neither am I. and we cannot have a perfect country composed of imperfect people, yet my country stands for so many of the high and noble principles that the man of Galilee stood for. He was right, so is my country. This is what we naturally would expect when we think of the nobility of character possessed by the Pilgrim fathers. This is our inheritance. My country has given me life, liberty and an equal chance in the pursuit of happiness. I have always been conscious of its protection of life and property by law.

O America, my America. God's people discovered you, felled your trees, drained your swamps, made your prairies to blossom as a rose, climbed your mountains, bridged your streams, consecrated your gold; made our laws, drove the pirates from the seas, and the spoilers from our shores. May we ever revere your name and keep what you gave us as sacred trust: O, my America live forever! I here dedicate all I am to your preservation by keeping God's sabbaths, by reading God's word, by hearing God's voice. I here call upon my fellow citizens to do likewise and then a thousand, thousand years America shall live to bless a benighted, and stricken world, and afford love and protection to her own unborn generations.

In the second place we should be thankful for temporal blessings. Every student of current events knows that our land is flowing with plenty. Material prosperity has been ours to a large degree. No peoples of any nation have prospered as we have, therefore we should be thankful for the opportunity of helping serve and administer to a distressed humanity, ever keeping before us the picture of the good samaritan.

In the third place we should be thankful for the physical blessings we receive. Especially do we people who live in this temperate zone have reason to be thankful. The climatic condition is such here that we enjoy a kind of health that they do not either to the north or south of us.

The last that I shall mention and this greatest of all, we should be thankful for our spiritual inheritance. Our Pilgrim fathers brought to the new world Jesus Christ. They left the impress of His life fixed in the conscience of America and time has not been able to efface it. Pray God that it never shall. The years have not dimmed our vision, but that we can see through the mists of time those great, stalwart Christian characters that landed on Plymouth Rock three centuries ago. They were great because they were christian They made America great because they instilled in the mind of America those great outstanding christian principals that produced the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Christian principles exalt any people. These principles are the outstanding things that we remember in their lives. They still live because they were connected with living principles and deeds.

"Lives of great men all remind us,
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing leave behind us,
Footprints on the sands of time.

The impact of those Godly men and women was so great that the power of it is still felt in the world today. You cannot blot out their footprints from the sands of time. Shall the coming generations be able to truthfully say as much for us? By the help of the omnipotent God may it be so.

Second: To whom am I obligated for the above mentioned blessings as well as others? There can be but one answer. That is the Good God who is the "Author and giver of every good and perfect gift.' We are not independent creatures but dependent are we upon Him for everything that is worth while in this world

Look out upon a beautifully arrayed world, a world of artistic design and then say with a profound sense of appreciation God made it in all of its beauty and splendor. Once again take a trip up and down the milky way, or travel with the earth around its orbit, or journey with the stars as they dodge and pass each other, then pause and say how marvelous the law of gravitation is. But in your deepest mood of meditation you should ecclaim, I see God and God only, yet laws fade away and the creator of law take the pre-eminence in your thinking.

The fertile fields, the sunshine and rain are of his production and order, in order that we might live physically. The bowels of the earth are his reservoirs in which he deposited precious ores and fuel for all time to come. Elements have been placed in the air and earth which man's intelligence can collect and utilize for our comfort and enjoyment. By so doing we have annihilated space, lighted and heated our homes, listened to concerts in distant cities and the end is not yet. What fountain sends forth all these comforts and blessings for our enjoyment? We are compelled to say at the head of the fount stands God with an inexhaustible supply.

Who is the giver and sustainer of all life? Again we confess gladly that he who originated life in the beginning and made man in his image is the only one we can look to in things pertaining to life.

Man is a religious being, so created. To whom shall he look for the supplying of his spiritual needs There has been but one person who has proven and demonstrated his ability in this realm. The Son of God bought our redemption with is own life because God loved us and gave Him for us.

After summing it all up we are compelled to say that we are certainly obligated to this good God who is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the last place how pay him the proper homage?

First by crowning him as God of all our lives.

Second. Obeying his high behests, ever remembering that his ways are ways of pleasantness and peace. His laws are laws of perfect liberty.

Third, offering unto him our objations of thanksgiving and praise, and let me add, may you not only be caught up by the spirit of thanksgiving on this set day but may that safe spirit hold you in its grip all the days of your life. "Thank God for everything." For

What life hath not its blessing?
Who hath not song to sing,
Or grateful words to utter,
Or wealth of love to bring?
God means us to be happy;
He fills the short-lived years
With loving, tender mercies
With smiles as well as tears.

CHURCHES

TRINITY CHURCH NOTES

Rev. J. M. Jensen, Pastor.

Thanksgiving day a Thanksgiving service will be held in the Norwegian language. Let us all, young and old return thanks to God for kind favors shown us during the year. Service at 7:30.

Saturday at 1:00 o'clock the class will meet at the Thoe Studio.

Sunday morning Sunday school at 10:00 o'clock. Evening service in the English language at 7:30. Come and take someone with you.

ST. OLAF CHURCH NOTES

Rev. J. M. Jensen, Pastor

ST. OLAF

Thanksgiving day service in the Norwegian language at 11:00 o'clock. Let all lay aside their work and meet in the house of God to thank the Lord for his kindness toward us.

Friday afternoon the Ladies' Ald meets at the home of G. C. Johnson

Sunday morning service will be held in the English language at 11:00 o'clock.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

J. B. O'Connor, Pastor.

Thank you for your splendid response Sunday I asked you to push for a larger service than the previous Sunday and you did it. Our congregations still grow. Work is a pleasure with a people who are interested themselves and show their interest by doing all they can to make things go.

All together this Sunday. Everybody boost, then everybody come and we are sure of another good day.

Sunday school 10 a. m.
Morning worship 11 a. m.
Epworth League 6:30 p. m.
Evening service 7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

The music was excellent at both services Sunday. We appreciate the faithful services of both morning and evening choirs.

We have the promise of an orchestra for this Sunday evening. This will be in addition to the other speeial music.

Dr. Notson of Sioux City will speak at the morning hour. Let's give him a good hearing.

Sunday evening subject: "Monuments."

Come one and all and we will have a good and profitable time together. You are always welcome to our home-like church.

Mrs. O'Connor and I will be at home Tuesday afternoon and evening to receive callers.

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FARM BUREAU NOTES

(By County Agnt Edwards)

Agricultural Situation

Times have changed since two years ago this month, when corn was literally cheap enough to burn. However, there is an element of fiction about the present position of corn. For agriculture as a whole, corn does not represent income; it represents part of the cost of livestock production.

As regards relationship to the community at large, the position of agriculture slowly but surely improves. Purchasing power of farm products, though handicapped, is now at the highest point in three years. What is more, prices are better at a season when farmers actually have something to sell.

This means something all along the line. Agriculture has weathered the storm of the last few years solely and simply by drawing on its reserves. Farmers have worn out their reserves in cash, in equipment, in materials, in clothing and household goods, and in some regions have drawn deeply on their equity in the land. In four years American agriculture has been forced to use a good part of the liquid accumulation of a whole generation and a prosperous generation at that. Some recovery in buying power, especially of livestock products has great significance.

Farmers Attend Swine Feeders' Program

Friday, November 16th, to get at

About twenty-five to thirty county farmers representing nearly every township were in attendance at the swine feeders' day program on Friday, November 16th, to get at first hand the results of swine feeding experiments which have been carried on during thep ast year by Prof, John M. Evvard who is in charge of the swine and beef cattle experiment work at Ames.

One of the important tests showed that the hogging down of soy beans raised with the corn also pays dividends. Six groups of fourteen pigs each were fed different rations as follows: one group got standing corn and tankage; another standing corn and Manchu soy beans; a third, standing corn and Manchu soy beans and tankage; a fourth, standing corn rye and tankage; fifth, standing corn, rape and tankage; and sixth, husked corn, rape and tankage. A mineral mixture was fed to all of the pigs and the tankage was "free choice" style.

This experiment revealed some valuable information. The corn-tankage lot and the corn-tankage-soybeans lot made the most economical gains, the figures being $5.32 per 100 pounds gain for the former and $5.88 for the latter. These figures indicate that soy beans, which the farmer can raise himself at comparatively low cost, may replace a part of the high priced tankage.

Soybeans failed to prove their efficiency as a balancer of the corn ration, Daily gains were increased by forty per cent and the cost of gains per 100 pounds was reduced from $5.84 to $5.38 by the addition of tankage to the ration.

In another test a combination of soybean meal and tankage proved an efficient balancer for corn. Still another experiment showed that soy beans planted with corn will make better financial returns in the hogging down process than rye or rape put in at the last cultivation of the corn.

Other tests showed the advisability of feeding some kind of mineral mixtures to all classes of swine, the growing pigs, the breeding gilts and sows and the boars. Results secured in a six years' investigation of swine types indicate that the large type hog is a better performer than either the medium or the small type hog. The large type sows farrowed an average of eight pigs per litter; the medium, eight, and the small, seven pigs per litter.

T. B. Campaign Planned

Plans are under way for making a county wide campaign during the next few months for the eradication of tuberculosis from the herds of our county. Petitions are now being prepared and will be distributed to the various township directors, and co-operators, for the purpose of getting the necessary signatures which will make the T. B. testing work possible on a county wide area basis.

According to the new T. B. law which was passed at the last session of our state legislature, testing work can be done in any county on the area basis in case 51 per cent of the producers of breeding cattle sign a petition making application for the testing work. Several of the counties of the state have already succeeded in getting the necessary 51 per cent of farmers to sign the petition and are now carrying on the work in accordance with provisions of the new law.

All farmers who are interested in having our county free from tuberculosis and who would like to see the work done according to the area basis are urged to give support to this movement by signing the petition and urging as many other farmers as possible to get back of the proposition. Tuberculosis is one of the most dreadful diseases known to mankind and any assistance which any of us may give toward stamping out this terrible disease will be given towards a most worthy undertaking.

Baby Clinic in January

The Sheppard-Towner mother and baby clinics will be held in Wright county some time during the latter part of January, according to information just received from the extension department of the state university at Iowa City, definite dates to be arranged sometime later.

The farm bureau women thru their organization will take charge of the clinics and one clinic will be arranged in each township, that is, in case there is a demand for it in the community.

This will be a splendid opportunity for the mothers who would like to have a free physicial examination made of all children under school age to have this work done at one of the health clinics.

Mothers who are interested in having a physical examination made of their children should watch the announcement of the meetings and arrange with the lady vice director who will be in charge of the details for holding the clinics.

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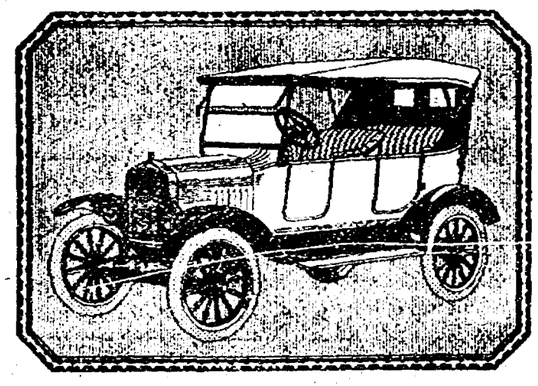

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CUT LICENSE FEE

Like an oasis to a weary traveler in a desert is the information contained in the new rate book of motor vehicle licenses to the owner of an automobile. It is refreshing, for it indicates a sharp decline in license fees to be paid for 1924 plates on cars bought in 1918, 1919 and 1920, the years of peak prices.

Heretofore motor vehicle licenses have been paid on the original list price and the weight of the car. The weight is still a factor, but the 1924 license will be sold on current quotations of motor cars; that is, quotations for 1923 and 1924. There has been a very sharp decline in prices of automobiles since the peak just at the close of the world war.

The 1924 license rate will be based on the latest quotation by the factories for the same models of car. Those who purchased cars in 1922 and 1923 will find little change in the license rates, for the prices have been nearly stationary the past two years. The largest benefit, or saving, will come to the man who bot three or four years ago.

The saving on license fees to automobile owners in this country under the new ruling by the secretary of state will be very large in the aggregate. Savings, which are based on 1920 price lists, but there will be little difference between this list and that for cars bought in 1919 or 1918, will be as follows, the cars being selected at random:

Savings on 1920 Fords: Roadster, $1.60; coupe and touring, $2 each; sedan, $3; touring with starter, $3.

Cars bought in 1922 or 1923 will have no change in license fees, and but slight changes over those bought in 1921.

Some Reductions Large

Very large savings in license fees are noted in twin six Packards bought in 1920. The saving in the touring car will be $15 and in the sedan, $26. The list price of the sedan in 1920 was $8,000 and in 1923 it was $5,400.

Savings in Buicks bought in 1920 will be $4 in the six cylinder touring, $6 in the five-passenger sedan, and $8 in the seven passenger sedan.

In Hupmobiles bought in 1920 the savings will be $4 in the touring and $8 in the sedan.

Savings in 1920 Maxwells will be $1 each on the touring and roadster, $3 on the coupe and $4 on the sedan.

The savings on the 1920 Peerless will range from $10 to $12.

In the Hudson cars the savings in fees will be $6 to $12on models bought in 1918 to 1920.

Primary Road Fund Suffers

Serious complaint has been made in the past by owners of cars bought at the peak prices over the license fees exacted. The procedure adopted for imposing fees for 1924 will adjust these inequities.

While car owners will profit next year the primary road fund will suffer in like proportion. Motor vehicle license fees contribute the major portion of the primary road fund, and there cannot help being a shrinkage of hundreds of thousands of dollars in 1924 from the amount contributed in 1923.—Chronicle.

Verily, Verily, Bobby

Father was singing the baby to sleep Bobby, four, was sitting on mother's lap. Finally he whispered: "Muzzer, if I was baby, I'd pretend I was asleep.

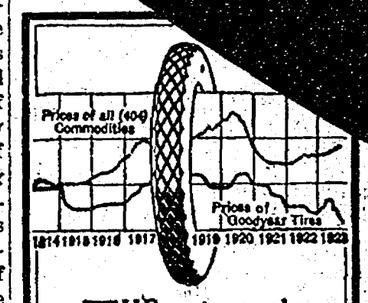
The Bride's Alibi

Hubby: "Your sponge cake is fine, dear, but——"

Mrs. Newlywed (crying): "It was the druggist's fault. He didn't give me the right kind of sponges."

EAGLE RESURFACING COST THE CITY OVER $40,000

The resurfacing job on the Eagle Grove paving has just been completed, and cost the city $40,611.01. What the one cent is for is a question. The job is said to be a good one, and the council and citizens are well satisfied. It was paid for by bonds running for a term of ten years, at 5 1-2 per cent interest, the council settling at one-half of one per cent less than contract price.



THE extremely fair prices asked for Goodyear Tires year in and year out are shown in the chart above. Goodyear Tires are selling today for 45% less than in 1920; 39% less than in 1914. Despite this, their quality was never so high as now. This is a good time to buy Goodyears.

As Goodyear Service Station Dealers we sell and recommend the new Goodyear Cords with the beveled All-Weather Tread and back them up with standard Goodyear Service

Belmond Motor Sales Company

GOODYEAR

Kinseth's Store News

Today is Thanksgiving, and it is only appropriate that we should extend to you, our friends, our most sincere thanks for your patronage during the past twelve months. We have increased our business daily by and thru the kindness you have shown us, and we have endeavored to give you in return the best of service and the best of goods. We hope that our relations in the year now to come will continue to be as friendly and cordial as in the past, and it will be our aim during 1924 to give you the same good quality and if possible, a still better service. Again we offer you our sincere thanks, and we wish for you and yours a year of good will and happiness.

—K—

Now just to mention a few things this week, we have a complete line of children's, boys' and gentlemen's overshoes, men's 4-buckle all rubber overshoes guaranteed to last a season and selling at only $3.85.

—K—

Children's union suits, fleece-lined at 80 cents and up.

—K—

Special on brooms this week at 53 cents each. Can you beat it?

—K—

Special on 5 lbs. black Oolong tea at $1.85, and 1-2 lb. packages of Old English tea at 25 cents.

—K—

Follow the crowds this next year and you'll be thankful.

MESERVEY SECTION

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

On Tuesday of last week while T. T. Lieuwen and wife, B. Frey and daughter, Mrs. J. P. Pals, and Mrs. Harm Groen were on their way to attend the funeral of John Truff at Ledyard, the former collided with another car in going around a load of corn fodder which party obstructed the view of the oncoming car. Altho Mr. Lieuwen saw the approach of the other car, it was too late to avoid the accident. Mr. Frey and Mrs. Pals were the only ones injured and aside from the damage done to both cars it was indeed what is termed a lucky accident. Both Mr. Frey and Mrs. Pals are recovering nicely from bruises sustained.

See Heinie about your Radio.

Titus Frohling and family from Ackley visited at the home of his parents here last Tuesday.

The Misses Tillie and Ollie Pals and Mildred Gealow were Mason

FAREWELL SURPRISE

Last Monday evening about 35 E. L. C. E. members met at the F. A. Lemke home and carried out a surprise on Fred Menzel. The evening was spent in a social way, with games, etc. Refreshments consisting of pineapple whip and cake were served. As a token of esteem, Rev. Schlesselman presented Fred with a leather tourist's tablet in behalf of the society. Fred will leave this place about Dec. 1 having been employed at the Raecker garage the past three years. During this time he has made many friends who wish him well wherever he may decide to locate. We understand that he expects to spend the winter in California.

Buy a Radio for Christmas. See Hienie.

Miss Huenemann spent the week end at home, Miss Bode with her brother and family near Goodell, Miss Holroyd attended a "home coming" at Cedar Falls and Mr. Ozias

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Henry Bloom and family of Renwick motored to this place Sunday to visit Miss Sylvia.

Rev. H. Pannkuk occupied the pulpit at Immanuel Reformed church at Belmond, Sunday.

Mrs. Bert Lauen and children of Belmond spent Sunday with Mrs. Meinderts and Jennie.

Louis Foss and wife, Mrs. H. Fischer and Mildred Gealow were Mason City callers Monday.

Henry Proost and family acompanied by Henry Sprau and family motored to West Bend Sunday to see the grotto.

Mrs. Anna Bonte and daughter Virginia visited relatives at Alexander Sunday.

H. Raecker and wife and G. E. Raecker and family were Sunday visitors at the Chas. Strasburg home.

Rev. and Mrs. Schlesselman and two youngest children and Mrs. Verkvitz visited friends at Renwick last Monday.

Mrs. Verkvitz of Greenfield, Okla, is visiting at the Schlesselman home. She is Mrs. Schlesselman's aunt and they have not seen each other for nearly 30 years, and they doubtless will enjoy their visit very much. She has been spending six months in Ohio.

Mrs. Wm. Rozebom returned to her home inSoo Center last Tuesday after spending a month at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. P. Pals. Mr. and Mrs. Pals accompanied her to Ventura.

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Dr. Agler and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gaetzke and son visited relatives at Marathon last Thursday, making the trip by auto in one day.

Mrs. E. G. Thomas and Thelma spent Friday in Mason City between trains.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Boeiman and daughter Mrs Dick Stadtlander were business callers at Belmond Friday.

Harm Groen, F. Ralston and K. C. Ruigh were transacting business at the county capitol on Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. A. Loats of near Palsville was a guest at the Bruns home several days last week.

APPLES! Greenings and Malindas. Bushel basket $1.00. Bring basket or sack.—W. F. Butz. Phone 404. 52tfc

For Sale—Extra big Duroc Jersey Spring boars. 4 miles east of Meservey. —Peter Nove. 522*

For Sale—Large Riverside Hard Coal Stove good as new.—Peter H. Pals, Meservey. 52tfc

MESERVEY SCHOOL NOTES

GRAMMAR ROOM: Henry Boelman enrolled in the 8th grade Monday, Nov. 19.

Laura Bier enrolled in the 7th grade Wednesday, Nov 21.

Olive Olson was absent from school during all the past week. Other missing school some part of the week were Harry Boelman, Marie Pals, Lyda Groen, Edward Kuhlers, Wilma Pals and Bert Frey.

None of the 7th grade had perfect spelling lessons for the past week. However none of their grades averaged below 95.

The following 8th grade students had perfect spelling lessons during the past week: Grace Boelman, Bernard Butz, Franklin Fischer, Arlene Janssen, Bonita Muller, and Dorothy Schlesselman.

Wanted: Information as to why we had no visitors in our room last week? Your company is appreciated.

Six weeks' examinations were given on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

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Ancient Babylonian art and culture have been of interest to us on Thursday and Friday.

Some of us are excited about the 6 weeks' tests for our grades will help to decide where our names belong on the class chart.

The week of November 18 to 24 has been celebrated thruout the United States as National Educational Week. Ministers have preached sermons on the subject of education and in the schools special attention has been paid to the great necessity for education in all walks if life. Our former President, Warren G. Harding, said: More than anything else, men and women need the capacity to see with clear eye and to contemplate with open, unprejudiced mind the issues of these times. Only thru a properly motivated and generously inspired process of education can this be accomplished."

We feel that in America our system of public education has done much to make our nation what it is today. Here every child has the opprtunity to attend the public school and thus to become an intelligent citizen. And yet there are within our nation, even within our own state many children who do not get beyond the 6th grade in school. Many others who finish the 8th grade leave school and go to work instead of continuing in school. Why is this? Often because the parents feel that further education is useless, and that the time of their children might better be employed on the farm or in the factory. Conditions along that line are far superior to conditions a hundred years ago so far as the opportunities for schooling are concerned but is the desire for learning as great? Let us cling fast to the ideals of our forefathers, remembering the great economic and social ses which are due to illiteracy and great economic, social and spiritual benefit to our nation and to the world which education can bring us. Let us keep the children in school and strive to make them see the importance of each day in school. Let us also furnish our children with books, magazines and papers of the best our country affords that these may serve as supplementary material to what the schools afford.

The Thanksgiving program was given on Tuesday at the M. E. church at 8 o'clock.

The high school boys had a foot ball game all framed for Thanksgiving afternoon when the snow came along and spoilt things. If weather conditions are such that the game can be played come out at 2:30 and see the business men play the high school.

If the gym at Alexander can be secured Thanksgiving evening a double header basket ball game will be played by Meserveyites. High school boys vs. married men and high school girls vs. married women. Winners to receive an oyster stew.

The nineth grade received two more members when Gilbert Koehler and Henry Schmalle started to school

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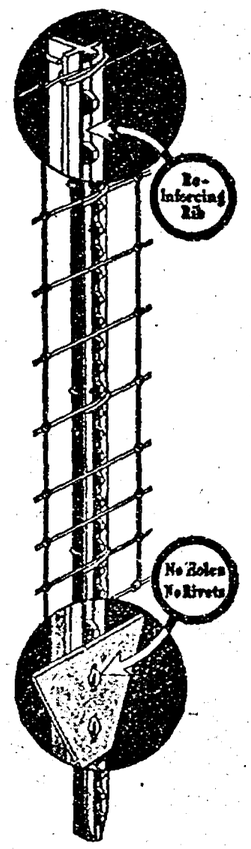

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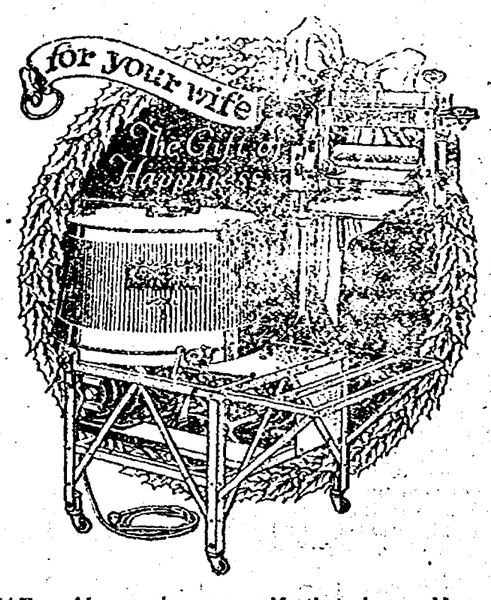

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MORAL: Join our Christmas Club.

C. J WENDEL

MESERVEY, IOWA

this week.

Those absent the past week Francis Bier, Hiene Winthers, Harold Riekens.

Jane Shepherd returned to school after being absent 4 weeks.

The first and second grades are all excited over their parts in the Thanksgiving program.

Beginning with Monday all the children who are perfect in deportment will get a red star on the board and one in the palm of their hand.

Rev. Schlesselman was a Belmond caller last Thursday p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Lauster and her daughter Viola, and Donald Muller were Mason City callers Tuesday.

Heinie Waage spent Tuesday last at Mason City on business.

ROWAN NEWS

Rowan Methodist Church Notes

Class meeting at 9:30. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Divine worship at 11. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Evening service at 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Rev. Halbert is to give the Thanksgiving sermon Thursday at 10:30 a. m. We invite all who are not attendants elsewhere to worship with us.

Rev. Osborn spoke to the high school Monday morning. The central theme was how to succeed in life.

The musical concert given by Miss Edna Priebe, who occasionally sings in grand opera, and Mrs. Naomi Major-Faber, one of Minneapolis' leading pianoists, was highly enjoyed by those at the Star theatre Thursday evening.

Rev. Osborn was at Dows, Wednesday, where he was called by the request of a sick friend.

The Ladies Aid sale was well attended and netted them over $80.

Rowan Congregational Church Notes

Morning worship at 10:30. Sunday school at 11:30. Senior Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Evening service at 7:30. Junior Endeavor Wednesday at 4:00 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

Keep in mind the chicken pie supper and bazaar Sat. Dec. 8, afternoon and evening at the church basement.

Thanksgiving Day service will be held at the Methodist church, Thursday morning at 10:30. Rev. Halbert will preach the sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Buchanan of Belmond, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hansen of Kanawha were Sunday guests at the Fred Aldrich home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Whitten of Clarion were callers at the parental Whitten home Saturday.

Bernard Stumph spent the week end with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller, at Clarion.

Mrs. Peter Eson was a Clarion visitor Friday.

Mrs. J. I. Drury and children Marguerite and Robert, who are visiting at the F. H. Fowler home, spent a part of last week at the H. L. Hadley home at Belmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stout and son Milton, of Forest City, arrived last week to assist with the corn picking. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Pierce also came the first of this week.

Several auto loads from here went to Coulter, Sunday, to view the wreck. An extra meat train going east had eight cars derailed just east of Coulter. Passenger No. 5 was obliged to detour by way of Belmond to Clarion.

D. W. Whitten went to Des Moines Tuesday on business, returning on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Jessie Steffens fell last Monday and sprained her hand quite severely. It has been very painful.

Mrs. D. W. Whitten and Mrs. Hannah Whitten were Clarion callers on Tuesday.

The Hal Steffens family departed for La Porte last Wednesday where Mrs. Steffens and children expect to stay with her people until they can find a house in Pocahontas, where Hal is hauling gravel. They have stored their goods in Mrs. Langdon's garage for the time being.

The Chas. Scott family have been on the sick list the past two weeks.

Albert Erickson arrived from Sheffield, Ill., Saturday. He has been working on a gravel job all summer.

The following is the score of the basket ball game of Chapin vs. Rowan in the gym at Rowan:

Girls' game 34 to 3 in favor of Rowan. Boys' game 57 to 5 in favor of Rowan.

Our local team went to Klemme Saturday evening to meet their team resulting in the following: Boys' game 36 to 17 in favor of Rowan; Girls' game 23 to 12 in favor of Rowan.

The Epworth League had their regular monthly social in the church basement Tuesday evening. Miss Anna Rietz had charge of the games and Misses Bernice Hansen and Clara Azeltine planned the refreshments.

Mrs. Harm Brinkman and children of Latimer were Sunday visitors at the Mrs Hannah Whitten home.

Alfred Boyington moved his family from the farm into the Whitten house, vacated by H. J. C. Bix, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Smith of Webster City were Sunday visitors at the Edgar Bingham home. The two ladies are cousins.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Munson were Sunday guests at the Pink Trees home near Belmond.

Mrs. Geo. Whitten and Mrs. Chas. Peddle were Hampton dental callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cate of Anita have gone to Los Angeles to make their future home. Mrs. Cate is better known to Rowan people as Emma Ballou.

The Farm Union last Tuesday evening at the hall was attended by about 100 people. A miscellaneous shower was given for Mr. and Mrs Ray Swope, who were burned out some time ago. Coffee and doughnuts were served.

Miss Lillian Shreck of Hayfield spent last week with relatives and friends here, returning home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Box and Miss Ruth Emerson were Ft. Dodge visitors Saturday.

Mrs. M. A. Sullivan of Ft. Dodge spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fletcher.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Whitten and dauhter Gladys, and Evelyn Whitten autoed to Reinbeck, Sunday, to spend the day with Mrs. Whitten's sister, Mrs. Herman Stahl, and family.

Al. French has been quite ill with an attack of gallstones the past week. He is considerable better at this writing.

Rev. Osborn autoed to Kanawha Thursday and brought Miss Priebe and Mrs. Faber, the singers for the musical recital, with him.

Mrs. H. J. Zeigler and daughter, June, of Mason City, arrived last Tuesday for a visit at the W. H. Whitten home and with other friends. They expect to remain until after Thanksgiving.

There was an attendance of 30 women at the Ladies division meeting of the Iowa township Farm Bureau, Friday afternoon at Mrs. A. L. Fetrow's. The meeting was in charge of Mrs. A. C. Lieuwen. The program was carried out with the addition of a solo by Miss LaVonne Ballou, and two readings by Mrs. Chas. Richards. Refreshments were served. The next meeting is Dec. 14 with Mrs. Lieuwen.

Chas. Richards went to Ft. Dodge, Friday.

Rev. Halbert was a Dows caller between trains Saturday.

The Misses Ruth and Esther Emerson and Clio Duffy were Dows visitors Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. M. Gunderson of Duncombe are visiting their daughther, Mrs. Gunval Gunderson and family.

GOODELL NEWS

James Trumbul, of Mason City, visited at the home of his son, Harry, last week.

Albert Whitaker spent the week-end with his wife at the Frank McNutt home.

Mr. and Mrs. Langlitz, of Meservey spent Sunday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Anton Boller.

The Twin Lake Farm Bureau held their Nutrition meeting last Wednesday at the Gus Okreug home.

Maude Griggs spent Friday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Sherwood.

Mesdames Snearly, Latch, Graeber, Beiers and H. Christenson autoed to Thompson Thursday to visit with Supt. and Mrs. O. A. Nelson.

Supt. Peters, Thomas Hamilton, Harvey Hubbard and Miss Hill autoed the three basket ball teams to Thompson Friday evening. Thompson proved to be victorious in the three games.

Mesdames Ahrenkiel, Sandberg, Brass, Hanson and Edith Sandberg visited Thursday with Mrs. Elmer Schneider.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Cashman, of Polo, Illinois, drove thru in their car and are visiting at the Tom Cashman home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dominy and children, of Estherville came Friday to visit a few days at the Dominy and Finn homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Houghton were guests at the Houghton home over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schneider and children spent Saturday at Mason City.

The Nolan sisters were week-end guests at Tony Bollers.

Mrs. Supt. Peters had the misfortune to fall and dislocate her shoulder.

Mrs. Will Beier was on the sick list a few days last week.

Mrs. John Robbins, of Belmond was a guest at the Robbins and Mason homes last week.

A family reunion was held at the George Ness home Sunday, all the children coming home to attend the Confirmation of Sanford, held at Belmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jenison, Mr. and Mrs. Will Heginger, Harvey Hubbard and Edith Halfpop were shoppers in Ft Dodge, Saturday.

The Will Schlichting family shopped in Mason City, Thursday.

The Progressive Club held their meeting Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Johnson.

The Twin Lake Farm Bureau will hold a picture show program and basket social in the Goodell Opera House, Friday, November 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Burke and children Sundayed at the Robert McNutt home.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCorkle, of Kanawha attended church in Goodell Sunday and also visited at the Monroe Graeber home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Matson and Mrs. George Butts were entertained to a six o'clock dinner, Saturday at the O. Sandberg home.

Mrs. Wesenberg and Mrs. Butts spent Saturday in Belmond packing Butts' household goods which will be trucked to Goodell this week.

Word has been received that a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cunningham last Monday. Mrs. Will Cunningham and Herman went Tuesday to visit the new son, Moingola.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Kinseth spent Sunday at the Lew Avery home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Carpenter visited Saturday at the Albert Schichtinghome.

The Anton Ahrenkeil family visited Sunday at the Blank home in Klemme.

Beulah Smith Sundayed at Belmond.

The Goodell grades are planning to give a Thanksgiving program at nine a. m. Wednesday.

Velma Fuller was a visitor Sunday at the Chelsvig home.

John Rusts' visited at the Graeber home Sunday.

Sunday, Nov. 25 was given over to Thanksgiving service. Rev. D. W. Thompson preached an excellent sermon at 11 a. m. The audience filled the auditorium and the people were made to see how grateful we all ought to be. The morning service was an inspiration to the large congregation. At 7:30 p. m. the house was once more filled as this was a special service rendered by the choir and others. It was our first sacred musical for this conference year. The men's quartete was a special feature of the evening. Three anthems were sung. Mrs. Hanson gave a reading "Going home for Thanksgiving." Naida Wesenberg gave a reading on the history of Thanksgiving. Others had a big part in the success of the program. During the day four adults united with the church.

ALEXANDER NEWS

Earl Hall was a Belmond caller last Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Beenen were callers at Hampton last Sunday.

W. P. Aldinger was a Sunday visitor with relatives at Hampton.

Misses Oralee Brooks, Marjorie Flynn and Mary Kernan spent the week end at Belmond.

Miss Minnie Berninghausen from Hampton was a week end guest of her sister, Mrs. Theo. Beenen.

Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Mohr and two children of Riceville were visitors in town the forepart of the week.

Joe Veeder of Hampton was a business caller here Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell and daughters Jessie and Nellie, visited with relatives at Hampton last Tuesday.

Miss Gale Thompson of near Belmond was a visitor at the A. C. Lieuwen home the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Claas Symens were business callers at Belmond on last Tuesday.

The annual chicken supper which was given by the ladies of the Methodist church last Saturday evening was very largely attended. Many articles of handwork were donated to the bazaar. After the supper the remaining articles were sold at auction by Hannas Pals as auctioneer, who kindly donated his work to the society. The proceeds amounted to the neat sum of $140.

RAISING PEANUTS PROFITABLE

G. H. Stearns of Estherville last spring secured several peanuts as seed from a firm in South Dakota, and last June planted them in his back yard. Every seed grew, and this fall he had a dozen hills with more than 100 peanuts on each hill. They are of excellent quality and size, and it is estimated that a man can make a lot of money raising peanuts in Iowa.

IN COURT NOW IN ROW OVER THE DOWS CHURCH

A split occured among the membership of the Otis Grove Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church at Dows at the time of the trouble between the American Legion and Rev. G. G. Belsheim, pastor of the church above mentioned. This church now comes into court and alleges that on the second day of the present month O. G. Sime, Ed. Iverson and Ed. Evans illegally and unlawfully barred the doors in the church in Dows so as to prevent the plaintiffs from entering therein. As further cause for action plaintiff alleges that Hans Peterson, Ole Jacobson and O. Gardalen without authority of law, on or about October 22, 1923, executed a quit claim deed to certain church property in Dows, being property of the plaintiff. Finally that defendants are trespassers on the plaintiff's property and therefore prays that the deed heretofore given be declared void and that the defendants be perpetually restrained from interfering with plaintiff's possession and occupancy of said property. So far the court has taken no action in the case.

Last week the supreme court affirmed the decision of the Wright county district court in the Roy Fortune case. The next move will be for Fortune's bondsmen to deliver him to Sheriff Lang so he can begin his sentence. He was convicted of larceny and entering a building in the night time in connection with the robbery of the Wheeler store at Woolstock a couple of years ago. Fortune will first serve ten years at Anamosa and on his release will be due to serve ten months in the county jail. His partner Herbert Bige, is now serving the lesser sentence, after which he will go to Anamosa for ten years.

Mrs. Lillian Howard, wife of Postmaster Howard of Galt, has the distinction of being the first woman in Wright county to act as foreman of the grand jury. She is now acting in that capacity, having been chosen by the following jurors as their presiding officer: T. A. Shillington, B. B. Suiter, Geo. Elder, Martin Olson, Warren Collins, Richard Rompf. Some of the members of the booze ring around Clarion have taken to the tall timber and others are shaking in their shoes, fearful of what is going to happen. More later. Miss Louise Brenton is clerk of the grand jury.

Last week these notes stated that Dr. Bernard was plaintiff in a court action. It should have been R. R. Bernard and not R. D.

Roper Hardware Co. of Eagle Grove claim the sum of $800 due from Sam Skelo and wife on their promissory note.

Last week Sheriff Lang sold a Boone township farm of 200 acres to the First National bank at Kanawha for an even $11,000. The farm was first sold by C. H. Packard to Henry Kamp, who in turn sold it to his sons and the bank took a second mortgage on the land. More litagation is to follow.—Monitor.

Independent Farm Sales Service is Real Service. If you plan on holding a sale, let the Independent help you. Forms for making up your sale list furnished free. Illustrations of any breed of any animal or any fowl. Eighty per cent of the farm sales in this vicinity are advertised thru the Independent. There's a reason. Ask the man who has held one. Dates listed free. Reserve yours by calling 115.

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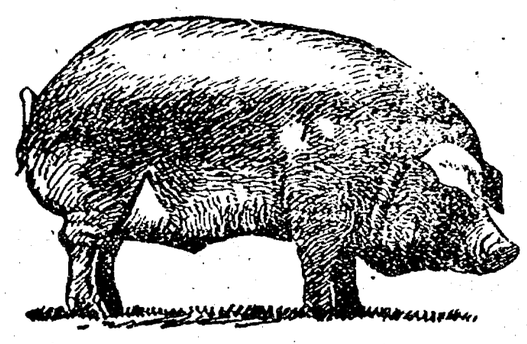
COMMENCING AT 1:00 P. M. THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

17 - Head of Cattle - 17

2 STEER CALVES — 1 2-YR.-OLD HEIFER — 1 YEARLING HEIFER

4 MILK COWS, 3 FRESH NOW, 1 FRESH IN FEBRUARY.

9 OTHER MILK COWS, SOME WITH CALF AT SIDE AND OTHERS TO COME IN THIS WINTER.



98 Hogs 98

14 YEARLING SOWS, 6 OF THEM DUROC JERSEYS, 8 ARE POLAND CHINAS.

1 POLAND CHINA BOAR 19 MONTHS OLD.

42 SPRING SHOATS, OF GOOD SIZE. 1 SPRING BOAR

40 FALL PIGS, SOME OF THEM WEANED.

Over 200 R. I. Red Chickens

About half of these are pullets, the others last year's hens. Also some good spring roosters.

Farm Machinery, and Other Articles

1 stove — 1 good hay rack — 1 barrel capacity feed cooker

1 single harness — 1 washing machine — Numerous other articles.

A few bushels of good winter apples. — 1 Moline corn planter with 90 rods of wire.

TERMS: $10.00 or under, cash. Over that amount 12 months' time will be given on bankable notes bearing 8 per cent interest. All property to be settled for on day of sale.

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Here and There

Mr. and Mrs. Osborn Young, of Belmond were week end visitors at the Dr. H. O. Young home and with other relatives.—Thornton Enterprise.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Skovlin, of Belmond were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Obrecht Monday evening.—Enterprise.

Mr. and Mrs. Cortland Morse, of Belmond were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Obrecht.—Enterprise.

Mr. and Mrs. John Baldridge and Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer, of Belmond were Sunday guests here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Baldridge and family.—Reporter.

Mrs. Hake went to Belmond Monday and remained until Tuesday, for a visit with her parents.—Times.

Miss Gladys Forristal, of Belmond came Thursday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Arthur Loux.—Monitor.

Aside from the charley-horse sustained by State, the locals came thru the game without mishap and are now working hard to get in shape to give Belmond the trimming of their lives on Thanksgiving.—Dows Advocate.

(Maybe, Brother Lee—maybe!

Mrs. Olga Sporaa, now of Iowa Falls, came to Garner Friday afternoon and remained here until Monday. On Saturday last, she sold her residence property in the south part of town. Mrs. Sporaa is doing nursing at the Falls. At this time, she has all the children with her, and she is making an effort to have the court establish them with her permanently.—Leader.

J. R. Stebleton, formerly of Britt, has leased the room just north of the postoffice, and about the first of the coming month, he will open up a first-class candy kitchen and luncheonette. Mr. Stebleton is a man of extensive experience in this line of work, and his new place will be a splendid addition to Garner's business establishments. He is installing all new fixtures, and his place will be first-class in every particular. As yet he has sot found a suitable house in which to live, but as soon as one is available, he will move his family here. He and his family are isdeed welcome to our city.—Leader.

GIVE HENS GRAIN FEED

"Fresh eggs this winter are sure to bring a high price," says Prof. H. A. Brittenbender, head of the poultry department of Iowa State College. But the problem is how to get them. Three factors in high winter egg production are the right kind of chickens, proper housing facilities, and a well-balanced ration.

"One of the most common ommissions from a poultry ration," says Prof. Bittenbender, "is that of green food, which not only assists in increasing egg production, but is a valuable aid in cutting the feed cost.

Mangle beets, he says, are one of the most economical green feeds. Caution should be taken, however, not to feed too many of them. The best method is to split the mangles in two pieces, giving the birds an opportunity to pick at the food as they desire. About one or two mangles can be fed daily t each 20 or 25 birds.

NEW AUTO PLATES HERE SOON

Word comes from the state house in Des Moines that auto license tags for 1924 are ready and may be obtained soon through county treasurers.

Iowa motorists are required by law to place the new tags on their cars, both front and rear, after December 31st, or else the monthly penalty of $1 starts.

A word of cheer was sounded in inaugurating the new law relating to basing the license fee on the current, and not original list price, as in the past. Formerly the fee was determined from the original list price for five years, without any allowance for depreciation. In the case of cars four years old now, the valuation taken as a basis will be the current price of the new models.—Recorder.

Just before the conclusion of the weekly prayer meeting in a country town one evening, the parson arose and glanced over the congregation.

"Is there anybody present," said he, "who wishes the prayers of the congregation for a relative or friend?"

"Yes, parson," answered a tall, angular woman, rising to her feet. "I want the congregation to pray for my husband."

"Why, Sister Martha," exclaimed the parson, with a surprised expression, "you have no husband?"

"I know I haven't," was the calm rejoinder of Sister Martha. "I want all hands to pitch in and help me pray for one."

LEGION SKATING RINK READY FOR FREEZE

The Legion's public skating rink has been put in readiness for cold weather, having been graded and put in shape for flooding. The rink is just east of the football field at the school house, and is about 150 feet square.

The rink will have electric lights at the north and south ends, and the Legion boys are making arrangements for some kind of heating apparatus, an outdoor stove of some sort, where the kiddies can warm their fingers and toes.—News.

Adam the Guy

Radio Fan: "Tell me, Fanette, whow as the first great wireless engineer?"

Fanette: "Marconi, of course."

Radio Fan' "It was Adaf. He made a loud speaker out of his spare parts."

Someone Told Him the Truth

The rush of farm boys to a nearby city for seemingly high wages in a factory there, saw a large crowd at the depot almost every week in a western town this fall. One morning, after six big fellows had climbed abroad, the conductor turned to a big youth leaning against a baggage truck and asked him if he was going too.

"Nope, I'm in class B."

"What you mean, class B?"

"Waal, I Be here when they go—and I Be here when they come back.

"What, you would dishonor my name by becoming a boxer."

"But, father, I would take an assumed name."

"Indeed! And supposing you were to make a big success, much credit I would get if no one know I was your father."

Random Remarks

"Well," said the collector, "I think I'll get on the detective force—I am always finding people out.

"That young bride worships her husband, doesn't she?" "Well," replied M. L., "she places burnt offerings before him three times a day!"

The head of the firm caught the office boy telling falsehoods.

"I'm surprised at you!" he said. "Do you know what they do with boys who tell lies?"

"Yes, sir," was the reply. "When they get old enough the firm sends them out as traveling salesmen."

Two darkies took refuge under a tree in a violent thunder shower.

"Julius, can you pray?" asked one.

"No, Sam," was the reply, "Ah nebber prayed in my life."

"Well, can't you sing a hymn."

"No, Sam, don't know no hymn."

"Well, see heah, Julius, sumfin' 'ligious 'got to be done mighty sudden. S'pose you pass roun' the contribution box!"

"Carfare is a strange necessity."

For hours they had been together on her front porch. The moon cast its tender gleam down on the young and handsome couple who sat strangely far apart. He sighed. She sighed. Finally:

"I wish I had money, dear," he said. "I'd travel."

Impulsively she slipped her hand into his; then, rising swiftly, she sped into the house.

Aghast, he looked at his hand. In his palm lay a nickel.

The Belmond Independent and the Des Moines Register both one year for $5.80. Regular price $7.00. Register subscriptions must be new; Independent either new or renewal. If renewal on Register, price for both is $6.10. Have your renewal sent in by taking advantage of this saving.

Buy your Christmas Cards NOW while you have a choice. The Independent has a wide variety and will be pleased to show them to you.

If you have a stove to sell, now is the time, and an Independent Want Ad will sell it for you.

BELMOND TRAIN SCHEDULES

(Corrected to date.)

ROCK ISLAND

Going North

Freight, daily	11:46 a. m.
Passenger, daily,	2:10 p. m.

Going South

Freight, daily	1:10 p. m.
Passenger, daily	11:50 a. m.

M.& ST. L.

Going West.

Combination, daily	8:30 a. m

Going East

Combination, daily	8:35 p. m.

GREAT WESTERN

Going North

Motor, daily	10:03 a. m.
No. 16, pass., D & S	1:30 p. m.
No. 12, pass., D & S	1:26 a. m.
Local Freight	7:55 a. m.

Going South

No. 11, pass., D & S	1:24 a. m.
No. 15, pass., D & S	3:15 p. m.
Motor	5:19 p. m.
Local Freight	3:20 p. m.

His Life's Job

A shiftless specimen of humanity came down town one morning and joining a group o a corner, announced that he was going to leave town, said he could not live in it any longer. Some one asked him what was the matter.

"Well," he said, "the town is all right, but it's the hardest place in the world for a woman to get work in."

And Warm The Mattress

"I have only one request to make," groaned the college man who had come to participate in the harvest.

"What is that, Mr. Smart?" returned the farmer.

"Please let me stay in bed long enough for the electric bulb to cool off."

There Is A Limit

Jeweler: "Bracelets are all the style this year. If you like them all—take them. You can't wear too many this season."

Fair shopper: "Well, I don't want my arms to look like curtain poles."

Here's the news from Paris. High heels for men are stylish. We would hate to be in their shoes.

PENSION LAW EXPIRES

All widow's pensions expire on December 21, as provided by a law passed by the last legislature of the state. It is necessary to make application to have these pensions renewed. According to the law, all applications for widow's pensions must be passed on by the board of supervisors before the pension can be allowed by the court. A written application for the pension must be given to the board at least 10 days before date set for hearing in the court.

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PUBLIC SALE

Having decided to move to Wisconsin, I will sell at public auction, at my place two miles north and one mile west of Belmond, known as the Nick Johnson farm, on

Monday, December 3

Commencing at 11:00 O'clock sharp, the following described property:

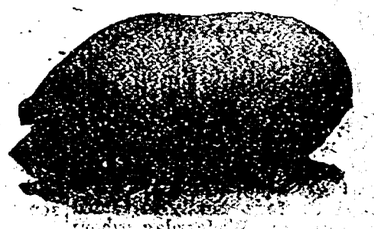
2 - Head of Horses - 2

1 COLT NINE MONTHS OLD.
1 IRON GREY MARE 4 YRS. OLD, BRED AND IN FOAL, WT. 1650

28 - Head of Cattle - 28

1 TWO-YEAR-OLD STEER — 7 ONE-YEAR-OLD STEERS — 5 ONE-YEAR-OLD HEIFERS
5 TWO-YEAR-OLD HEIFERS, HEAVY SPRINGERS
8-SPLENDID MILK COWS, ALL TO FRESHEN SOON.
1 HOLSTEIN BULL COMING1 YR. OLD. A GOOD ONE.
1 ROAN SHORT HORN BULL 1 YR. OLD, PEDIGREE FURNISHED.

71 Head of Hogs



54 HEAD DUROC JERSEYS
16 HEAD FULL BLOODED POLAND CHINAS
1 PURE BRED POLAND CHINA BOAR 1 YR. OLD.

About 300 bushel of oats
About 25 bushel of potatoes

About 25 tons tame hay in stack
About 1000 bushel good dry corn in crib

About 25 bushel Reeds yellow dent seed corn, picked in Sep.

Farm Machinery, Etc.

1 hay rake	1 drag cart	1 bob sled
1 Tower plow	1 feed grinder	1 tank heater
1 Dain mower	1 hand corn sheller	2 chicken brooders
2 16-wheel discs with trucks	1 16-ft flexible drag	1 handy truck cart
1 Acme binder 8-ft. cut, in good repair	1 Hoosier end gate seeder	1 chicken coop 6x8, new
1 John Deere corn planter with 150 rods of wire	1 Success manure spreader	Several good hog troughs
2 P & O riding corn cultivators new last year	1 Emerson gang plow, 13-in	1 Camp grain elevator with power, complete
	1 hay rack, 8-14, new this year	Numerous other articles.
	1 triple and 1 double wagon box	

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The BROWN MOUSE

by Herbert Quick

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Herbert Quick has been such a busy man in various lines of activity that the wonder is he has found time to write books; but not only has he found the time, but has been very successful as a writer. "The Brown Mouse" has become a sort of textbook in agricultural colleges and has been as widely read by teachers and farmers, probably, as any other story ever written. His "Vandemark's Folly" is one of the very successful books of the past two years and he seems to have scored even more heavily with his recent novel, "The Hawkeye." The list of his novels and short stories is a long one and in general excellence would do credit to a person who had devoted all his time to literature.

Herbert Quick.

This author was born on a farm near Steamboat Rock, Grundy county, Iowa. From farming he turned to schoolteaching and while principal of a ward school in Mason City, studied law. After being admitted to the bar he practiced in Sioux City and first came into prominence as member and counsel for the Citizens' committee which prosecuted boodlers. He was thrice nominated and once elected mayor of Sioux City and later was nominated for supreme judge. He was once associate editor of LaFollette's Weekly at Madison, Wis., and later editor of Farm & Fireside, Springfield, Ohio. He resigned a membership in the Federal Farm Loan bureau, Washington, in 1919. During a part of the war he was chairman for the Far East of the American Red Cross, with the rank of colonel. Several years ago he moved to Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, and is now recognized as one of the leading citizens of that state.

"The Brown Mouse" is probably the greatest exemplification ever produced of the romance and fascination that can be made to attach to the occupations of teaching and farming. The story is so charmingly constructed that it pleases people of all classes and is relished by children as well as adults; and the practical ideas which it contains have awakened communities all over the world. The ideas have been adopted in hundreds of places as part of the regular school work and part of the legitimate advancement of farming science.

CHAPTER I

A Maiden's "Humph!"

Jim brought from his day's work all the fragrances of next year's meadows. He had been feeding the crops. All things have opposite poles, and the scents of the farm are no exception to the rule. Just now, Jim Irwin possessed in his clothes and person the olfactory pole opposite to the new-mown hay, the fragrant butter and the scented breath of the lowing kine—perspiration and top-dressing.

He was not quite so keenly conscious of this as was Jennie Woodruff. Had he been so, the glimmer of her white pique dress on the bench under the basswood would not have drawn him back from the gate. He had come to the house to ask Colonel Woodruff about the farm work, and having received instructions to take a team and join in the road work next day, he had gone down the walk between the beds of four o'clocks and petunias to the lane. Turning to latch the gate, he saw through the dusk the white dress under the tree and drawn by the greatest attraction known in nature, had reentered the Woodruff grounds and strolled back.

A brief hello betrayed old acquaintance, and that social equality which still persists in theory between the work people on the American farm and the family of the employer. A desultory murmur of voices ensued. Jim Irwin sat down on the bench—not too close, be it observed, to the pique skirt. . . . There came into the voices a note of deeper earnestness, betokening something quite aside from the rippling of the course of true love running smoothly. In the man's voice was a tone of protest and pleading. . . .

"I know you are," said she, "but after all these years don't you think you should be at least preparing to be something more than that?"

"What can I do?" he pleaded. "I'm tied hand and foot. . . . I might have. . . ."

"You might have," said she, "but, Jim, you haven't . . . and I don't see any prospects. . . ."

"I have been writing for the farm papers," said Jim; "but . . ."

"But that doesn't get you anywhere, you know. . . . You're a great deal more able and intelligent than Ed, and see what a fine position he has in Chicago. . . ."

"There's mother, you know," said Jim gently.

"You can't do anything here," said Jennie. "You've been a farm-hand for fifteen years . . . and you always will be unless you pull yourself loose. Even a girl can make a place for herself if she doesn't marry and leaves the farm. You're twenty-eight years old."

"It's all wrong!" said Jim gently. "The farm ought to be the place for the best sort of career—I love the soil!"

"I've been teaching for only two years, and they say I'll be nominated for county superintendent if I'll take it. Of course I won't—it seems silly—but if it were you, now, it would be a first step to a life that leads to something."

"Mother and I can live on my wages—and the garden and chickens, and the cow," said Jim. "After I received my teacher's certificate, I tried to work out some way of doing the same thing on a country teacher's wages. I couldn't. It doesn't seem right."

Jim rose and after pacing back and forth sat down again, a little closer to Jennie. Jennie moved away to the extreme end of the bench, and the shrinking away of Jim as if he had been repelled by some sort of negative magnetism showed either sensitiveness or temper.

"It seems as if it ought to be possible," said Jim, "for a man to do work on the farm, or in the rural schools, that would make him a livelihood. If he is only a field-hand, it ought to be possible for him to save money and buy a farm."

"Pa's land is worth two hundred dollars an acre," said Jennie. "Six months of your wages for an acre—even if you lived on nothing."

"No," he assented, "it can't be done, and the other thing can't, either. There ought to be such conditions that a teacher could make a living."

"They do," said Jennie, "if they can live at home during vacations. I do."

"But a man teaching in the country ought to be able to marry."

"Marry!" said Jennie, rather unfeelingly, I think. "You marry!" Then after remaining silent for nearly a

"You Marry! Humph!"

minute, she uttered the syllable—without the utterance of which this narrative would not have been written. "You marry! Humph!"

Jim Irwin rose from the bench tingling with the insult he found in her tone. They had been boy-and-girl sweethearts in the old days at the Woodruff schoolhouse down the road, and before the fateful time when Jennie went "off to school" and Jim began to support his mother. They had even kissed—and on Jim's side, lonely as was his life, cut off as it necessarily was from all companionship save that of his tiny home and his fellow-workers of the field, the tender little love-story was the sole romance of his life. Jennie's "Humph!" retired this romance from circulation he felt. It showed contempt for the idea of his marrying. It relegated him to a sexless category with other defectives, and badged him with the celibacy of a sort of Twentieth-century monk, without the honor of the priestly vocation. From another girl it would have been bad enough, but from Jennie Woodruff—and especially on that quiet summer night under the linden—it was insupportable.

"Good night," said Jim—simply because he could not trust himself to say more.

"Good night," replied Jennie, and sat for a long time wondering just how deeply she had unintentionally wounded the feelings of her father's field-hand; deciding that if he was driven from her forever, it would solve the problem of terminating that old childish love affair which still persisted in occupying a suite of rooms all of its own in her memory; and finally repenting of the unpremeditated thrust which might easily have hurt too deeply so sensitive a man as Jim Irwin. But girls are not usually so made as to feel any very bitter remorse for their male victims, and so Jennie slept very well that night.

Jim Irwin was bony and rugged and homely, with a big mouth, and wide ears, and a form stooped with labor. He had fine, lambent, gentle eyes which lighted up his face when he smiled. He was not ugly. Jim Irwin possessed charm. That is why little Jennie Woodruff had asked him to help with her lessons, rather oftener than was necessary, in those old days in the Woodruff schoolhouse when Jennie wore her hair down her back.

But in spite of this homely charm of personality, Jim Irwin was set off from his fellows of the Woodruff neighborhood. He was different. In local parlance, he was an off ox. He was as odd as Dick's hatband. He ran in a gang by himself. He had always liked to read, and had piles of literature in his attic room which was good, because it was cheap.

Very few people know that cheap literature is very likely to be good, because it is old and unprotected by copyright. Jim had Emerson, Thoreau, an Encyclopedia of English Literature, some editions of standard poets in paper covers, and a few Ruskins and Carlyles—all read to rags.

In fact, Jim had a good library of publications which can be obtained gratis, or very cheaply—and he knew their contents. He had a personal philosophy, which while it had cost him the world in which his fellows lived, had given him one of his own, in which he moved as lonely as a cloud, and as untouched of the life about him.

By every test of common life, he was a failure. His family history was a badge of failure. People despised a man who was so incontestably smarter than they, and yet could do no better with himself than to work in the fields alongside the tramps and transients and hoboes. Save for his mother and their cow and garden and flock of fowls and their wretched little rented house, he was a tramp himself.

His duties, his mother, and his dead father's status as an outcast took away his citizenship in Boyville, and drove him in upon himself, and, at first, upon his school books and later upon Emerson, Thoreau, Ruskin and the poets, and the agricultural reports and bulletins.

All this degraded—or exalted—him to the position of an intellectual farmhand, with a sense of superiority and a feeling of degradation. It made Jennie Woodruff's "Humph!" potent to keep him awake that night, and send him to the road work with Colonel Woodruff's team next morning with hot eyes and a hotter heart.

Colonel Woodruff's gray percherons seemed to feel the unrest of their driver, for they fretted and actually executed a clumsy prance as Jim Irwin pulled them up at the end of the turnpike across Bronson's Slew—a peat-marsh which annually offered the men of the Woodruff district the opportunity to hold the male equivalent of a sewing circle while working out their road taxes. Columbus Brown, the pathmaster, prided himself on the Bronson Slew turnpike as his greatest triumph in road engineering. The work consisted in hauling, dragging and carrying gravel out on the low fill which carried the road across the marsh, and then watching it slowly settle until the next summer.

"Haul gravel from the east gravel bed, Jim," called Columbus Brown from the lowest spot in the middle of the turnpike. "Take Newt here to help load."

Jim smiled his habitual slow, gentle smile at Newton Bronson, seventeen, undersized, tobacco-stained, profane and proud of the fact that he had once beaten his way from Des Moines to Faribault on freight trains. A source of anxiety to his father, and the subject of many predictions that he would come to no good end, Newton was out on the road work because he was likely to be of little use on the farm. Clearly, Newton was on the downward road in a double sense—and yet, Jim Irwin rather liked him.

"The fellers have put up a job on you, Jim," volunteered Newton, as they began filling the wagon with gravel.

"What sort of job?" asked Jim.

"They're nominating you for teacher," replied Newton.

"Since when has the position of teacher been an elective office?" asked Jim.

"Sure, it ain't elective," answered Newton. "But they say that with as many brains as you've got sloshing around loose in the neighborhood, you're a candidate that can break the deadlock in the school board."

Jim shoveled on silently for a while, and by example urged Newton to earn the money credited to his father's assessment for the day's work.

A slide of earth just then brought down a sweet-clover plant growing rankly beside the top of the pit. Jim Irwin pulled it loose from its anchorage, and after looking attentively at the roots, laid the whole plant on the bank for safety.

"What do you want of that weed?" asked Newton.

Jim picked it up and showed him the nodules on its roots—little white knobs, smaller than pinheads.

"Ever hear of the use of nitrates to enrich the soil?"

Continued next week.

A Starting Point

Ardent Swain: "I'd go thru anything for you."

Flapper: "All right; let's start on your bank account."

PUBLIC SALE

Having decided to quit farming, I will sell at public auction at my place one mile east, one-half mile south of Goodell, six miles northeast of Belmond, six miles west and one-half mile south of Meservey, on

Tuesday, Dec. 4th

Commencing at 12:30 O'clock sharp, the following described property:

5 - Head of Horses - 5

1 ROAN COLT MARE
1 BLACK MARE 4 YRS. OLD, WT. 1250
1 BROWN MARE 15 YRS. OLD, WT. 1300
1 SORREL GELDING 7 YRS. OLD, WT. 1150
1 BUCKSKIN MARE 10 YRS. OLD, WT. 1200

34 - Head of Cattle - 34

4 STEERS COMING 2 YRS OLD.
5 HEIFERS COMING 2 YRS. OLD.
9 HEAD OF GOOD MILK COWS
15 HEAD OF EARLY SPRING CALVES.
1 PURE BRED SHORTHORN BULL, RED, REGISTERED, COMING 2 YRS. OLD.

25 - Head of Hogs - 25

18 HEAD OF FALL PIGS
7 HEAD OF DUROC JERSEY BROOD SOWS

250 - Head of Poultry - 250

1 stack of straw
About 150 bushel corn
About 10 bushel potatoes
About 4 tons tame hay in stack
15 loads of stove wood in 5-load lots.
ABOUT 4 BUSHEL YELLOW SEED CORN

Farm Machinery, Etc.

1 ZIMMERMAN STUMP PULLER.
1 hay rack
1 32-ft ladder
1 single harness
1 3-section harrow, new
2 sets 1 1-2-in. harness
1 International manure spreader, new
1 P & O corn planter, new, with 80 rods of wire
1 Peerless seeder with grass attachment
2 3-in.-tire wagons, 1 with double box
1 top buggy
2 swill pails
1 Sattley disc
1 tank heater
3 hog troughs
1 Case sulky plow
1 Moline hay rake
1 McCormick mower
1 8-gallon cream can
1 LaCrosse cultivator
1 Bradley potato plow
1 Rock Island drag cart
1 John Deere walking plow
1 set cord nets
1 new bob sled
Some milk pails
1 hand corn sheller
1 single leather fly net
4 horse collars and pads
10 galvanized chicken coops
1 DeLaval cream separator
1 Standard scales, 600 capacity

Quantity of furniture including cook stove, heater, Vocalion phonograph, 2 dressers, 2 beds, sewing machine and numerous other articles

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W. B. SANDRY

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LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. A. W. Martin and Miss Theoline Johnson drove to Mason City last Friday.

W. E. Dunn, of Boone, came up last Tuesday to attend the wedding of his brother to Miss Eloise Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pritchard, of Buffalo Center were visiting at the A. E. Martin home one day last week.

Dr. and Mrs. Kain, from Algona were visiting relatives here last week.

Ralph Hodges and Glen Rierson were visitors at Clarion, Sunday.

Ye Olde Tyme Dance, Goodell Opera House, Sat. eve., Dec. 1, 9 p. m. Fulton orchestra. Supper. Everybody welcome.

Miss Verna Amblie has been on the sick list the past few days.

Miss Alice Ersland returned last week from Clarion, where she has been visiting friends.

P. C. Barry is in Nebraska this week looking after business affairs.

Mike Steed, of Janesville, Wisconsin, was here to attend the Brooks-Dunn wedding.

Miss Mitta Anderson was a caller at Mason City last Saturday.

Jim Barry, of Des Moines, was a visitor at the home of P. C. Barry and other relatives last week.

A. P. McGregor, of Des Moines, was a caller in town Monday, greeting old friends and attend to business matters.

Mrs. H. G. Nordschow and M. J. Thoe enjoyed a visit last week from their father, who lives at Lake Mills.

Hajo Pals refereed a basket ball game at Klemme last Friday night.

Mrs. Ed Thompson, of near Kanawha, was a business caller in town last Friday.

The Great Western suffered a wreck near Hampton, Sunday, on the Hampton-Clarion branch, and passenger trains on that branch were detoured thru Belmond over the M. & St. L., Sunday.

Bert Nelson and Fred Vestweber were among the local people who went to Cedar Rapids last Friday to attend the homecoming at Coe College, and take in the foot ball game between Coe and Cornell. Coe wen, 15 to 0, in a good game.

The trapping laws are now out and many young farm lads in this community are seeking the elusive rat and mink for some extra spending money. Results have not been reported very good, and prices on the raw furs are no better. The difference between the stretched hide and the same hide made into a garment are too great to impress most people as just.

The Rosary society of the St. Francis church will hold their annual bazaar and chicken supper Saturday, December 8, beginning at 1:00 p. m. Chicken supper at 5:00 o'clock.

D. L. Pals of Alexander was calling in town the first of the week, on business matters.

Ed. Riekens of Kanawha was a business caller in Belmond on Tuesday

Atty and Mrs. Jensen have been enjoying a visit the past week from Mrs. Jensens' mother, Mrs. Emma West, and her brother, Arthur West and wife, all of State Center.

The teachers residing out of town all left for their respective homes Wednesday to spend the Thanksgiving vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hauge and family spent Thanksgiving with relatives at Clarion.

Mrs. M. C. Madsen went to Coulter last Thursday to attend the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Danielson.

Miss Grace Reed, who teaches at Beaman, Iowa, is spending the Thanksgiving vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Reed, and with other relatives.

Joe Harvey was called to Colorado last Saturday by a message that his father was seriously ill. Mrs. Harvey received another message on Tuesday night that he had passed away.

MEHL-SOMA

Milford Jennings Mehl and Gladys Anita Soma were united in marriage at the Trinity parsonage by Rev. J. M. Jensen, Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 28 at 3:00 o'clock. The groom is the oldest son of James Mehl, one of the county supervisors. The bride is the oldest daughter of Elling Soma, of Norway township. Both bride and groom were born and raised in Norway township. They will make their home on the Rosenbaum farm now owned by T. A. Wicks.

IA. TWP. FARM BUREAU MEETS

The next meeting of the Iowa township Farm Bureau will be at the home of Jack Peddle, Tuesday, Dec. 4. Families are requested to bring their own dishes, sandwiches, and one baked article. A program will be given as usual.

E. F. Bailey, Fred Johnson and Ben Blake returned Saturday from their hunting trip to South Dakota.

Mrs Wallace Ramsay went to Des Moines the first of the week, Mr. Ramsay and Miss Ruth going down yesterday to spend Thanksgiving at the home of Walt.

Christmas Opening at the Variety Store December 1. All Christmas toys in the basement. Phone 101 1-2.

Farmers wishing corn shelling done, see F E. Christie. Phone 2202. 22*

NOTICE!

Because of heavy obligations falling due at this time of year, we request all persons owing us to settle by cash or bankable note not later than Dec. 1st. —Cato C. Griesy.

On Monday, December 3, there will be a large class of young men and young women enrolling at the Hamilton University, Mason City, Iowa. It is the first day of the first winter term. Will you be one of them?

Richard Ziska, our efficient city mail carrier, has been laid up the past week with an attack of the grippe.

W. M. Davis, of Mason City, was visiting his sister, Mrs. Martha Wallace, last Sunday.

Miss Gilda Nelson was on the list of sick folks the first of the week.

You can renew your Des Moines Register, or any magazine, at the Independent.

For Gasoline, Kerosene and Lubricating oil, call phone 39½.—Belmond Deep Rock oil Co. 32tfc

Glenn Klemme and family and R. H. Klemme and family are spending Thanksgiving at the Stanberry home in Mason City.

E. G. Reed and family spent Sunday at Webster City.

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Mrs. Hajo Pals has been on the sick list the past few days.

Presley Griggs of the Geo. W. Griggs Fur Co. will be at the White Produce Co. at Belmond, Saturday to buy raw furs. Bring in your furs and get the highest market price.

The Des Moines Register and the Independent for one year for only $5.80. New subscriptions only to the Register.

Our reader's attention is called this week to a splendid feature article, a Thanksiving Sermon, by Rev. J. B. O'Connor, which will be found on page two. The Independent extends Rev. O'Connor its thanks for his kindness in writing this splendid sermon for us.

Mrs. J. Rohrick of Kanawha spent Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Parker.

Mrs. Adolph Thompson and daughter, Opha, went to Des Moines yesterday to spend Thanksgiving with relatives

Mrs. Edd. Eilers and children of Clarion and Mrs. Mae Johnson were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nihoof last Tuesday, in honor of Luella Nihoof's birthday.

The Independent at two dallars a year is less than four cents a week. Can you buy the news of your home community cheaper?

PUBLIC SALE DATES

(List your sale with the Independent to avoid confusion in dates.)

Rowan Short Course, January 16th and 17th.

Richard Anderson, farm sale, Monday, Dec. 3. Ad this week.

H. B. Sandry, near Goodell, Tuesday, Dec. 4. Ad this week.

C. B. Allison, east of Belmond. Farm sale. Wednesday, Dec. 5. Ad this week.

C. C. Landon, southeast of Belmond, farm sale, Tuesday, Dec. 11, next week.

Wm Dziewanowski, farm sale, Wednesday, December 12. Ad next week.

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WANT ADS

Two cents per word first insertion; one cent per word ensuing insertions.

FOR SALE

For Sale—Pure bred R. C. Rhode Island Red Cockerals, early hatch. Your choice $1.50 each.—Leo Riley, Belmond. 22*

For Sale—Spotted Shetland pony, mare colt. A real pet.—F. A. Thompson, Kanawha, Ia. 22*

For Sale—A few Spotted Poland China boars, pure bred.—J. M. Sampson, Belmond. 49tfc

I have a few Spotted Poland boars left at prices you can afford to pay. Going fast—get yours now.—Roy Jenison, Belmond. 1*

For Sale—Woven wire corn crib, capacity 800 bushels.—Galen Johnson. 12*

For Sale—Chester White boars. Champion blood lines. Cholera immune. Farm located two miles west and one-half mile north of Kanawha. Ed Rickens. 52tfc

For Sale—Eight head of Short Horn steers, weighing between 760 and 900 pounds each.—John Chapman. Phone 3713. 21c

For Sale—Regal Dorcas White Wyandotte Cockerals. Your choice for $1.50. Also a few White Pekin Drakes $1.50 each.—A. C. Lieuwen, Alexander, Ia. 23*

For Sale—About 100 Buff Rock Pullets, full blood, early hatch. Your choice $1.00.—L. E. Hall, Alexander. Phone 8917. 22*

FOR RENT

For Rent—20 acre farm with buildings, five miles from town.—John D. Pals, Belmond, Iowa. Phone 1614. 12*

WANTED

Wanted—A couple loads of cobs. Inquire at Independent. Phone 115 196, or 325

Society

Party—

A birthday party was held at the J. C. Arends home last week, when Miss Hazel celebrated her thirteenth birthday. The afternoon was spent in playing games and music. Refreshments were served. Miss Hazel was the recipient of many beautiful gifts in remembrance of the occasion, and all present report a splendid time

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Progress—

Mrs. Geo. Elder was hostess to the Progress club this week Tuesday. Mrs. J. E. Wallace led the lesson, which was on the epistles of Paul

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Birthday Party—

Little Katherine Blake entertained about 20 of her little friends last Saturday afernoon in honor of her ninth birthday. The afternoon was spent in games after which refreshments were served.

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Community Club—

The Community welfare club met at the library Friday afternoon. The roll call was responed to by many helpful hints and good recipes for the holiday season. The club at this meeting voted not to join the State Federation this year. This will bar the club from having free public speakers that they have enjoyed the past year.

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Kensington—

The Kensington club did not meet this week Wednesday as every one was too busy the day before Thanksgiving. The club will meet next week with Mrs. M. C. Barry.

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Priscilla—

The Priscilla club will meet next Wednesday at the home of Mrs. H. N. Hill.

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Delphian—

The members of the Delphian club met at the home of Mrs. Harry Bohning, Monday evening. The lesson for the evening was about the famous composer Bach and was led by Mrs. Albert Chamberlain.

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Bazaar—

The Trinity church Ladies Aid and the Dorcas society bazaar and supper was a most unusual success, and netted the ladies the neat sum of over $600

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Royal Neighbor Camp—

Members of the Royal Neighbor Camp met with Mrs. Ellis Burke Saturday afternoon. After the business meeting a social hour was enjoyed.

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W. F. M. S.—

Mrs. Howard Moore will be hostess to the Missionary society next week Thursday, when a Christmas program will be given.

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Belmond Savings Bank

Take advantage of the Independent's Big Family Offer—The Peoples' Popular Monthly, Farm and Fireside, Today's Housewife, and the Belmond Independent, All Four One Year For Only $2.45. This offer good only until December 1st.

BELMOND MARKETS
(Subject to change.)

Hens, old	12c
Roosters	07c
Springs	12c
Geese	09c
Ducks	10c
Turkeys	25c
Eggs	42c
Cream	50c
Barley	50c
Oats	35c
Corn	52c to 55c
Creamery Butter	55c

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ELITE CAFE

Belmond, Iowa

The BROWN MOUSE
by Herbert Quick

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WHEN Herbert Quick writes a story it is the time for everyone to sit up and take notice; for he is one of the most versatile and entertaining geniuses in this country. Farmer, schoolmaster, lawyer, editor, public servant, social worker and novelist, he has had a great round of experiences and has worked many of them into his stories. Born in Grundy county, Iowa, he has been mayor of Sioux City, nominee for supreme judge, editor of Farm and Fireside, member of the Federal Farm Loan bureau and several other national commissions, and during the war, had the rank of colonel conferred upon him by the Red Cross.

In "The Brown Mouse," Mr. Quick has taken his inspiration from the Scotch scientist who crossed Japanese waltzing mice with the common white breed and among other hybrids got a brown individual that was different from anything else in the world. Unlike its domesticated parents, it was wild; it ran away, bit, gnawed, scratched and raised hob generally.

Jim Irwin, the hero of the tale, is a brown mouse. His peddling father was a waltzing mouse, no good except to jump from one spot to another for no valid reason. His mother was a white mouse, having had all her color washed out in one way or another. Like the brown mouse which refuses to act according to the rules of heredity, Jim had ideas of his own and did many surprising things. He completely woke up a sleepy farming community and showed it what a touch of genius can do.

This Charming Tale Will Run as a Serial in

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What Are The Chances Of Holding Another Agriculture Exhibit This Winter

Mass Meeting For Short Course Dated

Meeting Called To See Whether Sufficient Backing For A Course Can Be Secured.

AT CITY HALL TOMORROW

A mass meeting of everyone who is interested in holding another Short Course in Belmond this winter is called for tomorrow, Friday, night at the city hall at 8:00 o'clock. All who are interested are urged to attend and discuss the matter.

It is believed that a Short Course will receive backing from both town and country, and if sentiment at the meeting is favorable, committees will be appointed to go ahead and arrange for one to be held this coming winter. The last course held in Belmond was highly successful and another would be equally so.

PUBLIC SALE POSTPONED

The Busick sale advertised in this issue for Dec. 13 has been indefinitely postponed and will not be held on the date advertised.

CLARION GREENHOUSE BURNS

Fire of unknown origin almost totally ruined the Brenner greenhouse about 2:30 o'clock last Friday morning, the blaze starting in the boiler room of the building, gaining headway to such an extent that almost the entire building was ruined. How the fire started is a mystery, as Mr. Brenner inspected the boiler room a short time before the fire broke out.

Mr. Brenner arrived home about 1:00 o'clock Friday morning and looked at the fire in the boiler room before going to bed. He had not been in bed long when the automatic heating device bell connected with the house began to ring. On investigating the cause of the alarm Mr. Brenner found the boiler room all ablaze. Prompt response by the fire company prevented other buildings nearby from catching fire, but the damage to the greenhouse was done before the blaze could be checked. The heat and water broke nearly every window in the greenhouse, and the heat and gasses killed all the flowers and plants. Mr. Brenner had many chrysanthemums for Thanksgiving, as well as blooming plants and other flowers which were destroyed. Mr. Brenner states that they will have flowers and plants for the holiday trade in spite of the loss. They expect to build a new greenhouse in the spring all under one roof, some what larger than the old one.—News.

ALGONA "BUYS" FLAGS

Algona merchants fell for a smooth salesman who visited them recently and purchased flags, poles and holes to decorate their streets in the manner used by Belmond. The agent in his work cleaned up nicely, selling the flags, poles and a hole to put 'em in at considerable more than the same thing cost Belmond merchants thru the Auxiliary.

Hampton is now taking up the idea of dressing up their streets on festive occasions by using uniform flags and the Auxiliary and Legion have charge of it.

FORM "LITTLE NINE" ASSC.

Supt. Guthrie goes to Dows tomorrow to attend the annual banquet and busness meeting of the Little Nine Basket Ball Assc. and to complete the financial details on the foot ball game Thanksgiving. While in Dows he will arrange a contract for Thanksgiving games between the two teams for next year.

The Little Nine consists of Belmond, Clarion, Goldfield, Humboldt, West Bend, Livermore, LuVerne, Corwith. A tournament will be held at Humboldt on February 29th.

Father Barry of Webster City was a Thanksgiving visitor with his relatives here.

SPEAKING OF MISTAKES

We made a mistake in last week's paper. A good subscriber told us about it. The same day there was a letter in our post office box that didn't belong to us. We called for 98 over the telephone and we got 198. We asked for a spool of No. 50 thread and when we got home it was No. 60. The train was reported 30 minutes late. We arrived at the depot 20 minutes after train time and the train was gone. The garage man said the jitney was missing because it needed a new timer. We cleaned a spark plug and it's fine ever since. Yes we made a mistake in last week's issue of the paper.—Exchange.

SCHOOL TO GIVE OPERETTA

Wednesday evening, December 12 at eight o'clock in the Auditorium the Girl's Glee Club under the direction of Miss Hill will give an operetta, "The Feast of the Red Corn."

This operetta is an American Indian operetta and will be given by a cast of forty girls. Admisson 35c and 25c. No seats reserved.

The cast follows:

Weeda Wanta.....Dorothy Purcell
Queen of the Wanta tribe.
Impee Light.....Helen Elder
Her younger sister.
Fudgee.....Mildred Hauge
Pudgee.....Helen Hildebrand
Wudgee.....Faye Jenison
Three children of the Queen
Old Squaw.....Mable Baker
Sorceress of the tribe.

Chorus: Lucille Hauge, Loretta Barry, Faye Jenison, Helen Elder, Dorothy Purcell, Miriam Gibbs, Viola Peterson, Lois Lillebo, Katherine Thiltgen, Gail Thompson, Gladys Eliason, Ruth Jones, Viola Rust, Ethel Luick, Leola Jenison, Beatrice Weatherford, Laura Riley, Grace Leavy, Marguerite Studebaker, Elaine Dittmer, Ethel Hedges, Emma Luick, Edna Bohning, Elma Stapley, Helen Hildebrand, Ida Steenblock, Mildred Hauge, Vivian Courtney, Gladys Gunderson, Ruth Knudson, Lucille Skouge, Julia Peterson, Cecilia Holtzbauer, Aurelia Kernan, Edna Arends, Edna Rust, Elaine Moe, Shirley Brooks, Bertha Eliason, Lucille Legge.

The first round of the debate try-out will be held Wednesday. Of the twenty-four turning out the twelve best will be chosen. A week later the second round will eliminate six more and so on until the high school team is selected. The state debating question this year is "Resolved that the United States should further restrict- immigration." This is an important question and every one is interested in it at this time.

FIRST ROUND

4:00 P. M. Affirmative—Helen Hildebrand, Ruth Box, Katherine Thiltgin. Negative—Ruth Knudson, Edwin Christie, Ralph Hedges.

5:00 P. M. Affirmative—Elma Stapley, Helen Elder, William Tyrrell. Negative—Gail Thompson, Vivian Courtney, Erma Maland.

7:00 P. M. Affirmative—Alpha Johnson, Loretta Barry, Raymond Stapley. Negative—Lewis Parsons, Viola Peterson, Kathleen Barry.

8:00 P. M. Affirmative—Sam Leinbach, Alex Smith, James Olson. Negative—Opha Thompson, Everill Thompson, Mildred Hauge.

Basket ball practice started Monday with both the girls' and the boys' teams. Our first game is with Klemme and will be played on Monday night, December 10.

The beginning typewriting medal is worn by Everill Thompson this week.

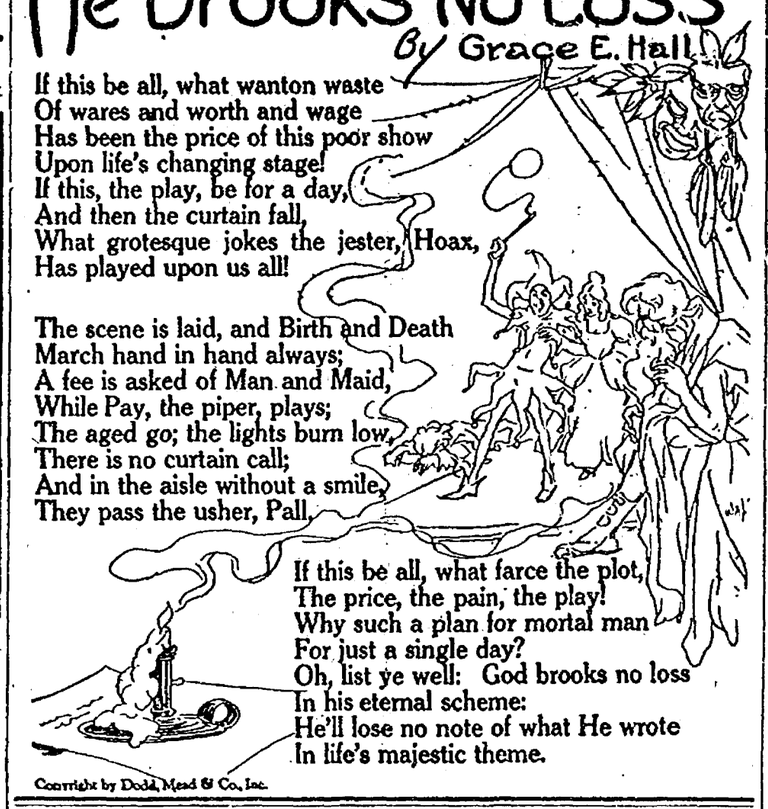
The next literary program will be the Christmas program given just before vacation.

MARRIED

Last Wednesday, November 28th, occured the wedding of Miss Alphia Bayliss, a popular young lady of Belmond, and Mr. David Pierce of Franklin county, Rev. Richards uniting them at the farm home of the groom. Only immediate friends and relatives were present. Mr. and Mrs Pierce will go to Minnesota March 1st next, where they will farm.

He Brooks No Loss

By Grace E. Hall



If this be all, what wanton waste
Of wares and worth and wage
Has been the price of this poor show
Upon life's changing stage!
If this, the play, be for a day,
And then the curtain fall,
What grotesque jokes the jester, Hoax,
Has played upon us all!

The scene is laid, and Birth and Death
March hand in hand always;
A fee is asked of Man and Maid,
While Pay, the piper, plays;
The aged go; the lights burn low,
There is no curtain call;
And in the aisle without a smile,
They pass the usher, Pall.

If this be all, what farce the plot,
The price, the pain, the play!
Why such a plan for mortal man
For just a single day?
Oh, list ye well: God brooks no loss
In his eternal scheme:
He'll lose no note of what He wrote
In life's majestic theme.

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Thanksgiving Battle Between Belmond And Dows Results In A Tie Game 7-7

DISTRICT COURT NOTES

Monitor: The grand jury completed its labors Monday, having returned several indictments, a portion of which we are able to report at this time. Whether the woman foreman of the jury is responsible for the good work we are not informed but it will throw a scare into the booze violators.

Messrs. Bredhenner and Davidson of Klemme, indicted on the charge of driving an automobile while intoxicated, will also be heard Friday.

The slander suit of Mary Sullivan of Belmond vs. Thos. McNulty will be given to the jury this morning —Wednesday. Mary claims $3,000 for slander and Thomas has a counter claim of $3,000 for libel. One who heard the evidence perdicts a 50/50 verdict.

James Kenefick of Belmond brings suit against W. R. Riley to recover the sum of $300 on an oral lease on certain farm lands. Defendant had previously occupied the land in question on a written lease.

To avoid court costs Lee and Mollie Price of Belmond confess judgment in the sum of $338.32 on their note given last February to Arthur Wellemeyer to settle a book account. This action on the part of the plaintiffs eliminates unnecessary costs.

Nels O. Stockseth vs. Henry Nelson of Belmond is a case wherein a son-in-law and father-in-law cannot agree as to the value of certain lots and a residence property in Belmond occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Stockseth up to the time of her death Action has been commenced to have the shares of the above parties confirmed. The value of the premises is said to be $7,500.

The Wall Lake hog case is again in the lime light, the grand jury having indicted Frank Graegert on the charge of conspiracy. It will be remembered that Graegert was acquitted at the time of the first trial while his brother-in-law was sent to the penitentiary. It is now reported that new evidence has been secured and that Bishop "spilled the beans." Graegert asked until Friday to plead. He was released on $1,500 bonds.

Monday was tax sale day. About one hundred pieces of land were offered for sale, all being bid in but six lots in Eagle Grove. Among the Clarion bidders were Humphrey, Austin, Weber, Tracy, Young and Cinn. From Eagle Grove were Wehrheim, Waddell, Baldner, McIntyre, Hobbet and Brown.

Judge Clock has been "stepping on the gas" ever since the present term of court began and as a result a large amount of business is being disposed of. A night session was held to get one case out of the way.

Ole Nelson of Eagle Grove drew a $300 fine and thirty days in the county jail at the hands of Judge Clock last week, he having plead guilty to the charge of bootlegging.

Battling desperately from the first sound of the whistle, Dows and Belmond played to a 7 to 7 tie on the local field Thanksgiving day

It was a battle royal, with the two teams very evenly matched, and at no stage of the game could the outcome be forecast. Belmond scored first in the first half on a beautifully executed forward pass over the line of scrimmage, Stapley to Tyrrell, Tyrrell getting away for a touchdown thru a clear field. The extra point was made when Belmond fooled the Dows team into expecting a kick, and then passed.

Dows was unable to score until the last quarter when by steady line smashes they went over, adding the extra point by kicking. Dows had the heavier line, and Belmond, until the last of the game, did not seem able to stop the plungs. Stapley and Tyrrell were both badly hurt in the second team and were practically half out of the battle. Without the aid of these two, Belmond was forced to play a defensive game, and in holding the hard-hitting Dows bunch to a tie under this handicap they displayed a remarkable game. Had they been able to hold the line the result would have been different, but the Dows line was by far the best that has been seen here this season.

It was a good game anyway, and was attended by approximately 1200 people. Gate receipts were $465 and over a hundred season tickets were taken up.

Belmond has won six, lost one and tied one this season, which, as this is only the second year foot ball has ever been played in Belmond, is a remarkable record and one the boys and fans are proud of.

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM OVER PROHIBITION IN IOWA

Prohibition enforcement conditions in Iowa do not warrant cause for alarm. Illicit liquor manufacture has decreased and liquor legislation is proving a success.

This in general is the unanimous opinion of Iowa county attorneys who replied to inquiries from Supt. S. P. McNaught of the Iowa Anti-Saloon League.

Practically all these county attorneys agreed that indifferent public sentiment is the chief barrier to perfect law enforcement. Several cited cases in which liquor violators after being brought to trial at great trouble and expense were acquitted by hair-splitting juries. One said: "If the people who complain of loose law enforcefent would go to court and testify to what they know conditions would be much better."

Ninety-five per cent of the bootlegging in one county is done by alien residents, according to the report of the county attorney.

Elene Moe and Edna Arends were visitors with friends and relatives at Mason City on Thanksgiving.

CHRISTMAS SEALS SOLD

The 16th annual Christmas seal sale will be conducted in this county and thruout the state during the month of December Residents of Wright county are being asked to purchase 120,000 seals.

The sale of seals renders possible the carrying on of a continuous campaign in Iowa to prevent tuberculosis and other diseases and promote health education, and to conduct local health and child welfare work in each county

During the past 15 years the tuberculosis death rate in Iowa has been reduced 45 per cent—almost one-half—a result attributed mainly to the campaign of education, prevention and treatment financed largely by Christmas seal funds

The Iowa Tuberculosis Association co-operates with the State Sanatorium at Oakdale, the State Board of Health, the State Educational Institutions, the State teachers Association and other organizations, and maintains a staff of workers in the field at all times. Its work, however is carried on without state or federal aid, and its support has always been of a voluntary nature

According to the State Board of Health, vital statistics division reports there were eight deaths from tuberculosis in this county this year.

According to Framingham averages there are now 56 active cases of tuberculosis in Wright county.

According to Iowa Tuberculosis Association compilations, reports of the Bureau of Public Health Nursing of the State Board of Health and Red Cross reports, the number of school children in Wright county who have remedable physical defects is by the lowest figure, 2,034.

The Eighth grade of the school in Belmond has charge of the sale of seals here.

SALVATION ARMY APPEAL

By orders from divisional headquarters, the familiar Christmas kettles of the Salvation Army will be set to boiling throughout Iowa and Nebraska this month, to provide Christmas dinners and gifts for the poor.

This annual project of the Salvation Army will not interfere with the home service appeal which is still in effect in most parts of the division, according to Brigadier William Andrews, divisional commander.

The Christmas fund is obtained separately and Christmas activities maintained apart from the regular demands upon the Salvation Army relief department. Money expended at Christmas time is dependent largely upon the yield of Christmas kettles.

Salvation Army investigators are already at work compiling a list of needy families and eliminating duplications. Every applicant for Christmas dinners and gifts will be visited personally and presented with a ticket.

Last Christmas in the Iowa-Nebraska division, 16,834 persons received free dinners and 5,188 received Christmas presents. The dinners include ordinarily a chicken, materials for pie, bread celery, potatoes and other vegetables. Presents are commonly articles of wearing apparel or coal and toys for the children.

IT WAS SOME FIRE, YOU BET!

Saturday the marshal had a tar car out on Main street repairing the cracks in the pavement. The tar caught fire when they were in front of the Independent office, and an alarm was turned in. The fire company responed in a minute's time, but there was nothing to do. The report was started that it was the Independent which was blazing, but it wasn't.

Thirteen Tons To Acre Highest Beet Average

Tonnage This Year Not As Good As Anticipated But Sugar Content Is Better.

MAX BAKER IS HIGH MAN

Max Baker, of Belmond, wins the honors in the 1923 sugar beet raising season by having an average of 13 tons per acre. Agr. Supt. Saucke of the sugar faotcry has compiled the figures for this season, which are given below:

Name	Acres	Tons
A. E. Thompson	17.92	12.00
J. B. Tiara	11.23	11.68
J. B. Spitler	18.64	11.96
A Clearheart	48.39	11.58
Max Baker	18.34	13.00
John Sloan	23.09	10.43
Elmer Johnson	18.45	11.78
W. C. Tyrrell	66.00	10.10
Jas. Cannon	36.58	10.07
Jacob Thompson	54.38	12.09
Ed. Thompson	17.34	10.37
Leonard Johnson	14.63	10.31
John Waltzing	18.70	10.14
G. Sandman	14.00	10.11
H. B. Bohman	21.40	11.62
John Ahrens	24.54	10.67
Thos. Beecher	20.00	10.68
J. W. McCullock	26.20	10.52
M. L. Thompson	19.10	10.48
Thor. Johnson	16.70	10.90
Wm. Steinhoff	21.20	10.99
E. C. Juhl	14.21	10.19
E. S. Barker	27.56	10.28
W F. Butz	21.15	10.75
H. K. Pals	10.00	10.57
J Suntken	40.00	10.22
A. F. Wenzel	12.00	10.36
Chas. Reis	8.08	11.81
H. C. Bargman	19.81	10.34

The above named are those farmers who raised ten tons or better to the acre for the Iowa Valley Operating Co. of Belmond during 1923. The figures to the right give the average per acre of each, the first figures being the number of acres each man raised.

Mr. Baker will be given letter heads and envelopes to match by the Independent, the prize offered each year to the farmer who raises the largest tonnage per acre.

FROM WEST TO EAST ON HORSEBACK

(One of the Independent's readers from Rowan sent the following neat little article for publication, and as it really is "good," and of huge interest, is printed. The editor presumes that the author had the "facts" when the article was written.)

Last week a young lady, good looking, well mannered, clad in khaki shirt and knickers stopped in our beautiful city. She had been working in Wyoming, and was taking a novel way of getting to Chicago, her home.

On leaving Wyoming, she bought a horse, and was riding it thru to Chicago, horseback. The miss arrived in our city about 6:00 p. m, and from then until morn it was a busy time.

The young lady caught the eye of one of our prominent bachelors, and a couple of our married men. She told them all about the trip and explained to them that her horse was sore in his feet and legs. The young lady took the men to the Rowan pavilion where her horse was, and showed them where her horse was stiff and sore. The young lady then retired to her room in the hotel for the night, and three of our citizens were busy from then on.

This bachelor got a pail of hot water and started in rubbing the horses legs and feet. He was soon joined by two other of our prominent citizens with sponges, who assisted in the rubbing process.

It is reported about town that when morning came, and this Miss went to get her horse, she found eight pails, nine sponges, three of our citizens asleep, two bridles on her horse, and the sadle turned backward on her steed. Bidding the men goodbye, she left for the East.

Now what the rest of us citizens want to know, is: Was it this particular horse—the young Miss—or is it the nature of these men to be "kind to horses"?

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Editorials

About this time of the year, in former days, the youth of the small town used to face the job of sawing up a pile of wood for winter use. In case the hunting was good, with the first fall of snow, that wood pile became a thing of immense proportions and a task that seemingly never could be finished. It was a monsterous job, that wood pile; the son of the house would saw and saw, and split and split, and make only a dent in it. He complained plaintively of a backache, of sore arms, and perhaps got sick so he couldn't saw or split. But in the end, he had to finish it. And all else usually went by the board—hunting rabbits, trapping and skating—until that mountain of wood was piled neatly in the shed. It was rigorous training, sternly enforced. Perhaps Johnny was allowed a dollar for his labor, to spend at the candy counter where a nickel would buy a dozen of these and a dozen of those and half a dozen of them. Perhaps his labor was delivered as a fair contribution to his own support.

You don't find those old wood piles any more. Maybe, if they were, the youth of the country would be better off. Today son gets out of bed in a room heated to 70 degrees before he slips back the quilts, by a turn of a valve on the radiator. The wood pile has given way to a coal pile in the cellar, where a shovel or two of coal twice a day takes care of the heating problem. At worst, he must lug in but a few hods of coal for the stove. He cares little for hunting, and there is nothing to hunt if he did want to. His dollar of long ago, earned by good hard manual labor, has turned into a ten-dollar bill bummed off the old man, and instead of going for many visits to the candy counter, now goes for one blow-out at the show or dance, for gasoline and oil and tires and hootch and midnight suppers and the morning after.

Too strong a comparison? Not at all. Only facts in too sadly frequent cases. Too many parents right in Belmond are trusting to luck and a easy-going warning that their sons are where they should be and doing what is correct. Some of them will awaken some day to the fact that it is not the fault of the boys as much as it is the fault of the parents when things go wrong. The old fashioned wood pile can never be replaced but the things can be found that will bring the same results. The ability to work was not the only result of the old fashioned wood pile, but that was one oo the things which is needed today.

If an observer will take his position upon the streets of Belmond, and watch the crowd passing on the walk, he will be apt to note that many people, probably the majority have a stooping attitude, their heads bowed down in deep thought. Some young women seem to thrust their heads forward as if to follow a prevailing fad.

The physical culturists tell us that man was made to stand erect, and that if people do not have this good posture, the organs of the body will be cramped and fail to perform their function. Human life is probably considerably shortened by the failure to develope a good erect carriage and posture.

The stooping position seems a developement of industrial life and civilization. Man in a state of nature would not be likely to bend over. In a state of nature the eyes of the savage would be upon the trees of the forests in which he hunted rather than on the ground. But when the mechanical arts develope, men work at benches, and they get the stooping habit. As industry becomes more highly refined, men work and study at desks. While their minds broaden, their bodies become round shouldered and contract. A very high price of physical well being is often being paid for mental advancement.

Yet by attention to physical development, these unfortunate tendencies can be overcome. A physical culture teacher in a recent address spoke of a class of girls, whom on beginning gymnastics, not one could pass a posture test. When the same girls became high school seniors, 25 out of 30 could pass the requirements.

The people who allow their daily cares and tasks to twist their bodies into a slouchy shape suffer from one of civilization's most harmful tendencies. If they want to live useful and happy lives, they will get good advice as to physical developement and follow it.

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As our triumphs or failures he daily must scan—
The human and brotherly newspaper man.
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He "carries on" the torch of learning
Keeps civilization's home fires burning.
In the march of Progress, find him in the van!
Hats off to our hero!—the newspaper man!
—Plymouth, Ind., Republican.

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1 GRAY MARE 7 YRS. OLD, WT. 1600
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4 ROAN STEERS COMING 2 YRS. OLD.
1 PURE BRED ANGUS BULL, PAPERS FURNISHED.

21 Head of Hogs

6 FALL PIGS 2 SMALL SHOATS
3 PURE BRED POLAND CHINA GILTS. PAPERS FURNISHED IF DESIRED.
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1 hay rack
2 bob sleds
1 top buggy
1 buggy pole
Buggy shafts
1 iron kettle
1 slip scraper
1 truck wagon
Buggy runners
12 horse collars
2 wagons with boxes
1 water tank 2x2x4 ft.
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2 John Deere cultivators
1 DeLaval separator, No. 17.
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1 breaker bottom for John Deere 16-in. plow
2 John Deere discs, 16-wheel
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1 hay buck
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1 hay stacker
1 4-section drag
1 McCormick mower
1 500-capacity scales
1 McCormick hay rake
1 International spreader
1 McCormick corn binder
1 Herschel endgate seeder
1 Deering binder, 8 ft. cut.
1 International 2-row cultivator
1 John Deere gang plow, 13-in
1 John Deere sulky plow, 16-in
1 International corn planter with 130 rods of wire.
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1 hay fork
1 swill cart
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2 single harness
1 horse clipper
1 seed corn rack
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FARM BUREAU NOTES

(By County Agnt Edwards)

Shipping Meeting Well Attended

The booster meeting of the Clarion livestock shipping association which was held in Clarion last Tuesday evening, November 27, was attended by about 300 farmers, shipping association officers and members.

Ten shipping associations of Wright county and neighboring counties, were represented at this meeting.

Annual Meeting May Come January 7th.

At the last meeting of the board of directors, Saturday November 24th plans were made and committees appointed for holding the annual meeting of the Wright county Farm Bureau and the week of December 17th was suggested as a good time for holding the annual meeting. It has developed since the director meeting that we are unable to get any of the speakers which were decided upon at this time and the date has been changed to the week of Jan. 7.

The program committee is now at work in an effort to secure a good speaker for the occasion and no effort will be spared to get someone who will make a good drawing card for this annual affair. An attempt was made to secure Professor Holden who was formerly connected with the college at Ames but a satisfactory date could not be arranged with him Definite announcement of the date of the annual meeting as well as the name of the speaker will be made later in the county papers

The annual meeting will be held in the court room as usual and an interesting program filled with music, good speeches and entertainment for everyone is being provided by the committee in charge Every effort is being made to make this one of the most successful annual meetings ever held in our county. Every farmer in Wright county, in fact every citizen who is interested in better agriculture in our community should make an effort to attend this meeting

Women's Work Organize

At a meeting of the committee on women's work which was held at the county agent's office Saturday November 24th an extensive program of projects was worked out by the committee consisting of Mrs. J. E. Kirstein, Woolstock township, Mrs. A. L. Middleton, Troy township, Mrs. J. F. Henn, Pleasant township, Mrs. E. E. Evans, Norway township, Mrs. A. E. Martin, Belmond township, and Mrs. A. C. Lieumen, Iowa township.

In the absence of a home demonstration agent the women of the Wright county Farm Bureau determined to carry on the women's work in the Farm Bureau as is indicated by the interesting program of work which was outlined at their last meeting.

The program of work as outlined by this committee will be found below:

Slogan: Teach the children to sew.

Purpose: 1. To make it possible for every woman in the county to be better dressed at less expense. 2. To help each other. 3. To increase sociability. 4. To strengthen the county organization. 5. To systemize the regular home duties in order to have more time for rest, reading and recreation.

County goal: 1. To set up and maintain fine training centers. 2. To have each township take part in the training school centers.

Township goal: 1. To establish a reading circle in each township. 2. To have each reading circle report on an article or book read. 3. To secure a report from fifty homes trying daily rest periods for two weeks. 4. To secure a report of at least one hour recreation per week in fifty homes. 5. Visit your country school and see the work that is being done. a. Encourage every day manners. b. Try to establish the hot lunch. c. Help the teacher and pupils keep the school room clean.

HOGS FIRST; THEN KIDS

"The farm and the home are inseparable," declared Miss Anna E. Richardson, dean of home economics at Iowa State College, recently, in speaking before a conference of county agents and extention workers at Ames.

"More attention should be given to the home side of farm life" Dean Richardson said. "Too often she declared more care is given the health of the hogs than the health of the children. In a check recently made in one Iowa county an unusually high percentage of undernourished and unhealthy children was found. Ninety per cent of these cases it was said could have been averted had the children received reasonably good attention.

When ninety per cent of our hogs are sick do we do something about it?" Dean Richardson asked "Yes, we do. We at least should do as much for our children."

The home should be mechanicaliy efficient and economically sound the speaker said and she stressed the fact that mechanical labor-saving appliances in the home make for a more pleasant and worth-while farm life.

Here and There

Mrs Will Dittmer and Elaine of Belmond were over-night guests Friday at the C J. Nagle home.—News.

Wm. Voiles of Belmond was a visitor here Saturday.—Times.

Mesdames Harry Rubendall and Wayne Locey of Belmond came Wednesday for several days' visit with Mrs. Vernon Sharp.—News.

Chas. Waltz, of Belmond, uncle of George Baldridge, was a visitor at the Baldridge home several days of last week. On Saturday, Mr. Baldridge and his uncle autoed to Fort Dodge. They were accompanied home by Mr. Waltz's niece, Miss Irene Waltz, who, after visiting here, accompanied her uncle to Belmond for a visit with relatives.—Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Baker and son David, accompanied by Mrs. Baker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lieuwen from Belmond, autoed to Dumont, Sunday and spent the day with relatives. There were quite a number of the relatives there, the occasion being a celebration of the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Baker's uncle.—Reporter.

We have been properly cussed and discussed for our remarks last week about dancing and booze in Swea City. That reminds us that during fifteen years of active newspapering we have been cussed by everybody from dog catcher to United States senator. This statement is literally true because once upon a time a U. S. senator during a visit to Swea City gave us helandrepeat for something we had said. Yet, we always feel amply recompensed by the fun we obtain from stirring the fire occasionally to see the kettle boil.—Swea City Herald.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Belmond, Iowa, 12-3-23.

Regular meeting of Town Council held in town hall, Mayor Sullivan, presiding.

Members all present.

Clerk's monthly financial report received and read.

Moved and carried that the taxes on lot 2, Block 3, Bartholomew's Addition, K. A. Jenison, owner, be recommended for suspension.

Moved and carried that the Clerk be hereby instructed to notify the Iowa Falls Electric Co. to place a 50-C. P. street light at the intersection of 2nd St. and 5th Ave. S. E.

The following bills were audited and allowed:

J. E. Williams, Atty's. fees	$120.00
W. T. Dziewanowski, blading road	21.25
Motor Inn Co., labor	2.10
Hans Hanson, labor in park	18.50
Belmond Telephone Co., tolls	2.35
L. L. Luick, labor on road	18.00
The Electric Store, mdse. and labor	63.25
D. Bishop, draying	15.90
Iowa Falls Electric Co., light and power	177.66
Mica Insulating Co., 2 bbls. Tarnac	24.48
Ben B. Hogenson, labor	64.38
F. P. Dibble, draying	19.11
M. A. Holtzbauer, mdse. and labor	468.01
Belmond Lbr. Co., mdse.	696.13
Geo. Mechem, engineer work	350.00
John Cantwell, painting	9.50
Ben Smith, hauling gravel	25.20
M. A. Morse, teaming	12.00
Wm. Bevreg, labor on water tank	11.25
Gus Ziska, special police	3.00
T. Goeman, teaming	4.50
Adelbert Anger, labor	.50
Harberts and Wheelan, labor	10.50

On motion and second council adjourned.

GUY BYERS,
Clerk.

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Will Wenzel and Mrs. Hethershaw and son, from Elinor, Minnesota, spent Sunday at the Dan Wenzel, Sr., home.

H. H. Hawley went to Hayfield on Friday to attend the funeral of his brother, Lyman.

Something new in book ends at Special prices.—Belmond Furniture Co.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation to our friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us in harvesting the remainder of our corn

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ruka.

A special program of music at the M. E. church Sunday evening. Evening subject: "The Devil Take The Hindmost"

Buy your Christmas gifts at the Catholic ladies bazaar, Saturday, December 8. Library basement.

Don't blame your motor—use DEEP ROCK winter gas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Buchanan and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Buchanan and three children of Goodell drove to Waterloo last week to attend the family reunion Thanksgiving of the Cain family. It was the first reunion of the family for 22 years, or since the parents died. There were eighteen children, nine of whom are living. At the reunion there were nine of the first generation, 48 of the second, 91 of the third, 26 of the fourth and 69 added by marriage, or a total of 243.

Don't stay at home Sunday evening when you can enjoy a good evening's program of music at the Methodist church.

Don't forget to call for your parcels post package at the Catholic ladies bazaar Saturday, December 8, at the library.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Slining are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby boy, born Sunday, Dec. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Engstler of Klemme were visitors Sunday at the home of Mrs. Engstler's parents, Mr and Mrs. R. D. Kenefick.

Miss Veronica McNamara, who is attending school at Fort Dodge, spent the Thanksgiving vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Barry.

Will have a complete line of fancy work and aprons at the Catholic ladies bazaar Saturday, December 8.

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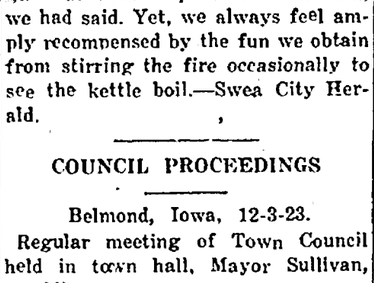

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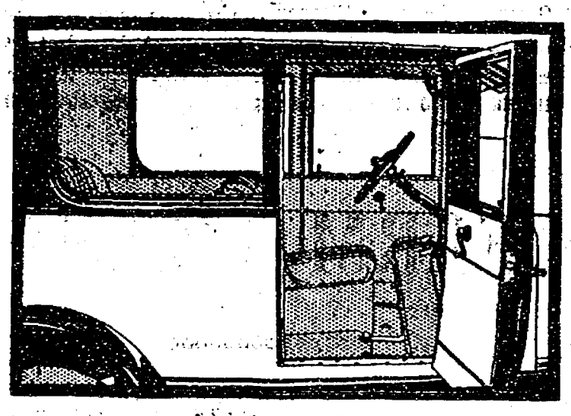

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MESERVEY SECTION

MESERVEY SCHOOL NOTES

The Thanksgiving program given by the school Tuesday eve. was large ly attended and enjoyed by all.

Wednesday eve. the high school teams played a double header at Sheffield. The girls' team was handicaped by the absence of three of their members who were out on account of sickness Then we must admit Sheffield had a cracking good team. The score, was 24-0 at the end of the first quarter in favor of Sheffield. The other quarters were played on even terms each team making an equal number of points. The final score was 38 to 14 in favor of Sheffield. The playing of our star forward, Grace Groen, is to be especially commended.

The boys played the second team and had them completely outclassed. Sheffield was only able to make one field basket and Meservey won by 14 to 0.

The Swaledale boys' team won from the Sheffield first team by a comfortable margin. Quite a few rooters accompanied the teams to Sheffield and enjoyed the games.

The shoot Thanksgiving afternoon sort of broke in on the attendance of the foot ball game played on the high school grounds. Those present however enjoyed the old fashioned foot ball game. By old fashioned, we mean that the only hold barred was the strangle hold, there were necktie tackles and center rushes and center smashes on nearly every play. The 22 men were piled up in one big pile. The only casualty reported was that Walt Braga lost part of the skin on his scalp where the hair used to grow. One of the players thought Mr. Muller's shining pate was a foot ball and tried to fall on it.

Those playing against the high school were Messrs. Braga, Muller, Rooks, Cooper, J. Koenen, Ruigh, Waage, Frank Sprau, F Guth, B. Jones and M. Smith. The town had a stone wall line of defense. They held the H. S. for four downs on the one-yard line. The score was 12 to 6 in favor of the high school, but all that saved them from a tie game was the blowing of the timekeeper's whistle.

In the evning, thanks to the kindness of Alexander's Supt., and school board, a double header basket ball game was played on the Alexander court. The H. S. girls won from the young ladies team by the score of 48 to 28, while the H S. boys won from the men 14 to 2. Nearly 100 spectators were present.

No school was held Friday in order that the teachers might enjoy Thanksgiving a home

The teachers spent Thanksgiving at their respective homes as follows: Mr. Herbster, Miss Thomas and Miss Butz at Meservey, Miss Holroyd at Plymouth, Miss Bode at Kesley, Miss Huenemann at Garner, and Mr. Ozias at Ionia.

PRIMARY: The following pupils have not been tardy or absent since school began in August: Ardell Nissen, Arthur Koenen, Ruth Enabnit, Gladys Mae Fischer, Ivan Langlitz, Viola Suntken, Ruth Preling: First grade pupils: Myron Pals, Byron Blewitt, Grace Barkema, Eleanor Muller, Iva Mae Paul.

The following received perfect department stars for the week: Gladys Strausberg, Ruth Schlesselman, Ruth Enabnit, Arthur Koenen, Jane Shepherd, Florence Gruise, Avery Bier,

Jens Olsen returned to school this week

Glen Janssen, Theodore Dirks, Hiene Winters and Harold Riekens were absent last week.

3rd and 4th Grades: The following were neither absent nor tardy for a second 6-week's period: Julia Fry, Viola Koehler, Barbara Braga, Lois Thomas, Esther Smith, Kenneth Kolb Andrew Boelman, Everett Enabnit, Lyle Fischer, Vona Proost, Tena Koenen, Norman Muller and Esther Dorenkamp

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See Heinie about your Radio.

Miss Mildred Gealow spent Thanksgiving with home folks at Belmond.

Mrs. Mary Butz entertained at Thanksgiving dinner Dr. and Mrs. Joe Butz and son Lyle, of Monterey, Minn., also W. F. Butz and family of this place. The doctor and family drove down Wednesday, returning home Friday.

Ed. Foss and wife, L. Foss and wife and G. E. Raecker and family spent Thanksgiving at the James Hemming home at Thornton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Watermiller and family, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Watermiller, Jake, Neolo and Tena Watermiller all spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Schlicting.

Mrs. L. B. Hulsebus and baby came last Wednesday from Mason City, where they had been at the Park hospital. They remained until the following Wednesday at the A. J. Nissen home L. B. of Dows has been driving back and forth and spent Thanksgiving with his family.

H. W. Hulsebus, lately of Dows, and Miss Daisy Clark were Thanksgiving day visitors at the Hulsebus, Nissen and Muller families

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Mrs. Henrietta Wilkinson and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Nelson and family, of near Klemme, spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. H. Meinderts and Jennie.

F A. Lemke, Dale Smith, Gerald Janssen, Kenneth Herbster, Olliver Sprau and Donald Muller attended the Olde Boys' conference at Fort Dodge Dec. 1-3.

Miss Ona Ulrick of Green Mountain, was visiting at the Leland Jacobson home over last week end, coming in time to spend Thanksgiving. Miss Ona teaches in the schools at Green Mountain.

Miss Alma Ralston spent Thanksgiving with home folks, returning to her school work at Wellsburg last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Koberg of Lincoln, Ia., and the latter's sister, Mrs. Gustafson and son, of Illinois, visited at the Geo. Langlitz and Willer homes and with other relatives and friends here several days last week.

Mrs. C. E. Brogan and sons Vere and Howard of Garner, visited friends here several days last week.

Mrs. Harry Stevens and two children of Missouri are visiting at the H. C. Barger home for a week. Mrs. Stevens is a sister of Mr. Barger.

B. Ahrenholtz and son Ben returned from South Dakota last week, and are visiting at the F Loats home and with other relatives The former will spend the winter with his daughter, Mrs. F. Loats.

The Little Herald's rally given at the Evang. church last Friday p. m. was well attended and an interesting meeting was held. This was a joint meeting with the W. M. S. in a membership campaign and we are pleased to report 14 new members since the fall campaign began. The L. H. offering amounted to $14.

The Cemetery society will meet with Mrs. Aug. Guth on Tuesday, December 11 for their regular meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Nissen motored to Dows last Saturday to consult a doctor in regard to the latter's health.

J. A. Nissen and family and Neva Muller were Mason City callers last Saturday.

Mrs. Walt Braga and daughter Barbara and Gwetolyn Wenzel went to Belmond last Friday to visit until Sunday at the Dan Wenzel, Sr., home.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wendel spent Thanksgiving and the week end at the home of the latter's relatives at Waseca, Minn.

H. B. Blewitt and family ate their Thanksgiving dinner at the Thomas Blewitt home in Thornton.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Frey and son Wilbert motored to Kiester, Minn., last Sunday, spending the day with relatives of Mrs. Frey. On their return home they met with an accident which might have proven serious. In meeting another car the lights blinded H. B. and in crossing a culvert which was narrow, he hit it instead of getting across, upsetting the car. Wilbert was injured quite badly, the others escaping serious injury but were badly shaken up. All getting along nicely.

Chas Waddingham and family were Mason City callers Saturdy.

Frank Nissen and family autoed to clear and Mason City last Saturday.

Buy a Radio for Christmas. See Hienie.

The "Pollyanna" S. S. class, Mrs. H. Fischer, teacher, met with Bonita Muller Saturday p. m. for their monthly meeting. After the devotionals and business session the afternoon was spent in playing games etc. Refreshments were served and those present report a good time.

Bert Groen went to Mason City on Sunday and Monday entered Hamilton University.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lnglitz and son Erwin spent Thanksgiving day at the A. Boller home in Goodell. Mrs. Boller and son Kenneth came home with them for a visit, returning to Goodell, Sunday.

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Clear Lake.

Fred Menzel departed Monday for his hom at Waverly where he expects to remain for a short time before taking up a position. Fred is undecided where he will locate.

Harry Sorenson of Thornton is the new man in the Raecker garage. We failed to mention in past issues the improvement made on the garage by the applying of a coat of kellestone which adds greatly to its appearance.

Mrs. Forrest Gobeli is spending the week at Jewell with her father and sister.

The W. M. S. will meet with Mrs. Wm. Messelheiser on Thursday (today) at 2 o'clock. All members and others invited.

F. Ostendorf, A. J. Nissen, wife and Marjory and Mrs. L. B. Hulsebus and baby were Mason City callers on Monday p. m. Mr. Ostendorf drove up.

Quite a number from around here attended the farm sale of Lee Lewis near Clear Lake Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. Schlesselman motored to Mason City last Tuesday with Mrs. A. Uerkvitz who has been spending a week or so at the parsonage, she leaving the city that evening for her home in Oklahoma.

The 7th and 8th grades enjoyed a party given by their teacher, Miss Viola Thomas, at her home on last Monday evening. The time was enjoyably spent in games, etc and refreshments were served.

Rev. and Mrs. H. Pannkuk entertained about 35 young people at their home last Monday evening at an annual social gathering. The evening was pleasantly spent in a social way. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cakes were served, and a splendid time was had by those present.

Following is the Thank Offering program to be given by the W. M. S. at the Evang. church at 10:45 a. m. Sunday, Dec. nineth:
Song: Congregation.
Devotionals: Mrs. Schlesselman.
Music: Orchestra.
Short Talk: Giving the best for Jesus, Mrs. H. Raecker.
Song: Ladies quartette.
Talk: The Missionary Band, and why, Mrs. C. F. W. Paul.
Leaflet: Mrs. C. F. Sprau
Exercise: The Missionary's Dream, by the Mission Band.
Treas. Report: Mrs. W. F. Butz.
Song: Ladies quartette.
Reading: By a circle member.
Solo: Mrs. Muller.
Leaflet: Mrs. Reif.
Offertory: Mrs. H. Fischer.
Offering.
Music: Orchestra.
All are cordially invited to be present.

PRELIPP-UNVERFERTH

Last Thursday, Nov. 29 occured the marriage of Mrs. Aug. Prelipp and Mr. Ernest Unverferth, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Schlesselman at the Evang. church parsonage during the afternoon, th the present of Mrs. Wm. Unverferth, J. C. Janssen and Wm. Prelipp, and Mrs. Schlesselman. Thus two of our worthy people were united in the bonds of matrimony and we join their many friends in wishing them well in their journey thru life..

ROWAN NEWS

The farm population of this community have a petition out to see if it is possible to change the mail service on the route out of here. As it stands at present the rural carrier leaves before the Great Western train No 5 arrives, thereby making all Chicago and Des Moines newspapers and mail a day old when it is received. It is now being taken up to see if the carrier can be held until after this train arrives, so as to give the farmers the same service

...house, Rowan vs. Klemme, resulted in a score of 17 to 6 for the Rowan girls and 48-10 for the Rowan boys. The next game is scheduled for Rowan Friday eve of this week when Goodell comes.

School closed Wednesday last for the Thanksgiving vacation. The teachers went to their homes, Miss Boyd to Boone, Miss Towner to Waterloo, Mr. and Miss Nabholtz to Brandon, and the Misses Hillyard and Wendel to Dows.

Mrs. Henry Williams departed on Wednesday for Mason City to join her husband who has employment there. They expect to make their home at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. H J Whitten autoed to Tama, Saturday, to spend the week end with their son, Floyd and wife.

Miss Maude Cowley came from Lake Park, Wednesday, to spend Thanksgiving with the home folks.

Mrs. G. R. Sheldon was ill last week with a very severe case of tonsilitis

Dr. Hall of Hampton was a professional caller here Friday

Mr and Mrs. R. H. Keith and Kenneth and Margaret spent Thanksgiv- at the D. H. Keith home in Goldfield. Miss Grace McCutcheon returned with them to remain until Sunday

Rev. and Mrs. Halbert were Clarion business callers last Monday.

Chas. Keith is suffering severely with tonsilitis at this writing, and is unable to attend to his duties at the garage.

Samuel Farmer of Goldfield visited his sister, Mrs Jennie Rowen last week.

Leslie Andrews and family went to Sioux Falls, S. D., to make an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bohlen.

Rev. and Mrs. Halbert were entertained at Thanksgiving dinner at the O. E. Ballou home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Aldrich and the two girls spent Thanksgiving at Waterloo.

M. and Mrs. F. H, Brooks drove to Des Moines early Sunday morning to take the films of Human Wreckage down. They returned Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Hansen left on Saturday morning for Rochester, where Mrs. Hansen expects to undergo an operation for gallstones.

R. Virden was ill with a severe cold the latter part of the week, and was unable to assist in the drug store.

Mrs. Mary Braden went to Dows. Friday to visit for the week end at the Geo. Unger home.

J. E. Miller of Clarion was a Rowan visitor last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kercheval, Mr and Mrs. Clint Kercheval and son, Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bingham and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pritchett were entertained Thanksgiving at the Fred Kercheval home.

The Misses Stella and Esther Emerson and Frances Farran visited Ruth Emerson's school Friday.

Mrs. Milton Brown, who has been visiting at the F. H. Fowler home, returned to her home at Marengo. on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Osborn and children, and Mrs. Abbott were Thanksgiving guests at the H. O. Azeltine home.

W. Z. Stout has been suffering severely with lumbago the past week.

Miss Mabel Azeltine from Des Moines and Miss Mildred Azeltine of Green Mountain came home to spend Thanksgiving with their parents.

Carl Bartles of Ames was a week end guest at the E. W. Azeltine home.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sellers and children were guests at the C. H. Sellers home in Clarion last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Whitten and daughter Gladys motored to Iowa Falls last Friday

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Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schlicting and Will Thiel were entertained Sunday at Sandberg's.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and daughter Marlys of Mason City were visitors Sunday at the Thada home.

The Twin Lakes Farm Bureau showed their moving pictures to a packed house Friday eve. Two pleasing quartettes were on the program. After the program the baskets were sold and the ladies sold their coffee and sandwiches to those who didn't bring baskets.

Elmer Schneider was a business caller in Britt, Wednesday.

Nina Bell Ahrenkeil is spending a few days with her grandmother, Mrs John Ahrenkeil.

A large crowd attended the Rosary bazaar and supper held in the Catholic church basement Saturday. The usual good time was had at the dance which was given in the evening.

A family reunion was held at the Joe Heginger home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Buchanan and children accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Will Buchanan of Belmond motored to Waterloo, Thursday to attend the Wassum family reunion. Two hundred forty-three were present.

Mrs. Harry Ruka is staying at the Hampton hospital with her husband. He is recovering from an operation for appendicitis and removal of his tonsils. The farmers in this neighborhood helped in husking his corn.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carpenter spent Sunday at Arthur Ruka's.

Edgar Mayhew is assisting with the work at Harry Ruka's.

The W. M. S. will meet Friday p. m. at the home of Mrs. Thada.

The Ladies Aid will be entertained this week by Mesdames Frank McNutt and Kienenberger, at the home of the latter.

GOODELL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Donahue of Lakota spent the latter part of the week at the Finn home.

Tom Burgess and Matt Smith families were entertained Thursday at Harold Smith's near Alexander.

Margaret Graeber of Kanawha visited Friday and Saturday at Monroe Graebers.

Veronica Finn spent the week end with home folks.

Miss Grace Mennenga from Ackley is making a visit at the Harm Rust home.

Tony Boller had the misfortune to have an automobile wreck near Klemme, Thursday night. Fortunately no one was injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Allaben of solan, Ia., and Hamblin of Traer, were guests at the Will Allaben home last week.

Mrs. Robert McNutt is recovering from her recent accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jenison, Mr. and Mrs. Hanson and Mrs. Savogue were shoppers in Mason City, Tues.

Mrs. Blickendorfer and children if Garner visited a few days at the home of her mother, Mrs. Jim Christie.

Mr. and Mrs. Peters attended the foot ball game at Garner, Thursday.

Our local teachers spent their vacation Thanksgiving at their respective homes.

George Ness is under the doctor's care, suffering from a bursted blood vessel in one limb.

Mrs. Fundenberger of Stevensville, Mont., is spending a few days with Mrs. Henry Christenson. She will be remembered by her friends as Miss Atha Bowen, formerly of Garner.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Boller entertained to dinner Thursday the Nolan girls and Arthur Lowenberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Gosnell and children of Ft. Dodge spent Thursday and Friday at Will Lamers.

Mr. and Mrs. Thada and Jean autoed to Thornton, Thursday to spend the day.

Mrs. Erickson is spending a few days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Thada.

Miss Harberts of Belmond visited the latter part of the week with her cousin, Esther Harberts.

Joe Asbe and Mr. Tutton were visitors at Buffalo Center, Thursday.

Roy Bachman and Beulah Smith spent a few days last week visiting the Ben Remers at LeMars.

Vicent Allaben returned to his school duties Saturday. While Mrs. remained for a longer stay.

Mrs. Leo Ahrenkeil and children were over Sunday guests with Mrs.

ALEXANDER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Larsen and family were Sunday visitors with relatives at Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Tinkey and three children visited with friends at Latimer last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Peters, Arthur Peters and Miss Marie Pals attended the show at Belmond last Friday eve.

W. P. Aldinger was an over Sunday visitor with relatives at Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Greenfield and son were Sunday guests at the Jens Roeds home at Latimer.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hensel and two sons and Mrs. A. B Arends spent Sunday at the E. E. Butler home at Hampton.

The Ladies Aid of the M. E. church will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Fred Larsen on Dec. 12.

Mrs. Anna Pekerak and daughter Josephine visited with her parents at Hampton a few days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Claas Symens and family were shoppers at Hampton on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hensel and sons spent Thursday with his people at Webster City.

Charlie Winwood was a business caller at Dows, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Reed and two children spent Thanksgiving with relatives at Belmond.

Clarence Bohlen was a Dows visitor the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Davis are the happy parents of a baby boy.

Earl Hall was a business caller at Hampton Thursday.

Mrs. Mabel Symens and son Lewis Schulte were callers at Hampton on Saturday.

Rev. J. B. O'Connor of Belmond was a caller here on Monday.

Miss Mildred Larsen spent several days the past week visiting at the Vernon Finkle home at Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilko Pals and son and Mr. and Mrs. Hans Pals and children visited with relatives at Chapin last Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Dunn and Mrs. Clay Klinefelter were visitors at Hampton Saturday.

Mrs. Lillian Seegar left Thursday for Ventura where she will spend a short time with her daughter, Mrs. Edd Miles, before leaving for Madison, S. D., where she expects to remain for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Green and little daughter Emmagene spent the day Thanksgiving at the James Green home in Hampton.

Will Foughty and daughter Wilma were callers at Hampton last Thursday.

Vern Finkle of Hamptn was a business caller at Alexander one day last week.

John F. Bell was a business caller at Latimer last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Larsen and children took Thanksgiving dinner at the Edd Miles home near Ventura.

Mrs. Anna Pekerak and daughter were callers at Hampton Saturday.

John Arends was transacting business at Belmond Monday.

Arthur Winwood was a Hampton visitor last Thursday.

Carl Bohlen was a business caller at Belmond last week.

Miss Vivian Meinbachtol of Bristow was an over Sunday guest of friends in this vicinity.

Arthur Peters accompanied by Miss Bernice Morrison autoed to Iowa Falls Sunday to meet Miss Leora Fairbanks on her return from spending Thanksgiving vacation at her home at Waterloo

St John's Evang. Luth. Church

Sunday school at 2 o'clock. Preaching service with holy communion at 3 o'clock, in the German language.

Our Aid society meets Dec. 11 th at the home of Mrs. Ben Arends.

C. J. Barth, Pastor.

Independent Farm Sales Service is Real Service. If you plan on holding a sale, let the Independent help you. Forms for making up your sale list furnished free. Illustrations of any breed of any animal or any fowl. Eighty per cent of the farm sales in this vicinity are advertised thru the Independent. There's a reason. Ask the man who has held one. Dates listed free. Reserve yours by calling 115.

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The Des Moines Sunday Register wants photographs of unusual things or happenings in Iowa. For the best picture of this sort received at The Register office before midnight Dec. 13 it will pay $50. In addition it will pay $1 each for all other pictures it publishes.

The more odd, unique, and unusual the picture the better. If it has plenty of action in it, still better. The best pictures will be printed in the Photo-Gravure Section December 23rd.

Conditions of the Contest

1. Only pictures taken in Iowa are eligible.
2. Any contestant may enter as many pictures as he wishes.
3. Each picture must be plainly marked on the back with the name of the person submitting it, and the subject.
4. Pictures must be in The Register office by midnight Thursday, Dec. 13th.
5. Address pictures to Photo-Gravure contest editor, Des Moines Sunday Register. Further details of the contest in next Sunday's Register.

A full page of the best pictures in the Iowa Smiles contest will be published in Sunday's big eight-page Photo-Gravure Section.

The Des Moines Sunday Register

CHURCHES

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

You are given a hearty invitation to attend our services if your obligations do not call you elsewhere.

Sabbath schol at 10 a. m.

Morning worship at 11.

Evening services at 7:30. Our orchestra is getting better all the time. They always have something good for us.

TRINITY CHURCH NOTES

Rev. J. M. Jensen, Pastor.

Thursday afternoon the Ladies Aid meets in the church parlors. Annual business meeting All members must be present.

Thursday evening prayer meeting in the church parlor at 7:30.

Sunday morning Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Service in the Norwegian language at 11 o'clock. English service at 7:30.

ST. OLAF CHURCH NOTES

Rev. J. M. Jensen, Pastor

Service Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock, conducted by the lay brethern, in the Norwegian language.

Wednesday, December 12, the No. Ladies Aid meets at the home of N. Johnson.

Thursday afternoon, Dec. 13, the South Ladies Aid meets at the home of Mrs. John Hill.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

J. B. O'Connor, Pastor.

Our new orchestra added greatly to the interest of the Sunday evening services and was enjoyed by the large congregation present. Almost everyone likes music and that is why we are arranging for special music at each service.

We are glad to see so many young people attend the evening services in such large numbers. Why not? What better place could they be than in the church. Come again young people, and bring all you can with you.

Let every member and friend of the church begin to plan for the Sunday services. Tell your neighbor who does not attend church about coming with you.

We shall expect you Sunday.

Sunday school at 10 a. m.

Morning services at 11 a. m.

Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.

Evening services at 7:30.

Mid-week services Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

Sunday school board meeting Friday evening at the home of Mrs. H. F. Luick at 8 p. m.

Sunday morning subject: "The Pathway of Life."

Sunday evening subject: "The Devil take the Hindmost."

Special music at both services. On Sunday evening we plan on having the orchestra, a special number by the evening choir and a number by the male quartette.

Come early and enjoy the whole evening program. We welcome you to all services.

The boy or girl w... most Hava-Slice Brea... 10 p. m. December 24 w... a prize.—Barban's Bakery.

Special music by the evening ... orchestra and male quartette will ... a feature of the evening service's at the Methodist church. Evening subject: "The Devil Take the Hindmost."

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The prizes to be given for Hava-Slice bread wrappers on Christmas Eve are now on display at Barban's Bakery.

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vs.

Belmond H. S. Boys and Girls

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Monday, Dec. 10th

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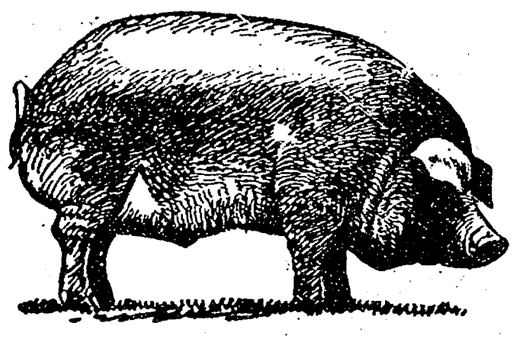
5 - Head of Horses - 5

1 bay mare, 10 yrs. old, wt. 1300
1 bay gelding, 9 yrs. old, wt 160 0
1 bay mare, 7 yrs. old, wt. 1550
1 brown mare 15 yrs. old, wt. 1250, family broke
1 black mare, 12 yrs. old, wt. 1500, family broke

16 - Head of Cattle - 16

7 milk cows, 3 fresh Nov. 1, bal. fresh early spring. 2 of these are high grade Guernseys, test given day of sale.
4 calves
1 roan bull, 16 months old
1 yearling heifer, high grade Guernsey
1 Holstein bull calf, 8 months old
2 Holstein cows, fresh in early spring



40 Hogs 40

17 FEEDING SHOATS, 175 lbs. average. BALANCE SOWS
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1 full-blood Duroc Jersey boar, papers furnished. From Martz herd at Hampton.

These are from sires and dams of 1st and 2nd prize winners from the Short Course in 1921 and 1923. The sire was 1st prize in 1923 course.

150 - HEAD OF POULTRY - 150

INCLUDING 9 FULL BLOOD WHITE EMDEN GEESE

Farm Machinery, and Other Articles

1 planker
1 buggy pole
1 scoop board
1 single harness
1 set hay slings
1 large stack straw
1 5-gal. barrel churn
Several horse collars
1 double-harpoon fork
1 woven-wire stretcher.
1 set 1 1-4 inch harness
1 set 1 1-2 inch harness
2 washing machines, 1 power
1 VanBrunt 20-disc grain drill
Several galv. iron chicken coops.
1 Nelson tank heater, new last winter
1 cutter
4 hog crates
1 pump jack
1 grind stone
1 slip scraper
4 hog troughs
1 hand sheller
1 16-ft. log chain
1 2-hole corn sheller
1 3-bbl. galvanized tank
1 2 1-2 h. p. gas engine
1 New Model feed grinder
1 50-gal. galvanized gas barrel.
1 U. S. cream separator, nearly new
1 set 1 1-2 inch breeching harness, new last spring
1 International low down spreader, nearly new
1 bob sled
1 top buggy
1 Defiance disc
1 Sattley corn plow
1 3-section wood harrow
1 Aspenwall potato planter
1 Deering mower, nearly new
1 Deering self-dump hay rake
1 Emerson 16-inch stubble plow, with 2 lays
1 Miller truck wagon with triple box
1 John Deere low steel truck with rack, nearly new
1 Hayes corn planter with 120 rods of wire
1 McCormick 6-ft. binder, in good shape
A quantity of small articles.

1200 BUSHELS OF YELLOW CORN
QUANTITY OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS

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"Ain't that the stuff the old man used on the lawn last spring?"

"Yes," said Jim, "your father used some on his lawn. We don't put it on our fields in Iowa—not yet; but if it weren't for those white specks on the clover-roots, we should be obliged to do so—as they do back east."

"How do them white specks keep us from needin' nitrates?"

"It's a long story," said Jim. "You see, before there were any plants big enough to be visible—if there had been any one to see them—the world was full of little plants so small that there may be billions of them in one of these little white specks. They knew how to take the nitrates from the air—"

"Air!" ejaculated Newton. "Nitrates in the air! You're crazy!"

"No," said Jim. "There are tons of nitrogen in the air that press down on your head—but the big plants can't get it through their leaves, or their roots. They never had to learn, because the little plants—bacteria—located on those roots and tapped them for the sap they needed—began to get their board and lodgings off the big plants. And in payment for their hotel bills, the little plants took nitrogen out of the air for both themselves and their hosts."

"What d'ye mean by 'hosts'?"

"Their hotel-keepers—the big plants. And now the plants that have the hotel roots for the bacteria furnish nitrogen not only for themselves, but for the crops that follow. Corn can't get nitrogen out of the air; but clover can—and that's why we ought to plow down clover before a crop of corn."

"Gee!" said Newt. "If you could get to teach our school, I'd go again."

"It would interfere with your pool playing."

"What business is that o' yours?" interrogated Newt defiantly.

"Well, get busy with that shovel," suggested Jim, who had been working steadily, driving out upon the fill occasionally to unload. On his return from dumping the next load, Newton seemed, in a superior way, quite amiably disposed toward his workfellow—rather the habitual thing in the neighborhood.

"I'll work my old man to vote for you for teacher," said he.

"Those school directors," replied Jim, "have become so bullheaded that they'll never vote for any one except the applicants they've been voting for."

"The old man says he will have Prue Foster again, or he'll give the school a darned long vacation, unless Peterson and Bonner join on some one else. That would beat Prue, of course."

"And Con Bonner won't vote for any one but Maggie Gilmartin," added Jim.

"And," supplied Newton, "Haakon Peterson says he'll stick to Herman Paulson until the Hot Springs freeze over."

"And there you are," said Jim. "You tell your father for me that I think he's a mere mule—and that the whole district thinks the same."

"All right," said Newt. "I'll tell him that while I'm working him to vote for you."

Jim smiled grimly. He had remained a peasant because the American rural teacher is placed economically lower than the peasant. He gave Newton's chatter no consideration. But when, in the afternoon, he hitched his team with others to the big road grader, and the gang became concentrated within talking distance, he found that the project of heckling and chaffing him about his eminent fitness for a scholastic position was to be the real entertainment of the occasion.

"Jim's the candidate to bust the deadlock," said Columbus Brown, with a wink. "Just like Garfield in that Republican convention he was nominated in—eh, Con?"

"Con" was Cornelius Bonner, an Irishman, one of the deadlocked school board, and the captain of the road grader. He winked back at the pathmaster.

"Jim's the gray-eyed man o' destiny," he replied, "if he gets two votes in that board."

"You'd vote for me, wouldn't you, Con?" asked Jim.

"I'll try annything wance," replied Bonner.

"Try voting with Ezra Bronson once, for Prue Foster," suggested Jim. "She's done good work here."

"Opinions differ," said Bonner, "an' when you try annything just for wance, it shouldn't be an irrevocable shtip, me bye."

"You're a reasonable board of public servants," said Jim ironically. "I'd like to tell the whole board what I think of them."

"Come down tonight," said Bonner jeeringly. "We're going to have a board meeting at the schoolhouse and ballot a few more times. Come down, and be the Garfield of the convintion. We've lacked brains on the board, that's clear. They ain't a man on the board that iver studied algebra, 'r that knows more about farmin' than their impl'yers. Come down to the schoolhouse, and we'll have a fieldhand addriss the school board—and begosh, I'll move yer illiction mesilf! Come, now, Jimmy, me bye, be game. It'll vary the program, annyhow."

The entire gang grinned. Jim flushed, and then reconquered his calmness of spirit.

"All right, Con," said he. "I'll come and tell you a few things—and you can do as you like about making the motion."

CHAPTER II

Reversed Unanimity.

The great blade of the grading machine, running diagonally across the road and pulling the earth toward its median line, had made several trips, and much persiflage about Jim Irwin's forthcoming appearance before the board had been addressed to Jim and exchanged by others for his benefit.

To Newton Bronson was given the task of leveling and distributing the earth rolled into the road by the grader—a labor which in the interests of fitting a muzzle on his big mongrel dog he deserted whenever the machine moved away from him. That there was some mystery about the muzzle was evident from Newton's pains to make a secret of it. Its wires were curled into a ring directly over the dog's nose, and into this ring Newton had fitted a cork, through which he had thrust a large needle which protruded, an inch-long bayonet, in front of Ponto's nose.

As the grader moved along one side of the highway, a high-powered automobile approached on the other, making rather bad weather of the newly repaired road. A pile of loose soil that Newton had allowed to lie just across the path made a certain maintenance of speed desirable. Newton planted himself in the path of the laboring car, and waved its driver a command to halt. The car came to a standstill with its front wheels in the edge of the loose earth, and the chauffeur fuming at the possibility of stalling—a contingency upon which Newton had confidently reckoned.

"What d'ye want?" he demanded. "What d'ye mean by stopping me in this kind of place?"

"I want to ask you," said Newton with mock politeness, "if you have the correct time."

The chauffeur sought words appropriate to his feelings. Ponto and his muzzle saved him the trouble. A pretty pointer leaped from the car, and attracted by the evident friendliness of Ponto's greeting, pricked up its ears, and sought, in a spirit of canine brotherhood, to touch noses with him. The needle in Ponto's muzle did its work to the agony and horror of the pointer, which leaped back with a yelp, and turned tail. Ponto, in an effort to apologize, followed, and finding itself bayonetted at every contact with this demon dog, the pointer definitely took flight, howling, leaving Ponto in a state of wonder and humiliation at the sudden end of what had promised to be a very friendly acquaintance. The pointer's master watched its strange flight, and swore. His eye turned to the boy who had caused all this, and he alighted pale with anger.

"I've got time," said he, remembering Newton's impudent question, "to give you what you deserve."

Newton grinned and dodged, but the bank of loose earth was his undoing, and while he stumbled, the chauffeur caught and held him by the collar. Again Ponto intervened, for as the chauffeur stood holding Newton, the dog, evidently regarding the stranger as his master's friend, thrust his nose into the chauffeur's palm. The chauffeur behaved much as his pointer had done, except that the pointer did not swear.

The grading gang laughed. Newton grinned even while in the fell clutch of circumstance. Ponto tried to smell the chauffeur's trousers, and what had been a laugh became a roar. Caution and mercy departed from the chauffeur's mood; he drew back his fist to strike the boy—and found it caught by the hard hand of Jim Irwin.

"You're too angry to punish this boy," said Jim gently, "even if you had the right to punish him at all!"

The chauffeur, however, unhesitatingly released Newton, and furiously delivered a blow meant for Jim's jaw, which miscarried by a foot. In reply, Jim countered with an awkward swinging uppercut, it landed fairly on the point of the jaw. The chauffeur staggered and slowly toppled over into the soft earth which had caused so much of the rumpus.

"Oh, cut it out," said a fat man in the rear of the car, who had hitherto manifested small interest in anything save Ponto. "Get in, and let's be on our way!"

Colonel Woodruff, waiving toward him in his runabout, held up by the traffic blockade, asked what was going on here, and the chauffeur, rising groggily, climbed into the car; and the meeting dissolved.

"Good work, Jim," said Cornelius Bonner. "I didn't think 'twas in ye!"

"It's beastly," said Jim, reddening. "I didn't know, either."

Colonel Woodruff looked at his hired man sharply, gave him some instructions for the next day and drove on. The road gang dispersed for the afternoon. Newton Bronson carefully secreted the magic muzzle, and chuckled at what had been perhaps the most picturesquely successful bit of devilry in his varied record. Jim Irwin put out his team, got his supper and went to the meeting of the school board.

The deadlocked members of the board had been so long at loggerheads that their relations had swayed back to something like amity. Jim had scarcely entered when Con Bonner addressed the chair.

"Mr. Prisident," said he, "we have wid us t'night, a young man who nades no introduction to an audience in this place, Mr. Jim Irwin. He thinks we're bullheaded mules, and that all the schools are bad. At the proper time I shall move that we hire him f'r teacher; and pinding that motion, I move that he be given the floor. Ye've all heared of Mr. Irwin's ability as a white hope, and I know he'll be listened to wid respect!"

Much laughter from the board and the spectators, as Jim arose. He looked upon it as ridicule of himself, while Con Bonner regarded it as a tribute to his successful speech.

"Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Board," said Jim, "I'm not going to tell you anything that you don't know about yourselves. You are simply making a farce of the matter of hiring a teacher for this school. You know, and I know, that even if your silly deadlock is broken by employing a new candidate, the school will be the same old story. It will still be the school it was when I came into it a little ragged boy"—here Jim's voice grew a little husky—"and when I left it, a bigger boy, but still as ragged as ever."

There was a slight sensation in the audience, as if, as Con Bonner said about the knock-down, they hadn't thought Jim Irwin could do it.

Kinseth's Store News

CLOSING OUT SALE

IN ORDER TO CLOSE THE ESTATE OF OLIVER BUSICK, DECEASED, AND THE PARTNERSHIP OF BUSICK BROS., COMPOSED OF HENRY BUSICK AND THE OLIVER BUSICK ESTATE, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON THE BUSICK BROS. FARM 1-2 MILE EAST AND 4 MILES NORTH OF BELMOND, AND 1 MILE EAST AND 2 MILES SOUTH OF GOODELL, IA., ON

Thursday, Dec. 13

COMMENCING AT 10:00 A. M

9 - Head of Horses - 9

1 BAY MARE 10 YRS. OLD, WT. 1700
1 SPOTTED PONY
1 BLACK MARE 10 YRS. OLD, WT. 1500
1 BLACK MARE 10 YRS. OLD, WT. 1600.
1 BLACK GELDING 7 YRS. OLD, WT. 1700
1 MATCHED TEAM OF GREY MARES, 7 AND 8 YRS. OLD, WT. 2800
1 TEAM DARK GREY MARES 1 AND 3 YRS. OLD, FULL SISTERS, WT. 2400

57 - Head of Cattle - 57

10 SPRING CALVES
6 YEARLING HEIFERS
18 MILCH COWS IN CALF
10 2-YR-OLD HEIFERS
4 2-YR.-OLD STEERS
3 YEARLING BULLS
6 YEARLING STEERS

32 Head of Spring Shoats 32

Farm Machinery, Etc.

1 line shaft
1 grindstone
1 speed jack
1 hand seeder
1 fanning mill
2 gasoline tanks
Pulleys and belting
3 sets work harness
1 Cooper box wagon
1 R I. broadcast seeder
1 Sandwich feed grinder
1 Deere & Weber wagon and box
1 Orchard city wagon and box
1 Assc. Mfgs. gas engine, 6 h. p.
1 drag cart
1 cider press
1 walking plow
1 potato digger
2 Tower corn plows
3 riding corn plows
1 McCormick binder
1 side delivery rake
2 McCormick mowers
1 40' John Deere elevator
2 3-section wooden drags
2 Goodenough stubble plows
1 Avery corn planter with 80 rods of wire
1 bob sled
1 hay rack
1 R. I. Disc
1 Eclipse disc
2 water tanks
1 R. I. hay loader
1 Cloverleaf spreader
1 McCormick rake, 10 ft.
1 Independent corn binder
1 wood saw with two blades
1 Fairbanks-Morse gas engine, 1 1-2 h. p.
Numerous other articles

1 STUDEBAKER TOURING CAR, 6 CYLINDER, 1918 MODEL.

About 25 Tons of Hay and Straw In Barn

FREE LUNCH AT NOON!

TERMS: $10.00 or under, cash. Over that amount 12 months' time will be given on bankable notes bearing 8 per cent interest. All property to be settled for on day of sale.

Henry Busick and Oliver Busick Estate

LEWIS HAUGE, AUCTIONEER.
BELMOND SAVINGS BANK, CLERK.

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Agnes Dillon and her friend, Miss Mildred Parsons, both teaching in the Corwith schools, spent their Thanksgiving at the home of Miss Dillon's parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillon.

Miss Anna McNamara and Miss Agnes Dempsey went to Mason City last Friday to do some shopping

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Hannerhan of Council Bluffs, a daughter. Mrs. Hannerhan was formerly Miss Esther Hartwick.

Fine line of Framed Pictures at prices that are right.—Belmond Furniture Co.

Miss Cecelia Finn was a Mason City visitor on Tuesday of this week.

Joe and Frank Barry drove to Cedar Falls on Tuesday, taking Miss Beatrice back to the school which she is attending there.

If you have a stove to sell, now is the time, and an Independent want Ad will sell it for you.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Graham from Forest City spent Thanksgiving at the home of relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Leonard from Swaledale were Thanksgiving guests at the home of relatives hre.

H. G. Nordschow was a business caller at Fort Dodge last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hmphrey and Miss Louise from Ackley were visitors at the J C. Arends home Sunday.

C E. Miller of near Goodell was a business caller in town last week.

Mrs. Hajo Pals continues quite seriously ill. She is suffering from internal poisoning, and sleeps almost constantly.

Mrs. George Dunn and children of Alexander were visitors with Mrs. Arends last Saturday.

Make it a Furniture Xmas. Prices right. Terms to suit.—Belmond Furniture Co.

Mr and Mrs. D. E. Packard were visitors at the Jess Steffens home in Rowan on Sunday.

Will have all kinds of baked goods at our Country Store. Catholic Ladies bazaar Saturday, Dec. 8.

C. H. Wallace went to Iowa City, Tuesday to take treatment at the state hospital.

Try DEEP ROCK Gasoline, the ideal winter gas. Starts easy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Arends and children were visitors at Clarion on Thanksgiving.

Save your Hava-Slice bread wrappers. Prizes will be given to the boy or girl who brings in the most wrappers by 10 p. m. Monday, December 24.—Barban's Bakery.

Big line of Fancy Candles and Candle Sticks.—Belmond Furniture Co.

Leave your order at once for Xmas Trees at Belmond Furniture Co.

Take hopping out of shopping. Select Fuller Brushes for your Christmas gifts. Appropriate gifts for everyone, an article that will be used daily for years and appreciated is a sensible gift to make. Let me show them to you.—E. R. Lockwood.

The A. E. Martin and A. W. Martin families attended a family reunion at Dr. Ketchum's at Cambridge Thanksgiving day.

Dan Wenzel, Sr., celebrated his 80th birthday last Sunday. All the children were home and enjoyed the big dinner with him.

PUBLIC SALE DATES

(List your sale with the Independent to avoid confusion in dates.)

Rowan Short Course, January 16th and 17th.

C. C. Landon, southeast of Belmond, farm sale, Tuesday, Dec. 11. Ad this week.

Win Dziewanowski, farm sale, Wednesday, Dec. 12. Ad this week.

The Busick sale dated for Dec. 13 and advertised in this issue has been indefinitely postponed.

Clint Kercheval, 6 miles south 1-2 west of Belmond, Dec. 19. Farm sale. Ad next week.

C. E. Miller, northeast of Goodell, farm sale, Dec. 19. Ad next week.

J. M. McClernon, east of Belmond, farm sale, Dec. 20. Ad next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Englet of Kanawha were business callers in town Tuesday.

Miss Florence Lent and Miss Izetta Fletcher of Rowan were shoppers in Belmond last Saturday.

See those Bridge Lamps, Silk Shades, Polychrome stumphs. Xmas Special $16.95.—Belmond Furniture Co.

Society

Priscilla—

Mrs. H. N. Hill was hostess to the Priscilla club on Wednesday afternoon of this week.

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Progress—

The Progress club met at the home of Mrs. C. O. Fitts on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Geo. Elder was leader of the lesson. The club voted to observe the Golden Rule Sunday in aid of the Near East Relief. The next meeting will be at Mrs. S. U. Leinbach's.

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Bridge—

Miss Nell Barry entertained the Bridge club on Monday evening. Mrs. M. C. Barry and Mrs. H. C. Thompson tied on high score.

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Kensington—

Mrs. M. C. Barry was hostess to the Kensington club on Wednesday afternoon.

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Idle-A-While—

The Idle-A-While club met with Mrs. George Brady on Wednesday of this week.

WANT ADS

Two cents per word first insertion; one cent per word ensuing insertions.

FOR SALE

For Sale—Fox Terrier pups. Best ratters.—John Cooper, Kanawha, Ia. 34c

For Sale—M. B. Turkey Toms, $8 each.—Sheriff Bros. 1c

For Sale—Pure bred White Wyandottes, rose comb. Phone 1606. 32*

For Sale—Pure bred R. C. Rhode Island Red Cockerals, early hatch. Your choice $1.50 each.—Leo Riley, Belmond. 22*

For Sale—Spotted Shetland pony, mare colt. A real pet.—F. A. Thompson, Kanawha, Ia. 22*

For Sale—22 calibre Winchester rifle. New. Phone 135. 31c

For Sale—Chester White boars. Champion blood lines. Cholera immune. Farm located two miles west and one-half mile north of Kanawha. Ed Riekens. 52tfc

For Sale—A round reed baby cab in good condition. Phone 73. 32c

For Sale—Regal Dorcas White Wyandotte Cockerals. Your choice for $1.50. Also a few White Pekin Drakes $1.50 each.—A. C. Lieuwen, Alexander, Ia. 23*

For Sale—About 100 Buff Rock Pullets, full blood, early hatch. Your choice $1.00.—L. E. Hall, Alexander. Phone 8917. 22*

For Sale—A few pure bred Hampshire boars. Can furnish papers. Phone 1818.—Geo. Norris, Sr. 35*

For Sale—Extra fine Silver Laced Wyandottes.—O. L. Varland. 31c

For Sale—20x24 ft. frame barn, 14 foot posts. Plank floor, good mow.—Chas. Gealow.

BELMOND MARKETS
(Subject to change.)

Hens, old	14c
Roosters	07c
Springs	14c
Geese	09c
Ducks	11c
Turkeys	20c
Eggs	40c
Cream	50c
Barley	53c
Oats	36c
Corn	56c
Creamery Butter	55c

FRIEND C. BRAS, O. D.
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We Take the Spots Out
DRY CLEANED
SPECIAL SALE!
$45 Overcoats now at only
$36
Fancy cuts and plaid backs.
Belmond Tailor Shop
Phone 28

DO NOT ENVY

Why envy the successful man? Why not imitate him? Envy will never get you anywhere except into the sea of discord and discontent.

Watch the prosperous man. Study his methods. You will find that in most cases he is industrious, saving and careful in making investments, that he doesn't buy everything he WANTS, but only the things he NEEDS. Also that he is identified with a good Bank like ours, where his money is safe. We invite your account.

Belmond Savings Bank

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And...
CHRISTMAS GIVING
IOWA FALLS ELECTRIC COMPANY

Gold Notes issued for One Year to Five Years, bearing Seven Per Cent Interest, which is paid Every Three Months.

During December, we will attach (without extra cost), a certificate giving the privilege to the Investor in each Gold Note, at his option, of exchanging the Note at any time before maturity, for an equal amount of the Common Stock paying 7 per cent on the basis of allowing 10 per cent Face Value of the Note on the exchange.

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"The Feast of the Red Corn"

AN AMERICAN INDIAN OPERETTA

Presented by the...
Belmond High School Girls' Glee Club
Wednesday, December 12th
8:00 O'clock p. m.

Admission:
Pupils, 25c
Adults, 35c
No Reserved Seats

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Find Sentiment Favorable For Short Course And Will Start The Wheels Moving

Meeting Called For Saturday Night

Business Men And Two Townships Will Co-Operate For Course This Winter.

DATES ARE NOT SET AS YET

About 30 farmers and others interested in a short course this winter, met at the city hall Friday night to discuss the question and ascertain the sentiment of the community regarding such an event.

It was decided that sufficient sentiment was favorable to make preliminary arrangements, and a committee of three was appointed to visit the various business places and ascertain their attitude. This was done Tuesday, and it was found that practically all were willing to back a short course in Belmond, financially and otherwise.

Another meeting is therefore called for Saturday night, of this week, December 15, at the city hall at 8:00 o'clock, when plans will be completed and committees appointed to put the affair thru. Dates will probably be decided upon at this meeting.

WANTS 'EM ON "HONOR ROLL"

Lou Sherman, editor of the Goldfield Chronicle, last week printed a list of every business place in that town, and followed the list with an "Honor Roll" of those firms which advertised in the Chronicle. The "roll" was pretty slim. Almost any town, however, could not stand such a test, for practically always there are but a fourth or a fifth of the businesses who go after trade. The Chronicle's idea, however, will have a tendency to make some of the firms over there think

DERRICK BURNS BUT GOING ON

The derrick being used at Humboldt to drill for the oil that lies (?) under the corn fields there, was burned down last week from some unknown cause. The promotors, however, had a contract with the drillers to go so deep, and another derrick will erected to go on with the venture. Humboldt is determined to find out whether there is any oil in that neighborhood or not.

THE WORD "CHRISTMAS"

Brevity may be the soul of wit, but abbreviation is not the soul of high sentiment and sacredness that attach to Christmas. Why abbreviate the syllable that carries its sacred meaning? Why make it "X"? Surely the ink or space or trouble saved does not warrant marring a word that holds such high place in heart and memory.

"Lincoln's Birthday" and "Washington's Birthday" have not been cut down by abbreviation. And certainly Christ's Birthday should be as generously dealth with. It's "Christmas" in speech. Let it be so in writing.—Exchange.

AUTOS COLLIDE ON NO. 10

Sunday night the automobiles of Andrew Tuttle and George Keeling came together head-on on primary No. 10 near the Soleberg corner. Tuttle attempted to pass a truck, but seeing the lights of another car slowed down when opposite the truck. The Keeling car was nearer than he thought and he pulled closer to the truck with the result that his car hit the truck about the same time the Keeling car hit his front wheel on the other side. One of the Tuttle boys was slightly injured and both cars somwhat damaged.—Monitor.

The Ladies Missionary society will give a Japanese tea at the home of Mrs. Thomas Cullinan on Friday afternoon. The ladies have gone to a good bit of trouble to give this tea and a good time is in store for all who come.

Just Keep On Keepin' On!

If the day looks kinder gloomy,
An' your chances kinder slim,
If the situation's puzzlin'
An' the prospects awful grim,
An' perplexities keep pressin'
'Till all hope is nearly gone,
Jes' bristle up an grit your teeth
An' keep on keepin' on!
Fumin' never wins a fight
An' frettin' never pays;
There ain't no good in broodin'
These pessimistic ways
Smile jes' kinder cheerfully
When hope is nearly gone,
An' bristle up and grit yiur teeth
An' keep on keepin' on!
There ain't no use in growlin'
An' grumblin' all the time,
When music's ringin' everywhere
An' everything's a rhyme;
Jes' keep on smilin' cheerfully,
If hope is nearly gone,
An' bristle up an' grit your teeth
An' keep on keepin' on!

CLARION LAD INJURED WHEN MOTORCYCLE GOES IN DITCH

Donald Wakefield of Clarion was seriously injured last Saturday afternoon while riding a motorcycle south of Belmond. Together with a companion, Wilfred Speight, Wakefield was returning to Clarion after a call at the Thos. Brooks farm. Both were riding motorcycles. The Speight lad was ahead, and glancing back saw Wakefield lying at the side of the road in a cloud of dust. He stopped his machine and went back. He was just about to place Wakefield in his sidecar when Ed. Reed came along in his car and Wakefield was placed in Reed's car and brought to Belmond where he was taken to the hospital. He was unconscious, bleeding from mouth, nose and ears, and did not regain consciousness until on Tuesday eveing.. The injured lad is now fully conscious and it was said yesterday would come thru all right. The accident was caused by the motorcycle striking a rut in the road.

An article in the Des Moines Register regarding the season and playing of the Belmond foot ball team, stated there were no outstanding players on the team. Whoever sent that item did not know much about foot ball and less about the Belmond team. Any foot ball team is bound to have outstanding players, men around whom lays are built and who carry the ball. With Belmond those men were Stapley, Tyrrell, Loinbach and Christie. Saying that these were outstanding players does not detract one bit from the playing of the other members of the team, but simply that due to speed, exceptional ability at passing or running or some other feature of play, these men were the outstanding members.

Fire Damages First National Bank Bldg.

Thursday morning Richard Ziska, city mail carrier, noticed smoke issuing from the roof of the old First National bank building, and an alarm was turned in. The fire company was on the job in a minute, and the fire discovered to be between the roof and the ceiling of the upstairs rooms. A brick had become misplaced in the chimney, and a spark had set fire to a rafter. As it was underneath the roof it was necessary to chop several large holes in the roof to get at the blaze. Damage was about one hundred dollars.

YEAH, THEY SAY ITS EASY AFTER YOU'RE USED TO IT

The Hampton Chronicle last week told about one of their former citizens who has gone to Chicago, and is now a plasterer in the windy city. All he gets is $15 a day for eight hours, and the Chronicle says he is doing nicely, thank you, and managing to eke out a living, such as it is, on his wages.

Editor Goshorn of the Eagle Grove Times and editor Harmon of the Clarion News were callers in Belmond last Saturday.

Death Calls "Ike" Earheart On Friday

Isaac Vincent Earheart was born at Oskaloosa, Iowa, Sept. 1, 1856 and died at his home in Belmond on Dec. 7, 1923 at the age of 67 years, three months and six days. He was left an orphan at an early age, and was raised by James Gardner, of Oskaloosa. He came, with the Gardner family, to Hardin county at the age of 16, settling on a farm near Iowa Falls. Here he lived until he was 21, when Gardner gave him a team of horses, and he started out to make his own way.

"Ike", as he was known to all Belmond people, came to Belmond some 45 years ago, and engaged in the dray business and teaming. He was always a great lover of horses, and his care and thoughtfulness with his dumb animals was a beautiful lesson to all. It was while attending to his team in the early morning that he was stricken, his wife finding him between their feet.

Mr. Earheart was married to Miss Agnes Murray on Jan. 1, 1890, and to this usion was born one son, who lived but a few months. His wife survives him.

Ike was a man of sterling character, a man with many friends, who always went the way that he thought was best. He was honest, a hard and faithful worker, a good husband and a good citizen. Ike will be missed by Belmond people, and his memory will long remain. He was a member of the Yoeman lodge.

He suffered a stroke of appoplexy about 6:30 Friday morning, and lived about 15 minutes without regaining consciousness. Funeral services were held Sunday at the Congregational church, Rev. Leinbach, the pastor, officiating, and interment was made in Franklin Grove cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the many friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted me in the death of my beloved husband, for the many expressions of sympathy and the beautiful floral tributes.

Mrs. Agnes Earheart.

INFANT CHILD PASSES AWAY

The infant daughter,Gladys, born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Obrecht on December 7, died the next day, December 8. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the home, Rev. Leinbach officiating, and the little one laid to rest in Franklin Grove cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kind sympathy and assistance during the death of our infant girl

Mr and Mrs. Chas. Obrecht.

M. E. MISSIONARY MEETING

The spirit of Christmas pervaded the air at the December meeting at Mrs. Howard Moore's home. Mrs. Bailey gave the lesson with her usual ability. We who have so much and are untouched by the great troubles fallen on other peoples should be very generous at this Christmas time remembering "As ye would."

Mrs. Hadley sang for us. Mrs. White and Mrs. Purcell gave a demonstration entitled "I Don't Believe In Foreign Missions." These numbers were entertaining and helpful. Mrs. Davenport had secreted greeting cards in a Christmas bell hanging in a doorway.

These bore mysterious numbers whose puzzle was soon solved by almost everyone.

The hostess served refreshments in keeping with the occasion. **

COUNTY M. D's. MEET

The meeting for the election of officers of the Wright County Medical association was held at the city library in Clarion last Wednesday. The officers for the ensuing year are: G. E. Schnug, Dows, president; F. A. Stevens, Belmond, vice president; O. A. Kellogg, Dows, secreary and treasurer. They have an auxiliary association known as the Wright County Credit Assn. Inc. Dr. Tompkins was chosen the new president and Dr. Walker secretary. The medical society voted to support the ladies of the Farm Bureau in their clinics to be held during the early part of January.—Monitor

Bootleggers Getting Soaked In Court

Henry Busick of Belmond vs. Mabel Busick et al is an action for division of 200 acres or more of real estate.

Farmers Savings bank of Goldfield brings action against James McGowan and wife to recover the sum of $22,048.86 on their six promissory notes. The case is filled for the February term.

So far this month the treasurer's office has issued 676 auto licenses —only about one-seventh of the entire number.

The bootlegging case against Heinie Lammers will not be tried at this term of court on account of the illness of his attorney, J. W. Henneberry.

Melvin Gardelen of Dows was acquitted of a bootlegging charge Tuesday, the jury being out about thirty minutes. It seems to have been a case of mistaken identity, as several reputable witnesses testified to the young man's excellent character.

The case against the two young men from Klemme charged with driving an auto while intoxicated was begun Tuesday.

Bert Pohlman was apprehended at Mason City last week and brought to Clarion on the charge of bootlegging at Eagle Grove. Judge Clock fined him $550 which he paid on the spot and still had some left in his roll.

Thos. Langford of Boone township was arrested last week and a still found in his possession, which had just been completed. He was fined $350 and being without funds is now boarding with Sheriff Lang.

Fred Subject of Clarion was fined $500 last week for driving an auto while intoxicated. He placed a mortgage on his home in order to pay the fine.

The liquor charge against Otis Whiteside of Clarion will probably be tried the last of this week.

When the Graegert hog case was being investigated by the grand jury one of the main witnesses, Geo. Payne, left for Missouri. Sheriff Lang got in touch with the officers of that state and as a result Payne was placed in jail. Depuy Johnson is now in Missouri and will return with Payne on Thursday. The Gegert case is expected to come up for trial next week.—Monitor.

A CHALLENGE

There is too much buck passing going on in connection with prohibition in Iowa at the present time.

This is the challenge thrown to public officials and to citizens of the state in a general appeal issued by Supt. S. P. McNaught of the Iowa Anti-Saloon League.

"The shrinking citizen who sits back and watches repeated violations of the prohibition law without going before officials of his city or county with the information necessary to bring immediate action, is not performing his duty either to the state or the naton," says McNaught in his appeal. "Officials cannot prosecute or bring liquor violators to justice unless our citizens realize that it is their duty to go on the witness stand and testify if necessary and be willing to serve when called on juries. It is time that the people thruout the entire state awakened to a realization of this stern fact."

The prohibition leader also takes to task those law enforcement officers who are "weakly passing the buck to the citizens and saying that they cannot do their duty until the people came to their aid."

"It is the law of Iowa that the sheriff of every county must be continually on the alert and exercise all his resources at all times to ferret out crimes of any kind," says McNaught. "Even if 90 percent of the people of the community should refuse to co-operate it is still the duty of the sheriff to run down every liquor violator and bring him to justice. obtaining the evidence himself if there is no other way to get it."

"Let their be an end to this buck passing," says the Iowa dry leader.

Leo Kenefick is expected home for the Christmas holidays from Fort Collins, Colorado, next week Sunday Leo has been attending college there for the past two years or so.

OW-W-W!

Advocate: The Dows contingent at the football game in Belmond last Thursday proved themselves ladies and gentlemen in every situation. A group of rooters, members of the Howling Coyotes, were repeatedly insulted by Belmond rooters in spite of insistent protests made to the "police." We are anxiously looking forward to next season's game when the Belmond rooters will have an opportunity to learn what courtesy in Dows means. We also anticipate with pleasure the possibility of turning the drunks away from the game for we don't need their money and we refuse to have them with us when we are in charge of the game.

BELMOND SCHOOL NOTES

The Girls' Glee club under the direction of Miss Hill gave their operetta last night.

Friday night there will be a good game. Sheffield plays here, and as they have been playing for some time our teams will have some real work ahead of them. Come out and see the games Friday night. Both teams, boys and girls. will play. The following is the basket ball schedule for the season:

Dec 10, Klemme, here
Dec. 14, Sheffield, here
Dec. 21, Alumni.
Jan. 11, Mason City, there
Jan. 18, Corwith, here
Jan. 22, Sheffield, there
Jan. 26, Hampton, there
Feb. 1, Dows, here
Feb. 8, Dows, there
Feb. 15, Garner, here
Feb. 22, Clarion, there
Feb. 29, Open
May 7, Tournament

On Thursday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock will be held the second round of our local debate series. The first round was closely contested and the best 12 out of 24 chosen. Anyone wishing to hear these debates is welcome to come.

"Resolved, That the U. S. Should Further Restrict Immigration."

Affirmative: Edwin Christie, Ruth Knudson, Everill Thompson.

Negative: Raymond Stapley, Gail Thompson, Mildred Hauge.

At five o'clock—

Affirmative: Wm. Tyrrell, Katherine Thiltgen, Lewis Parsons.

Negative: Samuel Leinbach, Elma Stapley, Alpha Johnson.

Alex Smith won the typewriting medal in the beginning class last week.

Raymond Stapley of the Senior Normal Training class, substituted for Miss Quigley, Monday afternoon.

Everill Thompson substituted for Miss Rohrbach in the kindergarten one day last week.

Herbert Steenblock and Harold Jenison of the Senior Commercial class won the Underwood certificate for writing more than 30 words per minute.

Pleasant Township Girl Takes Own Life

The community was shocked last Friday morning to learn of the tragic death of Miss Gail Bohning, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Bohning, who committed suicide by hanging herself from a tree in the grove near the farm home.

The rash deed is thought to have been caused by excessive religious study and worry, coupled with a fancied financial difficulty. The deed was committed some time during the forenoon, the body being found about 11:00 o'clock by one of the family. Another sister has become dangerously ill from the shock. The family have the deepest sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

Funeral services were held Sunday at St. John's Lutheran church, the pastor, Rev. Wippermann, officiating and interment was in Franklin Grove cemetery.

Deceased was 23 years of age.

The Ladies Aid society will hold their regular monthly business meeting in the parlors of the church on Thursday afternoon at 2:30. This is the time for the regular election of officers and all are urged to be present.

Belmond Wins First Games Of Season

Klemme's Teams Fall First Victim To Belmond's Speed In Double Header Monday.

SHEFFIELD HERE FRIDAY

The first basket ball game of the season was played Monday night at the school gym, when the boys' and girls' teams of Belmond and Klemme played a double header.

Belmond was handicapped by the absence of Tyrrell and Stapley who are still out of the game from their injuries received in the Thanksgiving foot ball game. However, the home teams both managed to demonstrate some class and won both the games, the boys 24 to 12 and the girls 15 to 14.

Another double header is scheduled for Friday night of this week, when Sheffield comes over. It is hoped that the public will support the basket ball teams as well or better than the foot ball games Belmond should show a winning combination again this year, and it is expected that the team will be a contender in the state tournament next spring

IN RE LAW ENFORCEMENT

Belmond, Ia., Dec. 10, 1923.
Editor, Independent,
Dear Sir:

In the Dec. 6 issue of your paper appears an article entitled "No Cause for Alarm Over Prohibition In Iowa." This article gives much cause for encouragement to those who believe in law enforcement.

That much progress has been made and that still more will be made, no one doubts. But there is danger that this sort of thing may cause overconfidence and put us to sleep on this question. This article states that practically all the county attorneys of Iowa agreed that indifferent public opinion is the chief barrier to law enforcement. Also one said "If the people who complain of loose law enforcement would go to court and tell what they know conditions would be better." Not much sugar coating on that pill, is there?

That conditions locally are not all they should be is very evident to any one who has eyes to see with and a nose to smell with. Especially is this true when a celebration or anything in the nature of a big day is on in our city. A high school boy recently made the statement that one could buy booze in most any of the surrounding towns, but that it was easier to get here than elsewhere.

There is no disposition on the part of the writer to find fault with our officials on this score, for I believe most of them are all right and will enforce the law if our citizens will do their part. It is certainly a thankless task to try to enforce the law without the backing of public sentiment. Our officers cannot do the job alone. If we believe in law enforcement, well and good, but it is not enough. "Even so Faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." James 2-17. Our part of the task is not done until we have done everything within our power to help our officers enforce the law. If by any chance any official is not in sympathy with law enforcement, he should resign and give place to one who does so believe and will do his best with the support which the community will give him

The article refered to says that according to one county attorney 95 percent of the bootlegging in his county is done by alien residents.

Question: Who drinks the booze?

Now a man is not to blame for the fact that he happened to be born in some other country than ours, but the law holds him guilty if he violates the law and by so doing becomes an undesirable alien. On conviction for the second offense, if not the first he should be deported. Aliens must be made to obey the law whether they become citizens or not.

Respectfully yours.

A SUBSCRIBER.

The Progress Club met with Mrs. S. U. Lienbach this week Tuesday.

Miss Sadie Frohling is reported quite seriously ill this week.

Belmond Independent

R. A. RANKINS
Editor and Proprietor.

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LOCALS

Mrs. Ray Swope and children from Clarion were visiting with friends in Belmond, Friday.

F. P. Dibble and John Brooks autoed to Fort Dodge last Saturday on some business matters.

Rev. and Mrs. E. Van Farame of Kanawha were callers here on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Townsan were visitors Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Harris of Rowan.

J. F. Bell of Alexander was a business caller in town last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greenfield and son of Alexander were guests with relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Arends and family were visitors at Alexander on Saturday.

Messrs. Mitchell and Block from Canada, relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Polmateer of near Alexander, are visiting at the Polmateer home, arriving last Saturday.

Chas. Peterson and family from Hampton were visiting his mother and Mrs. Peterson's people in Belmond, Sunday.

Mrs. Geo. Dunn and Mrs. A. Beenen and daughter, Dortha, of Alexander, were business callers here on Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Christie had the misfortune to fall down stairs at her daughter's, Mrs. W. C. Tyrrell's, home, last Saturday. She was badly bruised and suffered a severe shaking up, but is reported as coming along nicely.

Mrs. Jessie Reader, daughter Rena (Mrs. Edgar Jones), and son, Harry were in attendance at the funeral of Mr. Earheart. They were formerly residents of Belmond, Mrs. Reader now residing at Fort Madison, and Mrs. Jones and Harry at Davenport.

Geo. Norris, Sr., last week purchased the Chas. White farm near Rowan, possession to be received the first of March. The reported consideration was $10,000.

Don't forget that basket ball game Friday night between Belmond and Sheffield.

Harold Wallace returned Saturday from Iowa City, where he had been the past week for treatment at the state hospital.

Mrs. M. H. Hanson and son, Verdel, were callers at Iowa City most of last week, where Verdel received treatment at the hospital. They re-returned Friday, and enroute home stopped at Cedar Rapids to visit the Belmond students at Coe College

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Kinseth's Store News

Did you see our ad last week? Nothing in it, was there? That wasn't because we didn't have anything to say, but we were too rushin' busy waiting on folks to get an ad ready, and we wanted you to keep our store in mind anyway.

—K—

Now this week we're offering you some dandy Christmas specials and suggestions. For instance we have sugared walnut dates, candied figs, apricots and oranges. And boxes of candy. And special Christmas candies at 22c to 28c a pound, candy you can give your boy or girl without fear.

—K—

We have ladies fancy bedroom slippers at 98c, children's slippers and shoes, the same for women, and some dandy men's shoes.

And women's and children's real sweaters.

—K—

If you want a nice box to send a gift away in, or give to your best girl, we have some fancy, dandy Christmas boxes, just the thing.

—K—

We've got everything you need or want to eat, including fresh ludefisk. A full and complete line of groceries that are fresh and tasty.

—K—

All you need to do is follow the crowds to the Store on the Corner.

—K—

Oh yes, nuts of all kinds at 20c to 30c a pound. And Jonathan apples at 2.65 to 2.85 a box and Black Twig at 1.75 a bushel and Ganos at 1.50.

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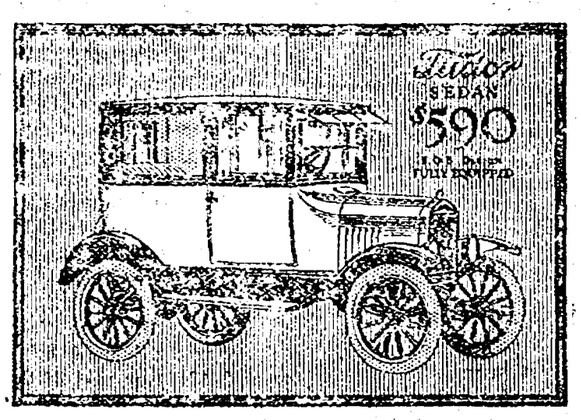

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19

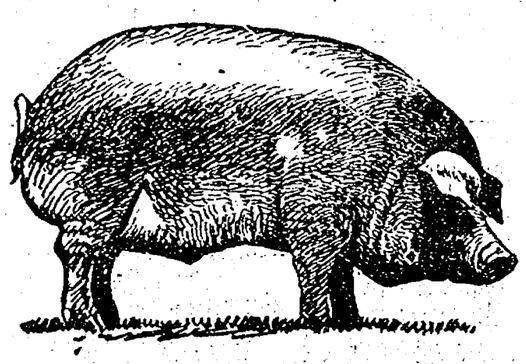
COMMENCING AT 11:00 O'CLOCK SHARP, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY

5 - Head of Horses - 5

1 BAY MARE, 11 YRS. OLD, WT. 1300
1 BLACK MARE, 12 YRS. OLD, WT. 1450
1 BROWN MARE, 11 YRS. OLD, WT. 1200
1 BROWN MARE, 15 YRS. OLD, WT. 1050
1 BROWN MARE, 12 YRS. OLD, WT. 1550

33 - Head of Cattle - 33

5 STEERS, COMING 2 YRS. OLD
1 RED POLL BULL, 7 MONTHS OLD
5 RED HEIFERS, COMING 3 YRS. OLD
1 BLACK HEIFER WITH YOUNG CALF
1 RED CALF
3 DAIRY HEIFERS, COMING 2 YRS.
1 BLACK HEIFER, COMING 2 YRS. OLD
2 BLACK HEIFERS, COMING 2 YRS. OLD
5 HEAD OF CALVES, 4 STEERS, 1 HEIFER
1 PURE BRED ROAN SHORTHORN BULL, 2 YRS. OLD
8 HEAD OF COWS, 5 FRESH NOW, BALANCE THIS SPRING



29 Hogs 29

1 3-YR. OLD REGISTERED SOW
15 BARROWS, WT. 150 TO 175 LBS.
1 YEARLING PURE BRED DUROC BOAR
12 PURE BRED GILTS, bred t o farrow in March, all hogs eligible to registry

125 - HEAD OF POULTRY - 125

800 BUSHELS OF CORN
8 BUSHELS YELLOW SEED CORN
15 TONS TIMOTHY HAY
1 STACK OF STRAW

Farm Machinery, and Other Articles

1 saddle
1 hay rack
1 drag cart
1 buggy pole
1 corn sheller
2 sets flynets
Chicken coops
1 single harness
1 Case gang plow
Shovels, forks, etc.
3 riding cultivators
2 pairs of bob sleds
1 20-ft. steel harrow
1 16-ft. steel harrow
1 Dain hay buck, new
1 11-ft. McCormick rake
1 11-ft. low down seeder
2 sets breeching harness
Hog troughs and barrels
1 set double driving harness
1 5-ft. Deering mower, new
1 single top buggy, nearly new
1 low wide tire wagon and box
1 8-ft. Deering binder, nearly new
1 16-wheel Osborne disc, nearly new
1 set 1 1-4-inch low hame harness, new
1 16-inch John Deere sulky, nearly new
1 Hayes corn planter with 100 rods wire
1 low wide tire wagon, 3 boxes, nearly new
1 high wheel 3-box Webber wagon, nearly new

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CHURCHES

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

J. B. O'Connor, Pastor.

There is but on thing to do with dead things, that is to bury them. A church is no exception. Every dead church in the world would be better off buried. I mean the world would be better off if the dead churches were buried. The stench of them becomes obnoxious to a community. That is the reason people shun them. People love living things. People love a live church and they will go to a live church. Get life in your church and your crowd proposition is solved. Let the stages of death set in and your crowd proposition is solved also, but the crowd will be elsewhere.

We are glad for the signs of life in our church. The people would not come if they were not interested. A live people make for a live church. A dead people make for a dead church. I appreciate more than I can express your manifested interest in the church. You are present twice every Sunday. You are alive to the interest of the church is why you are there. Those who are not interested are not there. You are making success possible. Keep on going and watch our church go also. Let's push for the best ever this Sunday, what say you?

Sunday school at 10 a m.
Morning worship at 11.
Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.
Evening worship at 7:30.
Prayer meeting Thursday at 7:30 p m.

Surday morning we have a number of new members to receive into the church and the Sacrement of the Lord's Supper will be observed at this service.

Special music will feature these services. Come and bring some one with you. You are always welcome and we will do our best to make you feel at home.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

The regular services for next Sunday morning and night. We extend a hearty welcome to any one who is not a member of another church in our community to come and worship with us.

Our annual dinner the 27th, and it now looks as tho we were going to be able to close our year with all obligations met and a little balance on hand to start the new year. We feel grateful for the hearty co-operation of the members and friends of the church in this as well as in every way.

TRINITY CHURCH NOTES

Rev. J. M. Jensen, Pastor

Thursday evening prayer meeting at the parsonage.

Sunday morning Sunday school at 10 o'clock. No morning service.

English service at 7:30. Come and bring others with you.

ST. OLAF CHURCH NOTES

Thursday afternoon the South Ladies' Aid meets at the home of Mrs. John Hill.

Thursday afternoon prayer meeting at 2 o'clock at the home of Andrew Olson.

Sunday morning services in the Norwegian language at 11 o'clock. Come and invite others too.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Belmond, Iowa
12-8-'23.

Special meeting of Town Council held in town hall, on call of Mayor Sullivan, for the purpose of considering the passage of a certain Ordinance pertaining to Electric Light rates. Mayor Sullivan presiding.

Members present: Russell, Dorenkamp, Simerson.

Absent: Papousek.

Councilman Russell presented the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 128

An Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 117 and fixing maximum rates to be charged for electric commercial and residential lighting in the Town of Belmond, Iowa.

Section 1. Ordinance No. 117 of the Ordinances of the Town of Belmond, Iowa, is hereby repealed.

Section 2. The Iowa Falls Electric Company is hereby authorized to charge, collect, and receive for electric residential and commercial lighting hereafter furnished by it to the inhabitants of the Town of Belmond, Iowa, not to exceed the following rates based on monthly consumption of any one customer.

For the first (30) thirty Kilowatt Hours used not to exceed (14c) fourteen cents per Kilowatt Hour.

For the next (30) thirty Kilowatt Hours used not to exceed (12c) twelve cents per Kilowatt Hour.

For all consumption in excess of (60) sixty Kilowatt Hours not to exceed (8c) eight cents per Kilowatt Hour.

But shall not be required to charge less than ($1.00) one dollar for any monthly bill.

Upon bills not paid within ten days after being rendered the Company may charge one cent per Kilowatt Hour in addition to the foregoing rates.

The consumption in each store or building shall be metered separately and each meter shall constitute a separate customer.

Moved by Russell, seconded by Dorenkamp, that Ordinance No. 128 be read the first time.

Ayes: Russell, Dorenkamp, Simerson.

Nays: None.

Absent: Papousek.

Moved by Russell, seconded by Dorenkamp, that the rules be suspended and that Ordinance No. 128 be accepted and passed by one reading.

Ayes: Russell, Dorenkamp, Simerson.

Nays: None.

Absent: Papousek.

Moved by Dorenkamp, seconded by Simerson, that Ordinance No. 128 be placed upon its passage.

Ayes: Simerson, Dorenkamp, Russel.

Nays: None.

Absent: Papousek.

Moved by Russell, seconded by Dorenkamp, that Ordinance No. 128 do now pass.

Ayes: Simerson, Russell, Dorenkamp.

Nays: None.

Absnt: Papousek.

Mayor Sullivan declared Ordinance No. 128 duly passed.

On motion and second, Council adjourned.

GUY BYERS,
Clerk.

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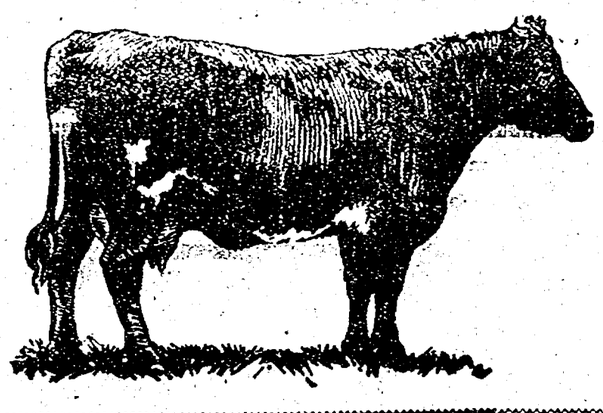
Monday, December 17

COMMENCING AT 12:00 O'CLOCK SHARP, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

12 - Head of Horses - 12

4 BLACK MARES — 1 BLACK GELDING — 1 BAY GELDING
Ranging in age from 4 to 10 yrs. old, average wt. 1100 to 1700
1 COLT, 1 YEAR OLD — 1 SUCKLING COLT — 2 SHETLAND COLTS
2 SHETLAND PONIES, perfectly gentle. Any child can drive them.

45 - Head of Cattle - 45



10 Good Milk Cows
A FEW FRESH, BALANCE FRESH IN FEBRUARY

11 Calves
BALANCE CATTLE GOOD STEERS AND HEIFERS, 1 AND 2 YEARS OLD

30 Head of Good Shoats 30

FARM MACHINERY, ETC.

1 drag
2 wagons
4 cultivators
1 grindstone
1 corn planter
2 good sulky plows
1 manure spreader
1 gas engine, 1 1-2 h. p.
3 sets 1 1-2-inch harness
1 McCormick binder, 8-ft.
1 McCormick mower, good as new
1 new John Deere elevator, 38-ft.
Many other articles

Geo. Baldridge Will Serve Lunch At Noon

TERMS: $10 AND UNDER, CASH. OVER THAT AMOUNT 11 MONTHS TIME WILL BE GIVEN ON BANKABLE NOTES BEARING 8 PER CENT INTEREST. ALL PROPERTY TO BE SETTLED FOR ON DAY OF SALE.

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Kanawha, Clerk

G. C. COOK

MESERVEY SECTION

MESERVEY SCHOOL NOTES

7th AND 8th GRADES: Dorothy Schlesselman was absent from school Tuesday afternoon.

Virgil Sprau was absent Wednesday.

7th grade students having perfect spelling lessons during the past week were: Alma Dorenkamp, Bert Fry, Laura Bier, Marie Pals, and Lydia Pannkuk.

Dorothy Schlesselman in the 8th grade also had perfect lessons.

Rev Schlesselman conducted the quarterly conference at the Sheffield and West Fork appointments, beginning last Friday evening, ending with the Sunday evening services at Sheffield

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E. G. Thomas was confined to his home by a severe attack of a chronic weakness last Sunday.

Mrs. F. C. Sprau, Frank and Rozelle and Mrs. Ott Strasburg autoed to Cedar Falls last Sunday to visit her daughter, Eva, for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Harm Greenlander of Belmond visited at the B. Bruns home last Sunday.

The W. M. S. annual Thank Offering program given at the Evang. church last Sunday morning, following the Sabbath school, was well attended and the different parts enjoyed. "The house beside the Road" was well rendered by Miss Sylvia Bloom, and a reading "Her Morning Mail", a monologue, given by Mrs. E. S. Barker was also much appreciated. The offering of the morning was $43.56 with more to come in.

Rev. and Mrs. Schlesselman and son Paul and Mrs. Mary Butz motored to Mason City last Monday calling on Helen Hartwig who is at the Park hospital following her operation performed there last Thursday. They report her getting along very well, considering everything.

L. B. Hulsebus, wife and baby and Louise Witt went to Dows Sunday to make that their home having been given possession of the house which they leased.

The "Big Day" put on here by the Shipping Assc. was largely attended and all seemed well pleased with the outcome. The free lunch at noon was quite a drawing card and those who availed themselves of the opportunity were well satisfied with the eats. All around, it was a busy day for those who had things in charge also the merchants were kept busy, and everything went off smoothly.

Mrs. H. K. Pals and Mrs. C. K. Pals and son Raymond went to Mason City last Wednesday where Mrs. H. K. and Raymond had their tonsils removed. They returned Thursday and are getting along nicely.

Herman Kaduce departed last Wednesday for Kansas City, Missouri, where he entered the Sweeny Automotive and Electrical school to take up a course of study in that line.

Mrs. L. B. Hulsebus and baby returned from Mason City, last Thursday to remain the balance of the week at the A. J. Nissen home

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C. Friesleben of Belmond spent several days at the home of his son, Henry, the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. U. J. Cooper are rejoicing over the arrival of a new daughter, born Thursday night.

Jno. H. Wenzel left for DeKalb and Streator, Ill., for a week or ten days' visit.

On Monday Wm Messelheiser received word of the death of his sister's husband, Wm. Dubbert of LeMars. Ed. Messelheiser of Britt and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Zieman from Thornton joined him here Tuesday, together driving across by auto to attend the funeral.

Chas. Pine and son of Mason City visited at the W. R. Prelipp home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Henn of Belmond took dinner at the S. P. Fischer home last Sunday. In the p. m. they drove to Sheffield to visit a short time with relatives.

Geo. Meyers of Thornton was calling in town on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Fischer were at Mason City, Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Boelman and daughter Grace were Belmond callers last Friday where the latter had dental work done.

James Hanna and family and Mrs Ellen McNeely of Hansell were Sunday guests at the W. F. Butz home.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Kriens of Freeport, Ill., left Sunday for their home after spending a week at the Mike Halfwassen home Mrs Kriens and Mrs. Halfwassen are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Lew Coulter and family of Hampton visited at the Halfwassen home Sunday

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The Helping Hand society will meet at the Evang church basement on Thursday p. m. Dec. 20 for their annual meeting and election of officers. Mrs. S. P. Fischer will be hostess. All members expected to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stadtlander were visitors at the Watermiller home at Kanawha last Thursday.

G. Lauster and Dale Smith were business callers at Belmond on last Tuesday.

T. Lieuwen and A. J. Nissen were business callers at Buffalo Center and Lakota last Wednesday.

Buy a Radio for Christmas. See Hienie.

APPLES! Greenings and Malindas. Bushel basket $1.00. Bring basket or sack.—W. F. Butz. Phone 404. 52tfc

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Discharged

Judge—You are charged with running down a policeman. What have you to say for yourself?

Motorist—I didn't know he was an officer, your honor. I thought he was a pedestrian.

A Little Mistake

"As I was crossin' the bridge the other day," said an Irishman, "I met Pat O'Brien. "O'Brien," says I, "how are you?" "Pretty well, thank ye, Brady," says he. "Brady!" says I, "that is not my name." "Faith," says he, "and' mine's not O'Brien."

With that we again looked at each other, and sure enough it was nayther of us!"

Where He Got Off

She—When a man who bores me terribly, asks me where I live I always say in the suburbs.

He—And where do you live?

She—*In the suburbs.*

The Dividing Line

"When does a girl reach womanhood?" asked a headline. We should say when she ceases to wish for two birthdays a year and begins to wish for one birthday every two years.

The Same Class

"You know, Henry, that a woman's mercy is like the gentle rain from Heaven," said Mrs. Peckmoore

"On the day set for the Sunday school picnic," agreed Mr. Pecmore making swift use of the exit.

Ethel: "Why did you insist on a civil wedding before the church ceremony?"

Clara: Really, my dear, I thot it best to familarize myself with court proceedings at the start."

According to Orders

Lady (purchasing thermometer) —And would you be so kind as to set it at 65, because that's what the doctor says I must keep the room at.

Dave Enabnit and family returned the first of last week from a trip to Cedar Falls where they visited a few days at the home of her parents.

Grandma Smith of Oliva Minn., and Mrs. Gilbert Smith of Paynesville arrived last Friday to visit with relatives, Grandma remaining here for the winter.

FOOT BALL GAME

The high school against the world foot ball game last Friday turned out in favor of the high school, 18-0. It was a pretty hard fight because the men were so darn heavy. No great casualties were reported.

On Thursday, Nov. 29 occured the marriage of Mrs. N. Prelipp to Ernest Unverferth. They will live on the Unverferth farm. Best wishes go with them.

John Freese and family of Iowa Falls were Sunday visitors at the P. H. Pals home.

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Meservey, Iowa

ROWAN NEWS

Rowan Congregational Church Notes

Morning worship at 10:30. Sunday school at 11:30. Senior Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Evening service at 7:30. Junior Endeavor Wednesday at 4 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

Miss Frances Farran has been appointed chairman of the Christmas program, and work on a cantata has already been begun.

The Ladies Aid is much pleased with the patronage accorded them by the community at their annual bazaar and supper Saturday.

The total receipts were $118.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Erickson, who have been assisting at the Chas. Peddle home, are moving into the Roy Hyde house for the winter.

L. N. Johnson of Sioux Falls, was here last week visiting his wife and children at the F. H. Fowler home.

Mrs. J. I. Drury and children who have been visiting at the F. H. Fowler home returned to their home at Highmore, S. D., Wednesday.

Mrs. Matie Jameson and daughter Margaret arrived from Homedale, Idaho, last Friday. She expects to remain with her mother, Mrs. J. D. Brooks, thru the winter. She arrived in Rowan on her mother's 84th birthday.

Bert Frizzel arrived last Thursday from Estherville to spend a few days visiting his sisters, Mrs. Dan Fletcher and Mrs. H. B. Ketchum.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Richards took Mrs. John Richards to Iowa Falls on Wednesday, where on Friday she had a bad goitre removed at the Ellsworth hospital. She stood the operation nicely and is recovering rapidly.

Mrs. Roy Hyde was ill with the grippe several days last week and was unable to attend to her duties at the post office. Miss Stella Emerson assisted in her place.

Mrs. Allen Boyington arrived from Dolliver, Thursday to visit her sister, Mrs. Elmer Boyington. From here she went to Dows to see her mother, Mrs T. Townsend who has been very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Al French departed for Chicago, Sunday, where he will undergo an examination and possibly an operation.

F. B. Sheldon's have been entertaining her cousin, Mrs. Jno. Weber, and two sons, of Highmore. They arrived Wednesday from Iowa Falls where they have been visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Boyington arrived last week for an extended visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Boyington.

The Iowa township Farm Bureau meeting was held Tuesday at the J. Peddle home. The meeting was in charge of Lyle Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Harris were Belmond callers last Friday.

Mrs L. W. McKinley was on the sick list several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Kercheval and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kercheval were Mason City shoppers Wednesday.

Rowan again won the honors in basket ball Friday evening, when our teams played Goodell here. The boys won 42-18 and the girls 50-7.

The women of the Home Missionary society met with Mrs. Osborn on Wednesday afternoon. Plans were made to send a box of new and old Christmas toys to Sioux City. If you wish to donate bring donation to Mrs. G. W. Whitten.

Guy Toyne was in Chicago the first of the week.

G. S. Liming and daughter Lorine went to Hampton Thursday to see Mrs. Liming, who is in the sanitorium there for treatment.

The ladies division of the Farm Bureau meets with Mrs. A. C. Lieuwen Friday afternoon, Dec. 14. A Christmas program will be given and there will be an exchange of Christmas gifts. Each lady is to bring a gift not to exceed 20 cents in value, and each child a gift not to exceed 10 cents in value.

G. R. Stumph who has been husking corn in this vicinity, departed Saturday for Mason City.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Harris, a fine 8-pound baby boy, Friday, Dec. 7.

Pete Mathiason of Coulter was a Rowan visitor Friday.

Everett Spears was the participant in an auto accident Thursday in which he luckily escaped injury except for a few bruises. As he was driving along the north and south road by the E. W. Azeltine farm, speeding quite rapidly, his car turned turtle over the embankment at the end of the bridge. The car was quite badly demolished

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Werhsze spent Wednesday at the Vern Early home in Dumont.

Mrs. Fred Webber and children spent part of last week visiting relatives in Manson.

Frank Kercheval, Mr. and Mrs. F. Kercheval and Miss LaVonne Ballou autoed to Hampton last Thursday.

The high school operetta was given for the second time in the school building Tuesday evening of this week. These young people are expecting to go to Latimer to give the operetta at that place.

A. J. Azeltne received news of the death of a nephew at Sioux Falls, S. D., Wednesday.

Mesdames Chester Conn, and Tim Weld and children, if Bruce, Wisconsin, arrived Saturday to visit for a few weeks with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fletcher and other relatives and friends. They visited at Ft Dodge with their sister, Mrs. M. A. Sullivan, before coming here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tresidder went to Geneva, Thursday, to visit a cousin of his whom he had not seen fir 25 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Unger and the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Combs, spent Sunday at the home Mrs. Mary Braden.

Mrs. L. R. Fitz and Mrs. Gay Fletcher and children were Dows callers Friday.

Rev. and Mrs. Osborn returned on Friday from Farhamville, where they had been attending a homecoming and banquet in connection with the building of a new church. Rev. Os- gave an address at this gathering.

The Mission Study club of the Cong. church met Thursday evening with Mrs. Fred Kercheval. Miss Frances Farran is the leader

Wm. Purdy and daughter, Miss Rena, of Belmond, were down Saturday evening attending the Cong. bazaar and supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kercheval and Fred Frances were Sunday guests at the Albert Fetrow home near Belmond.

Mrs. Allen Boyington, who has been visiting here and at Dows, returned to her home at Estherville, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Elmer Boyington, who expects to stay for several days.

H. J. C. Box is building a barn on his lot east of the Cong. church. Alfred Boyington is assisting with the carpenter work.

Mrs. C. T. Halbert has been appointed community chairman of the Harding Memorial fund by the county chairman.

L. A. McCallum is erecting a new building for his machinery stock.

Wm. Baines arrived Saturday evening from Montgomery, Ia. He intends to go west with his sister, Mrs. Hannah Whtten and family in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Azeltine, Mr. and Mrs. Murtel Myers were Hampton visitors Saturday.

S. B. Heath and V. E. Munson wore in Belmond last Tuesday.

The Misses Lorine Liming and Garnette Stumph spent Saturday at the J. E. Miller home in Clarion.

The H. S. Orchestra met for practice with Miss Nabholtz Monday evening.

Mrs. R. H. Keith, Kenneth and Margaret Jameson autoed to Hampton, Saturday.

Chas. White sold his farm to Geo. Norris from near Belmond the past week. Considration was $10,000. We understand possession will be given March 1.

Mrs. W. H. Whitten and daughter, Elfreida, were Hampton visitors on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Townsan from Belmond were Sunday visitors at the D. E. Harris home.

Miss Gretta Boyington of Dows came up Sunday to see her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Boyington.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Riley went to Fort Dodge, Monday.

Supt. Holliday went to Cedar Falls on Friday to attend a teachers' convention.

Philip Klineshrodt returned from Fairmont, Minn., Wednesday. He had been visiting relatives ther for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Peddle and Mrs. Geo. Whitten were Hampton visitors Saturday.

Mrs. F. H. Brooks entertained several guests at dininer last Tuesday evening, in honor of Mrs. J. D. Brook's 84th birthday.

Rowan Methodist Church Notes

Sunday school at 10 a. m.
Morning worship at 11.
Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.
Evening worship at 7:30.
Wednesday evening Bible study and prayer meeting.

We have been fortunate in securing Dr. J. W. Mahood and his singer for a two weeks' series of meetings. The meetings will begin on Dec. 26.

ALEXANDER NEWS

Mrs. E. E. Butler and son from Hampton visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Arends, several days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roman Butterbaugh and children were Belmond callers on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thomas and Mrs. George Yaw of Iowa Falls were Sunday visitirs at the F. D. Rodemeyer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Winwood and daughter Mary, were callers at the county seat last Tuesday.

John F. Bell was transacting business at Belmond last Friday.

Mrs. Mary Hall was called to Hampton last week by the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Beenen visited with relatives at Eldora on last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Peters and daughters were business callers at Eagle Grove last Friday.

Mrs. George Dunn and daughter Margaret were Belmond callers on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bohlen, Mrs. Oscar Hensel, and Mrs. Edd Butler autoed to Mason City last Friday.

Mrs. Jim Were visited with relatives at Popejoy several days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bell and children and Miss Nellie Bell were business callers at Hampton, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greenfield and son visited with relatives at Belmond on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Smith were week end guests of relatives at Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Finkle and daughter Leona and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Veeder and baby of Hampton were Sunday visitors at the Clarence Smith home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Arends and children of Belmond were callers at Alexander Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell and daughters Jessie and Nellie were Hampton visitors Saturday.

Mrs. L. S. Reed and two children

Mr. and Mrs. John Ellsworth returned Wednesday from Oklahoma, City, where they had spent the past two months with Mrs. McCrae, a daughter of Mrs. Ellsworth.

Curtis Deiger and mother went to Chicago, Tuesday, where Mr. Deiger will visit for some time and his mother will return home.

Eli Hetland and family and Geo. Ness accompanied Mrs. Ness to the Hampton hospital Wednesday where she underwent an operation for an abcess on her throat.

The Paul Fanselow family from Dows visited at the Butts home on Saturday.

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Allaben were guests at the me

Miss Eliza Cashman was a bus
ness caller in Garner, Saturday.

Some Belmond young people held
a dance Friday evening in the opera
house.

Tony Boller and Clement Houghton went to Hampton, Saturday, to see Ruth Ness who is sick at that

for a
home.

Howard Africa
Kanawha visited the
Africas Sunday.

Preparations are being made f

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Tuesday, Dec. 18

COMMENCING AT 10:00 O'CLOCK SHARP, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

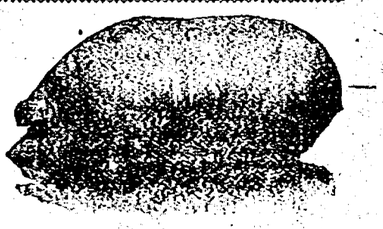
9 - Head of Horses - 9

1 TEAM GREY MARES, 7 and 8 yrs. old, wt. 3200
BAY MARE, 7 yrs. old, wt. 1500
BAY HORSE, 8 yrs. old, wt. 1350
BROWN MARE, 10 yrs. old, wt. 1200
1 SORREL HORSE, 5 yrs. old, wt. 1400
1 GREY HORSE, 10 yrs. old, wt. 1400
1 BLACK HORSE, 11 yrs. old, wt. 1400
BROWN MARE, 6 yrs. old, wt. about 1500

45 Head of Cattle 45

9 TWO-YEAR STEERS
6 TWO-YEAR-OLD HEIFERS
7 ONE-YEAR-OLD STEERS AND HEIFERS, MIXED
9 CALVES
1 ROAN SHORTHORN BULL, 3 YEARS OLD, PURE BRED
14 GOOD MILK COWS, some fresh, others will be soon.

75 Head of Hogs



75 HEAD OF SHOATS, AVERAGING ABOUT 160 POUNDS
1 SPOTTED POLAND CHINA BOAR, PURE BRED

10 BUSHELS OF GOOD SEED CORN
ABOUT 1500 BUSHELS OF CORN IN CRIB
100 CHICKENS
ABOUT 100 BUSHELS OF BEARDLESS BARLEY
ABOUT 40 TONS OF HAY IN STACK
5 GEESE

Farm Machinery, Etc.

1 Tower plow
1 harrow cart
1 4-section drag
1 wide-tire wagon
1 Deering hay rake
1 Oliver gang plow
1 Moline sulky plow
2 Moline cultivators
1 walking cultivator
2 narrow tire wagons
1 8-ft. Deering binder, good as new.
2 discs, one 14-wheel and one 20-wheel
1 Hayes corn planter with 120 rods of wire
1 McCormick mower, good as new
1 surrey
1 bob sled
1 hay rack
1 hog oiler
1 grindstone
Seed corn racks
1 cream separator
45-gal. Caldron kettle
2 triple wagon boxes
20 rods of chicken wire
1 Gade gas engine, 1 1-2 h. p.
1 John Deere manure spreader
1 240-egg Successful incubator
1 Hoosier endgate seeder with grass seed attachment
1 Sandwich grain elevator, 52-ft.
Hay rope
1 oil barrel
1 feed rack
1 gas barrel
2 beet forks
1 pump jack
2 feed bunks
2 jack screws
1 wagon jack
1 tank heater
1 fanning mill
1 kerosene barrel
Some 2-inch pipes
2 set of tackle blocks
Several sets of fly nets
1 set of driving harness
5 sets of heavy work harness

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...be spoken. Now, fellows, you
...not putting anything over on the public and you are given a gentle tip as we gather it on the streets, to cut this out and be good.—Conwith Husteler.

John Christensen, who lives south east of Garner, receives a letter from his relatives in Germany every week. The postage hanging in our window is the postage from one of these letters. It amounts to 4,000,000,000 marks, if we can figure correctly, or about seven cents in United States money. Mr. Christensen has been sending money to his relatives in Germany for a long time, that they may buy the necessities of life. His relatives tell him that a farmer or a merchant where they live will not take marks as pay for anything. That you must have American, French or Danish money to buy anything with. The postage in our window consists of several sheets of stamps of five million mark stamps and some of 50 millions marks each.—Garner Signal.

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...on for his hip, into which
...recently had the misfortune to run a needle. The hip has become infected from the steel remaining in the flesh so long, and John is not doing as well as his friends hoped.

Here and There

Mrs. Heinisch and Mrs. Dittmer of Belmond were calling on friends in this city Tuesday afternoon.—Times.

Mrs. G. C. Merritt left for her home in Fort Morgan, Colo., Monday afternoon after visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. L. Sinclair. Mrs. Merritt was called to Iowa by the serious illness of her mother at Belmond.—Times.

Miss Mable Starnes of Belmond came Saturday for an over Sunday visit at home.—Times.

Miss Mildred Schultz of Belmond returned to her home Saturday after spending several days at the Huntley home—News.

Mrs. LuVerne Smith returned on Saturday from a visit over Thanksgiving at Belmond and Clarion.—Times.

Mrs. Frank Hake of Belmond was been visiting Mrs. Cady Thompson this week.—News.

John Kalvig has gone to Belmond where he will be employed for a few weeks.—Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Forristall of Belmond spent Thanksgiving day at the farm home of Mrs. Forristall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ole T. Rikansrud. Upon their return to Belmond they were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Hjalmar Rikansrud, who had been

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The BROWN MOUSE

by Herbert Quick

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Jennie Woodruff contemptuously refuses to marry Jim Irwin, young farm hand, because of his financial condition and poor prospects. He is intellectually above his station, and has advanced ideas concerning the possibilities of expert school teaching, for which he is ridiculed by many.

CHAPTER II.—More as a joke than otherwise Jim is selected as teacher of the Woodruff district school.

"Well," said Con, "you've done well to hold your own."

"In all the years I attended this school," Jim went on, "I never did a bit of work in school which was economically useful. No other pupil ever did any real work of the sort farmers' boys and girls should do. We copied city schools—and the schools we copied are poor schools. We made bad copies of them, too. If any of you three men were making a fight for what the Country Life commission called a 'new kind of rural school,' I'd say fight. But you aren't. You're just making individual fights for your favorite teachers."

Jim Irwin made a somewhat lengthy speech after the awkwardness wore off. He adjured Bronson, Bonner and Peterson to study his plan of a new kind of country school—in which the work of the school should be correlated with the life of the home and the farm—a school which would be in the highest degree cultural by being consciously useful and obviously practical.

Sharp spats of applause from the useless hands of Newton Bronson gave the final touch of absurdity to a situation which Jim had felt to be ridiculous all through. Had it not been for Jennie Woodruff's "Humph!" stinging him, had it not been for the absurd notion that perhaps, after they had heard his speech, they would place him in charge of the school, and that he might be able to do something really important in it, he would not have been there. As he sat down, he knew himself a dreamer. The nodding board of directors, the secretary, actually snoring, the bored audience restored the field-hand to a sense of his proper place.

"We have had the privilege of list'nin'," said Con Bonner, rising, "to a great speech, Mr. Prisidint. Makin' a good spache is one thing, and teaching a good school is another; but in order to bring this matter before the board, I nominate Mr. James E. Irwin, the Boy Orator of the Woodruff district, and the new white hope, f'r the job of teacher of this school, and I move that when he shall have received a majority of the votes of this board, the secretary and prisidint be instructed to enter into a contract with him f'r the comin' year."

The president followed usage when he said: "If there's no objection, it will be so ordered. Prepare the ballots for a vote on the election of teacher, Mr. Secretary."

There was no surprise in view of the nomination of Jim Irwin by the blarneying Bonner when the Secretary smoothed out the first ballot, and read: "James E. Irwin, one." But when the next slip came forth, "James E. Irwin, two," the board of directors of the Woodruff Independent district were stunned at the slowly dawning knowledge that they had made an election! Before they had rallied, the secretary drew from the box the third and last ballot, and read, "James E. Irwin, three."

President Bronson choked as he announced the result—choked and stammered, and made very hard weather of it, but he went through with the motion, as we all run in our grooves.

"The ballot having shown the unanimous election of James E. Irwin, I declare him elected."

He dropped into his chair, while the secretary, a very methodical man, drew from his portfolio a contract duly drawn up save the name and signature. This he calmly filled out, and passed over to the president, pointing to the dotted line. Mr. Bronson would have signed his own death-warrant at that moment, not to mention a perfectly legal document, and signed with Peterson and Bonner looking on stonily. The secretary signed and shoved the contract over to Jim Irwin.

"Sign there," he said.

Jim looked it over, saw the other signatures, and felt an impulse to dodge the whole thing. Then he thought of Jennie Woodruff's "Humph!"—and he signed!

"Move we adjourn," said Peterson.

"No 'bjection 'tis so ordered!" said Mr. Bronson.

The secretary and Jim went out, while the directors waited.

"What the Billy—" began Bonner, and finished lamely! "What for did you vote for the dub, Ez?"

"I voted for him," replied Bronson, "because he fought for my boy this afternoon. I didn't want it stuck into him too hard. I wanted him to have one vote."

"An' I wanted him to have wan vote, too," said Bonner. "I thought mesilf the only dang fool on the board—an' he made a spache that airned wan vote—but f'r the love of hivin, that dub f'r a teacher! What come over you, Haakon—you voted f'r him, too!"

"Ay vanted him to have one vote, too," said Peterson.

And in this wise, Jim became the teacher in the Woodruff district—all on account of Jennie Woodruff's "Humph!"

CHAPTER III

What Is a Brown Mouse?

Immediately upon the accidental election of Jim Irwin to the position of teacher of the Woodruff school, he developed habits somewhat like a ghost's or a bandit's. That is, he walked of nights and on rainy days.

On fine days, he worked in Colonel Woodruff's fields as of yore. Jim's salary was to be just $300 for nine months' work in the Woodruff school, and he was to find himself—and his mother. Therefore, he had to indulge in his loose habits of night walking and roaming about after hours only, or on holidays and in foul weather.

The Simms family, being from the "mountings" of Tennessee, were rather startled one night, when Jim Irwin, homely, stooped and errandless, silently appeared in their family circle about the front door. They had lived where it was the custom to give a whoop from the big road before one passed through the palin's and up to the house. Otherwise, how was one to know whether the visitor was friend or foe?

From force of habit, Old Man Simms started for his gun-rack at Jim's ap-

Old Man Simms Started for His Gun.

pearance, but the Lincolnian smile and the low slow speech, so much like his own in some respects, ended that.

"Stranger," said Mr. Simms, after greetings had been exchanged, "you're right welcome, but in my kentry you'd find it dangersome to walk in thisaway."

"How so?" queried Jim Irwin.

"You'd more'n likely git shot up some," replied Mr. Simms, "onless you whooped from the big road."

"I didn't know that," replied Jim. "I'm ignorant of the customs of other countries. Would you rather I'd whoop from the big road—nobody else will."

"I reckon," replied Mr. Simms, "that we-all will have to accommodate ourse'ves to the ways hyeh."

Evidently Jim was the Simms' first caller since they had settled on the little brushy tract whose hills and trees reminded them of their mountains. Low hills, to be sure, with only a footing of rocks where the creek had cut through, and not many trees, but down in the creek bed, with the oaks, elms and box-elders arching overhead, the Simmses could imagine themselves beside some run falling into the French Broad, or the Holston. The creek bed was a withdrawing room in which to retire from the eternal black soil and level cornfields of Iowa.

The soil was so poor, in comparison with those black uplands, that the owner of the old wood-lot could find no renter but it was better than the soil in the mountains, and suited the lonesome Simmses much more than a better farm would have done. They were not of the Iowa people anyhow; not understood, not their equals—they were "pore," and expected to stay "pore"—while the Iowa people all seemed to be either well-to-do, or expecting to become so.

Jim Irwin asked Old Man Simms about the fishing in the creek, and whether there was any duck shooting spring and fall.

"We git right smart of these little panfish," said Mr. Simms, "an' Calista done shot two butterball ducks about 'tater-plantin' time."

Calista blushed—but this stranger, so much like themselves, could not see the rosy suffusion. The allusion gave him a chance to look about him at the family. There was a boy of sixteen, a girl—the duck-shooting Calista—younger than Raymond—a girl of eleven, named Virginia, but called Jinnie—and a smaller lad who rejoiced in the name of McGeehee, but was mercifully called Buddy.

Calista squirmed for something to say. "Raymond runs a line o' traps when the fur's prime," she volunteered.

Then came a long talk on traps and trapping, shooting, hunting and the joys of the mountings—during which Jim noted the ignorance and poverty of the Simmses. The clothing of the girls was not decent according to local standards; for while Calista wore a skirt hurriedly slipped on, Jim was quite sure—and not without evidence to support his views—that she had been wearing when he arrived the same regimentals now displayed by Jinnie—a pair of ragged blue overalls. Evidently the Simmses were wearing what they had and not what they desired. The father was faded, patched, gray and earthy, and the boys looked better than the rest solely because we expect boys to be torn and patched. Mrs. Simms was invisible except as a gray blur beyond the rain-barrel, in the midst of which her pipe glowed with a regular ebb and flow of embers.

On the next rainy day Jim called again and secured the services of Raymond to help him select seed corn. He was going to teach the school next winter, and he wanted to have a seed-corn frolic the first day, instead of waiting until the last—and you had to get seed corn while it was on the stalk, if you got the best.

No Simms could refuse a favor to the fellow who was so much like themselves, and who was so greatly interested in trapping, hunting and the Tennessee mountains—so Raymond went with Jim, and with Newt Bronson and five more they selected Colonel Woodruff's seed corn for the next year, under the colonel's personal superintendence.

In the evening they looked the grain over on the Woodruff lawn, and the colonel talked about corn and corn selection. They had supper at half past six, and Jennie waited on them—having assisted her mother in the cooking. It was quite a festival.

Continued next week

Proof

Diner: Look here! Isn't that a hair in the butter?

Waiter: Yes sir—a cow's hair. We always serve one with butter to show that it isn't margarine.

BASKETBALL

Sheffield H. S. Boys and Girls

vs.

Belmond H. S. Boys and Girls

High School Gymnasium

8:00 O'clock p. m.

Friday, Dec. 14th

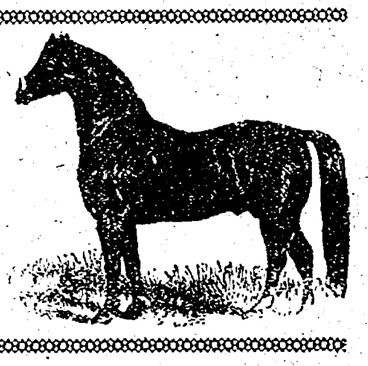
PUBLIC SALE

HAVING DECIDED TO MOVE TO MINNESOTA, I WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION, AT THE SUMNER ELDRED PLACE 3 1-2 MILES NORTHEAST OF GOODELL, 7 MILES SOUTHEAST OF KLEMME, 7 MILES NORTHWEST OF MESERVEY, ON

Wednesday, Dec. 19

COMMENCING AT 10:00 O'CLOCK SHARP, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

6 Head Horses & Mules



1 BLACK MULE, 1 YR. OLD, WT. 700
1 ROAN MARE, 3 YRS. OLD, WT. 1350
1 BROWN MARE 8 YRS. OLD, WT. 1600
1 BROWN MULE 2 YRS. OLD, WT. 900
1 BAY GELDING, 5 YRS. OLD, WT. 1800
1 BLACK GELDING, 4 YRS. OLD, WT. 1050

52 Cattle

2 MILK COWS
12 FALL CALVES
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6 CALVES, COMING 1 YR. OLD
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Consisting of good spring and fall Poland China Pigs

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Farm Machinery, Etc.

1 bob sled
Some collars
1 fanning mill
1 seed corn rack
4 swarms of bees
1 set wagon springs
1 Philip cylinder sheller
1 brooder house, 8x10 ft.
Iowa cream separator in fine shape
1 Avery cultivator
1 Tower cultivator
Corn binder, nearly new
Acme binder, in good shape
1 Bully Boy cultivator with surface attachment
Great Western manure spreader, in good running order
Sandwich elevator, 40 ft., in good shape
1 drag cart
1 Emerson disc
1 Jamesville sulky plow
1 John Deere hay rake
1 Rock Island truck wagon
1 Columbus wagon and box
1 Dain hay stacker and bucker, good as new
1 Hayes corn planter with 160 rods wire

FREE LUNCH AT NOON

TERMS: $10.00 or under, cash; over that amount 8 months' time will be given on bankable notes bearing 8 per cent interest. All property to be settled for on day of sale.

H. BRUMMOND, Auctioneer
OWEN CONWELL, Clerk

C. E. Miller

LOCAL NEWS

Howard Spitler and family from Klemme spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Spitler.

Mrs. Glenn Klemme was hostess to the Delphian Club Monday evening

Big line of Fancy Candles and Candle Sticks.—Belmond Furniture Co.

Louis Tokman drove to Des Moines on business, Monday night.

Henry Waage, of Meservey, was a caller in town Monday. While enroute here he lost a pocketbook containing some small change and seven hundred dollars in checks.

Why not a new Parlor Suite for Xmas Big line to select from.—Belmond Furniture Co.

Don't blame your motor—use DEEP ROCK winter gas.

For Sale on street Saturday p. m. range, heater nearly new, linoleum, Rug, bed, dresser, dishes and other articles.

Cato Griesy was a business caller at Mason City, Saturday evening.

Tom Tyrrell had the misfortune to fall down several steps of the stairs at his home last Friday morning, suffering severe bruises and a hard jarring up. He has been feeling the effects of the fall considerably since.

On another page of the Independent this week will be found a town ordinance, in which the rates to be charged users of electric current in Belmond by the Iowa Falls company are changed, the rate being reduced one cent a kilowatt.

We believe the Christmas window decorations in Belmond are the prettiest that have ever been arranged, some very unusual and attractive displays being in evidence.

Fine line of Framed Pictures at prices that are right.—Belmond Furniture Co.

Make it a Furniture Xmas. Prices right. Terms to suit.—Belmond Furniture Co.
Co.

This is the last week in which to order your Christmas Greeting cards as after this week your chances of getting what you want are small. The Independent has a complete line of greetings of all classes and prices. Order yours now—after this week no more orders will be taken.

Wayne Pond left Tuesday evening for Corvallis, Oregon, where he will join his mother and brother for the Christmas holidays. He expects to remain at Corvallis during the winter, and possibly during the next summer. Noel Pond, who has been at Davenport the past three years, is now making his home at Corvallis.

Friends in Belmond of Paul Northrup were surprised to receive the announcement of his marriage last month to Miss Grace Chase, of Parkersburg, on Nov. 28. They are now at home at Indianola, where Paul is employed in a printing office. Paul is the eldest son of Rev. and Mrs. Northrup, formerly of Belmond, Rev. Northrup being pastor of the Congregational church here. The many Belmond friends will extend to Paul and his bride their best wishes for a happy and prosperous journey thru life together.

BELMOND TRAIN SCHEDULES

(Corrected to late.)

ROCK ISLAND
Going North
Freight, daily ..... 11:46 a. m.
Passenger, daily, ... 2:10 p. m.
Going South
Freight, daily ..... 1:10 p. m.
Passenger, daily ..... 11:50 a. m.

M.& ST. L.
Going West.
Combination, daily .... 8:30 a. m
Going East
Combination, daily ..... 3:35 p. m.

GREAT WESTERN
Going North
Motor, daily ..... 10:03 a. m.
No. 16, pass., D & S .... 1:30 p. m.
No. 12, pass., D & S .... 1:26 a. m.
Local Freight ..... 7:55 a. m.
Going South
No. 11, pass., D & S .... 1:24 a. m.
No. 15, pass., D & S .... 3:15 p. m.
Motor ..... 5:19 p. m.
Local Freight ..... 3:20 p. m.

Verner Reed who has been husking corn here this fall, returned to his home in Boyd Wis. Tuesday.

Jess Underkofler suffered a stroke last Saturday at his home here. He is reported as recovering nicely from the attack, however.

Leave your order at once for Xmas Trees at Belmond Furniture Co.

The White Produce Company of this city took the country surrounding Belmond and Goodell off its feet by buying a car load of live poultry and shipping it in a specially built live poultry car. Chickens were brought into town in all manners and shapes from far and near, some coming from as far as Holmes. Three trucks were kept on the jump picking up what they could handle with three extra men assistng. This is the first car load of live poultry shipped from this town for 12 or 15 years.

For cold weather starting, try DEEP ROCK Gasoline. Best by test.

Something new in book ends at Special prices.—Belmond Furniture Co.

Hajo Pals was a business caller at Mason City on Saturday.

Atty. Jensen states that when an Eagle Grove bootlegger came up before Judge Clock, in district court, last week, said booze hound received a pretty stiff sentence. Some of his Eagle friends came over to see whether they couldn't pry a little of so-called mercy out of the judge, and among said friends (?) was one of the Eagle ministers, who thought it was a pretty harsh sentence From what the county attorney told him, we should judge the minister has spent some time in thought since.

The Ideal Gift
---from the Family to the Family

Make this Christmas the happiest you have ever had. Instead of the usual exchange of small remembrances, let Daddy, Mother and the Kiddies all put the money that they would have spent for individual gifts into a common fund—a family fund with which to buy an Ace Radio Receiving Set—the ideal gift from the family to the family.

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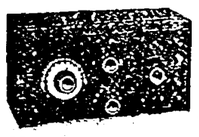

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PUBLIC SALE DATES

(List your sale with the Independent to avoid confusion in dates.)

Rowan Short Course, January 16th and 17th.

Clint Kercheval, 6 miles south 1-2 west of Belmond, Dec. 19. Farm sale. Ad this week.

C. E. Miller, northeast of Goodell, farm sale, Dec. 19. Ad this week.

Olaf Eliason, 2 miles west of Olaf, closing out farm sale, Jan. 8.

G. C. Cook, closing out sale, Dec. 17, at Olaf. Ad this issue.

The J. M. McClernon sale has been changed from the 20th to the 18th. See ad this issue.

C. H. Thayer, closing out farm sale, 6 miles southwest, Jan. 10.

WANT ADS

Two cents per word first insertion; one cent per word ensuing insertions.

FOR SALE

For Sale—Dressed geese.—Mrs. Earl Jenison. 1c

For Sale—Fox Terrier pups. Best ratters.—John Cooper, Kanawha, Ia. 34c

For Sale—Pure bred White Wyandottes, rose comb. Phone 1606. 32*

For Sale—Pure bred R. C. Rhode Island Red Cockerals, early hatch. Your choice $1.50 each.—Leo Riley, Belmond. 22*

For Sale—Chester White boars. Champion blood lines. Cholera immune. Farm located two miles west and one-half mile north of Kanawha. Ed Riekens. 52tfc

For Sale—A round reed baby cab in good condition. Phone 73. 32c

For Sale—Regal Dorcas White Wyandotte Cockerals. Your choice for $1.50. Also a few White Pekin Drakes $1.50 each.—A. C. Lieuwen, Alexander, Ia. 23*

For Sale—A few pure bred Hampshire boars. Can furnish papers. Phone 1818.—Geo. Norris, Sr. 35*

For Sale—20x24 ft. frame barn. 14 foot posts. Plank floor, good mow.—Chas. Gealow.

Lost—A cameo pin, Tuesday, in Belmond. Return to Mrs. E. H. Brewer 1c

Strayed—Old black sow, weight about 400. Finder please phone 1810.

Lost—Between Belmond and Goodell, Sunday, pocketbook containing some small change and about $700 in checks. Reward. Finder please return to Henry Waage, Meservey, or White Produce Co., Belmond. 1c

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Schultz Jewelry Store
Belmond, Iowa
MONDAY, DEC. 17

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(Subject to change.)

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Roosters	07c
Springs	15c
Geese	10c
Ducks	11c
Turkeys	20c
Eggs	37c
Cream	50c
Barley	53c
Oats	36c
Corn	60c
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Ingersol Watches
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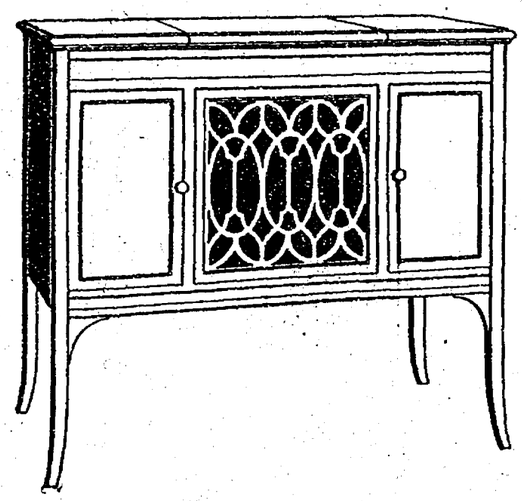
Websters Famous Fudge in Christmas Boxes



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Cigarette Cases

BILL BOOKS 50c to $5.00 INCENSE BURNERS 50c to $3.00 HAND BAGS $1.50 to $16.00
MANICURE SETS $1.25 to $10.00 LARGE ASSORTMENT OF XMAS CARDS, 2c to 50c
WAHL'S EVERSHARP PENCILS and FOUNTAIN PENS 50c to $10.00

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Belmond, Iowa

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COMMITTEES NOW AT WORK ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHORT COURSE

Biggest And Best Now In Prospect

Meeting Saturday Night Results In Active Work Being Started On Exhibit.

DATES JANUARY 22 AND 23

The Short Course meeting Saturday night found sentiment in the community favorable to the exhibit, and it was decided to go ahead. The dates will be, as at present planned, January 22 and 23. The various committees were appointed as follows:

O. D. Jenison is president of the affair, and Cato Griesy secretary.

Finance committee: C. O. Fitts, chairman. A. C. Hinman, Belmond township; Jake Henn, Pleasant township.

Housing: C. P. Luick, chairman. M. F. Christie, J. D. Baker.

Advertising: A. C. Hinman, chairman. E. E. Reed, J. R. Christie.

Stock: M. G. Luick, chairman. Roy Jenison, E. E. Reed, Glen Baker, Geo. Kalkwarf, Mr. McLaughlin.

Grain: Wm. Hembd, Chairman. A. C. Lieuwen, Frank Barry, A. E. Martin, Ralph Thayer.

Poultry: C. C. Christie, chairman. Ira Christie, J. E. Pfaltzgraff, Frank Baldridge.

Ladies: Mrs. Jake Henn, chairman. Mrs. R. A. Rankins, City; Mrs. Geo. C. Johnson, Belmond township; Mrs. Geo. Thompson, Pleasant township. Mrs. O. D. Jenison, secretary.

Further announcements as to the progress of the event will be given from time to time. All indications point to the biggest and best ever.

OBITUARY.

Gail Bohning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Bohning, was born Sept. 24, 1900 in Belmond, Ia., and died at the home of her parents Dec. 7, 1923, age 23 years, two months and thirteen days. She received a common school education. Hers was a quiet disposition not given to quarreling. Her vacant chair in the family circle will be a source of grief to those who loved her. In the spring of 1917 she moved with her parents from Belmond township to Pleasant township, where the tragedy occured. She studied the Bible much, and apparantly tried to solve those scriptures which are beyond all human understanding, which without doubt unbalanced her mind. In this condition, we believe, she took her own life. Two brothers preceded her to eternity. She leaves to mourn her loss, father and mother, four brothers, two sisters and other relatives and friends.

(In last week's paper it was stated that funeral services were at the St. John church and interment in the Franklin Grove cemetery. This was incorrect. Funeral services were at the Immanuel Reformed church, and interment in that cemetery.

BELMOND TOWNSHIP RIGHT UP AND A COMIN' ON ROADS

Our neighboring township to the west is spreading itself and a bunch of gravel by running three or four gangs on the township roads at the same time. The road west from the Perry Loomis farm to the Morse lake is being graveled, as is likewise the road west from the Ward Martin corner to the lake, or rather to the turn a quarter mile from the lake. In addition the road from the Butterfield corner north a mile and then east a mile is being graveled.

The work is all donation effort, partly on the part of the town and partly by the farmers. It is a most commendable enterprise, and Belmond township can well be proud of the progressive bunch in that community.

Will Kessler is the owner of a new Willys-Knight touring car, purchased of the Nordschow Motor Company.

A considerable tangle has ensued with the Belmond authorities over an alarm clock stolen at the time of the Thanksgiving game and taken from the room in which the Dows team dressed. It is not an established fact that anyone from Dows took the clock as there were others circulating thru the building, some in an irresponsible condition. We are satisfied that none of the Dows players stole the article, but nevertheless we are thus accused and it is bound to cast a reflection upon our team. The habit of picking up "mementoes" upon such occasions is a custom to be deplored but most teams seem to have an insane desire to purloin under those circumstances. It is unfortunate indeed that Dows is to be thus accused after their team and rooters showed such admirable spirit on Thanksgiving day.—School notes in Dows Advocate.

Belmond, Ia., Dec. 16, 1923.

Editor Independent,

Dear Sir:

In last week's issue of your paper the writer had a few words to say about law enforcement, and begs your permission to say a few words more on that subject.

Lax law enforcement breeds disrespect for law. The citizen who breaks the law, or by any act of his contributes to violation thereof, is not a good citizen. This applies to all law even the Eighteenth amendment. We hear much discussion these days, about Ku Klux Klanism. The very fact that this organization can find a following in as enlightened a state as Iowa is, proves the assertion the writer just made regarding disrespect for law. The writer holds no brief for the Ku Klux Klan, and never expects to be connected with it, but the organization is attempting to not only aid in bringing offenders to justice, but to inflict penalties where law procedure has failed. This is going to be more serious than we realize unless we execute a right-about-face in administering our laws.

The law is no respecter of persons, recognizes neither wealth or social position. Everyone is expected to obey it altho in this respect it may be truly said the higher the position, of influence and power the individual holds who breaks the law, the more henious is his example to those to whom he stands in relationship as a moral or religious leader. In regard to the Eighteenth amendment, it may be said that it not only expresses the will of the majority of the people, but the people and congress recognized that it was necessary as a measure to insure public welfare and safety when they placed it there. If there is one thing which we Americans claim to possess next to patriotism, it is good horse sense. With the coming of the automobile the public has come to realize that either booze or the auto must go. The two will not mix successfully when the driver has a snifter or two under his belt.

Now let us apply this to conditions locally. A number of cases have been brought to our attention in recent months where certain parties have been indulging in the practice of filling up on hootch, getting into their auto and going forth to bum the wind. Also some other citizens have been setting a bad example by getting stewed and disgracing themselves and the town by parading up and down our main street in that condition.

To the former the writer gives warning that if the practice continues they will get a chance to cool off behind the bars and later pay the penalty prescribed in such cases and the latter will be given an opportunity to enrich the public coffers before His Honor, the Mayor.

No one need expect immunity by reason of position or influence. The time has come for the lid to be clamped down if law and order are to be maintained.

Respectfully yours,

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The Royal Neighbors met with Mrs. I. H. Benson, last Saturday.

To its readers and advertisers, the Independent extends its sincerest wishes for the happiest of Christmas tides

Sheffield Smothered By Fast Local Team

Second Games Of Season Goes To Belmond By 26 To 8.

Belmond won the second game of the season last Friday night when they trimmed the Sheffield team 26 to 8. Stapley was back in the game Friday night, and the team showed their old time speed and headwork, completely snowing under the fast Sheffield five. Every member of the team played a splendid game, and co-operated in team work in a way that was a joy to see. The Belmond boys should go far this year, and the fans are anticipating some great games this winter. The largest attendance that has ever been at a game here was at the game. Such support is highly encouraging to the team.

The next game is tomorrow night with the Alumni, which ought to be a joyous affair. Everybody go and root for the boys!

The girls' teams played a 15 to 15 tie in a fine game.

IT DOESN'T PAY (?)

On a recent advertising venture, we had to almost force Wayne Middleton at the end of a pistol to take space in the proposition. Several thousand pieces of matter were mailed out, and one day in came a farmer who lives near Belmond. He had the circular in his hand and wanted to see a certain piano and a certain talking machine, both described therein. Wayne sold him both the piano and phonograph, and has since banked his check. Wayne is so sold on any advertising proposition that might be put before him, that he will buy space on his own tombstone—Eagle.

Two Small Fires In The Past Week

Train Sets One; Hat Shoppe Is Again Scene Of Small Blaze.

Two small fires have occured in the past week, neither of them being of much consequence, altho one would have been but for prompt and efficient work on the part of the fire company. Last Saturday the Great Western train set fire to the grass along the rightofway, which, due to the long spell of dry weather burns like tinder. This was soon extinguished before it caused any damage. Monday, just at noon, the Hat Shoppe was found on fire, the blaze evidently starting from a spark blown from some neighboring chimney. The roof of the building at the front caught. The fire company were on the job in short order and the blaze was extinguished with little damage.

Another fire which might have been serious occured Tuesday night along the rightofway of the Great Western, on the John Chapman farm south of town. The engine set fire to the tall, dry grass, and only some fast and hard work by Chapman and his brother put it out.

CLARION WILL DOLL UP, TOO

The county seat town has acquired the Christmas spirit, and are planning to decorate their streets with holiday decorations, 125 evergreens having been ordered to place along the main street, in the holes made for the flag poles. These will be lighted with colored electric lights.

EAGLE WANTS BOYS' BAND

The town of Eagle Grove is going after a boys' band for that place, a number of the business men of that city having petitioned the council to take the matter up, which they are.

Cook Again High Man In Testing Assc.

"Granny" Is Best Producer In November Testing Report.

Of the 350 cows on test in the Belmond Cow Testing Association, only 213 were milking during the month of November. Quite a number of the cows will come fresh during the winter months. The weather has been so mild that the cows have not had to be kept in during the day.

The 213 cows on test this month produced a total of 117,088 pounds of milk and 4,840 pounds of butterfat, or an average of 549.7 pounds of milk and 22.7 pounds of butterfat.

The high herd and high cow are again owned by Virgil A. Cook. Mr. Cook's eight Holsteins produced an average of 1,092.1 pounds of milk and 41.3 pounds of butterfat. "Granny" was again high cow of the association. She produced 2,103 pounds of milk and 84.1 pounds of butterfat. This wonderful cow has averaged during the seven months she has been fresh 2,300 pounds of milk and 76.2 pounds of butterfat.

The following are the ten high herds for the month of November:

Owner	Breed		
Virgil A. Cook	G. & P. B. Holst.		
Baker Bros.	G. Holst. & Short.		
Maxwell Baker	G. Shorthorns		
E. G. Beier	G. & P. B. Holst.		
M. G. Luick	G. Guernseys.		
Ben Goll	G. Holst & Short.		
E. G. Hauge	G. & P. B. Holst.		
J. S. Bell	G. Holsteins		
Ira Christie	G. & P. B. Short.		
Guy D. Baker	G. Holst. & Short		
No. Cows	Av.	Milk	Av. But'fat
8		1,092.1	41.3
12		897.1	34.7
7		747.7	33.5
9		918.6	30.2
16		634.6	30.0
5		694.8	28.4
9		887.8	26.8
8		758.0	25.4
5		540.6	24.6
9		587.0	23.5

One separator was thrown on the junk heap and a new one purchased to take its place. Two of the members are milking their best cows three times a day. Practically all of the soils tested this month showed signs of acid. Considerable culling has been done this fall in several herds and more could be done with a large increase of profit to the owner.

ROE L. PAYNE, Tester.

WALL LAKE MAN GUILTY IN HOG CASE

Payne Found Guilty In District Court After Weeks Of Detective Work And Trial.

OTHER NEWS IN COURT

The trial of Geo. Payne of Wall Lake township in connection with the Sann hog stealing last January came to a close Tuesday soon after dinner. The jury was out about an hour when they returned a verdict of guilty. E. F. Bishop, who was convicted at the February term of court for his part in the hog case and given a five-year sentence in the reformatory at Anamosa, made a confession to the authorities and it was largely on this testimony that Payne was found guilty. He told how they drove the Sann hogs to the Gragert farm, where part were loaded into a truck and taken to Hampton and the balance by wagon to Webster City. Bishop was caught at Hampton and his conviction followed. Payne was seen coming from the direction of Webster City but no direct evidence could be secured against him and he was set free. At the time of the first trial the tesimony of the Webster City hog buyer was favorable to Payne. Payne will doubtless accompany Bishop back to Anamosa as he is to receive his sentence Wednesday. At the suggestion of Supervisor Grattidge, Attorney Lunday of Eldora was employed to assist County Attorney Jensen. Nearly all will agree that it was money well spent. —Monitor.

SCHOOL NEWS NOTES

Next Friday night our teams will play the Alumni. As many of our Alumni will be home by that time, these games will be good ones.

The final round of the home debate series will be held Thursday at 4 o'clock. At this time the first team will be selected to debate in the state series. We meet Swaledale here Jan. 10 to debate the state question. The following is the debate for Thursday afternoon: Resolved, that the U. S. should further restrict Immigration.

Affirmative: Katherine Thiltgen, Mildred Hauge, William Tyrrell.

Negative: Edwin Christie, Alpha Johnson, Everill Thompson.

The girls' operetta last Wednesday night was well attended. Miss Hill deserves a great deal of credit for the able manner in which it was put on.

Division I of the Literary will give a Christmas program Friday at 2:30. Everyone is welcome.

The 8th grade will give their program Thursday afternoon at 2:30 in the auditorium.

The 5th grade Christmas operetta will be given Friday at 1:15.

Mable Baker of the Senior Normal training class substituted for Miss Murphy, Monday forenoon.

Last week Wednesday the Rebekahs met in the Odd Fellow hall for their regular meeting. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Mrs. L. L. Lathrop, Noble Grand; Mrs. Eva Brown, vice grand; Mrs. Geo. Coburn, Rec. sec; Mrs. Thiltgen, Fin. sec. After the business meeting a splendid program of amusements had been arranged by Mrs. L. L. Lathrop, Mrs. Coburn and Mrs. Bob Wilson. A grab bag was the cause of much merriment. Many reported having had the time of their lives, it was a highly enjoyable affair.

Delicious refreshments were served by the committee, who had charge of this most important part of the evening.

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Editorials

One of the most disgraceful cases of miscarriage of justice that has been a stench in the nostrils of the law abiding public for some time was the verdict of the jury in the case of the State vs. Davidson and Bredbenner, of Klemme. The charge was driving an automobile on the public highway while intoxicated. It will be remembered by Belmond people that this case arose over the accident at Belmond a few weeks ago, when the two men named smashed into Louis Rierson at night, near the sugar factory grounds. The two were arrested and brought before Mayor Sullivan, where they plead guilty to intoxication and were then fined $25 and costs. County Attorney Jensen then filed information against them on behalf of the state. Their trial in district court came off last week, and the jury, after being out twenty hours or more, declared they were "not guilty." Notwithstanding the fact that they had already plead guilty in municipal court, that there was plenty of evidence to show they were far from "normal" at the time, "twelve good men and true" declared it was all bunk.

Right there you have the one big trouble with enforcement of prohibition. Just so long as juries will go out and declare that a man is innocent when he has plead guilty, just so long will we have bootleggers and crimes and a useless expenditure of funds. Our laws and our juries are fast becoming a disgrace and an outrage. Instead of endeavoring to administer the law by the spirit, it seems that the letter is the thing; a jury evidently figures that a technicality, a misplaced comma, a misspelled word counts more than a plea of guilty. We no longer try a man to get justice, we try him to get rid of him as quick as possible so we can go home to our tea parties or our potato patch. Our duty as citizens? Bunk! There ain't no sich animal! Let the other fellow do it if he wants to; me, I'm goin' to get off—or if I get stuck on the jury I'm gonna get even somehow.

Too many people rant and rare that the officers do not do their duty. These same people fail to see that they are not doing their's. When the jury who cleared these two men have their own car smashed into by some booze-soaked rummy, then they will be ready to tear up the earth to see the bum put away. It makes a difference whose ox is gored, you know.

Seemingly it is the easiest thing in the world to clear a bootlegger or a drunk. You may see a man cutting figure "8's", endeavoring to keep on a 10-foot walk; his breath may stink like a back-alley garbage can, his speech may sound like mush bubbling in a hot kettle; but by the time you have answered 1,000 and 1 fool questions asked you, you won't know whether the other fellow was drunk or you were yourself, and 9 times out of 10, the jury will say not guilty.

If Davidson and Bredbenner are wise now, they will sue the town of Belmond for false imprisonment because "12 good men and true" declared they weren't drunk—despite their previous pleas of guilty. No wonder our laws command so little respect.

"Co-operation," to our notion, is one of the greatest developments of the twentieth century, and it is something that has only come to the front in the past 15 o 25 years. In days gone by, there was co-operation to a large extent among neighbors; in pioneer days, one man helped another build his log cabin or clear his land, and in return received assistance in his own work. But only within the past 25 years—perhaps we should say the past 10—has there been much of any community co-operation, of one man meeting with his fellows, of one community helping another to secure these things which are a benefit to all.

Witness, for instance, the men of Belmond township who are now graveling the road to the lake, or those of Pleasant, who are graveling towards Alexander. Without co-operation neither of these much-needed jobs would have been done. Only the fact that they co-operated permitted the work.

It is a fine thing, this community co-operation, a fine spirit. Belmond, the town, needs a big dose of it. There is too much bickering, too much petty jealously, too much of this he-may-get-a-nickel-out-of-it spirit in the town for its own good.

WANT SCHOOL CONTROL

Des Moines, Ia.—That a bitter fight will result in the state legislature over school supervision was believed in sight by many members of both houses today when it was learned that code committee bill No. 86 amends the present school statute to give the state superintendent supervision over secular education in private schools of the state. The bill will probably not make its appearance before the legislature for several weeks, altho advocates of the proposed change are eagerly awaiting its arrival.

On the other hand there will be strenuous opposition to the proposed to give the state superintendent supervision over parochial sschools as the bill also provides for the extension of the authority by the state superintendent over rural graded and high schools of the state, it was learned.

He Believes In Signs

'Guess we struck the wrong place," said the cloning swain, pulling his horse up in front of the parsonage.

"Why?" asked the lady.

"Don't you see that sign on the tree, 'no hitching here.' ?"

CHURCHES

TRINITY CHURCH NOTES
Rev. J. M. Jensen, Pastor

Thursday evening prayer meeting at the home of John Shurson, at 7:30.

Sunday morning Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Norwegian language used at the morning service at 11 o'clock. English service at 7:30. You are welcome to each and all services.

Monday evening, Christmas Eve, we will have our Christmas tree and program. Little folks especially are welcome.

Tuesday, Christmas Day, services appropriate to Christmas will be conducted at 3 o'clock in the English language. Let us have a good congregation

ST. OLAF CHURCH NOTES

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the lay brethern will conduct a service in the Norwegian language. Please remember this and make an effort to be present.

Christmas Day at 11 o'clock Christmas day will be observed with a service in the Norwegian language. Let us all, young and old, come to the House of the Lord and sing praises to our Savior.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES
Rev. S. U. Leinbach, Pastor.

The committee who have the Christmas program in charge are working hard and an excellent program has been arranged for Christmas Eve. The superintendent has promised us a tree so we are sure of a good time. An offering will be taken to help send the Christmas message to those who do not know it yet.

Services next Sunday Sabbath school at 10. Morning worship at 11 at which time the pastor will deliver a Christmas sermon. The evening services at 7:30. You are missing a good service when you fail to be present at the evening hour. The orchestra is a great help in this service and the music is enjoyed by all.

Our Christmas program Christmas Eve at 8 o'clock at the church.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES
J. P. O'Connor, Pastor.

We had a service long to be remembered by many Sunday morning. We started with a baptismal service, after which 18 new members were received into the church. We then observed the Sacrement of the Lord's Supper which practically the entire congregation partook of.

We had another record-breaking crowd Sunday evening. The house was well filled. Only front seats remained empty and we are going to fill them if we all keep on pushing as we have been. The music was fine. Everyone enjoyed the two special selections by the orchestra and the special selection rendered by the very efficient evening choir. I should have mentioned the special selection renderd by th morning choir, as it was one of the best that we have listened to while in Belmond, and may I add, you can't beat this choir even in the large cities. I have heard them and know what I am talking about.

Our Sunday school was running high Sunday. W had 224, and this Sunday we must have 250, what say you? Let's all boost to cross the line for a touch down. Yes, let's go for the best and largest church services ever this Sunday. Do you want to see a packed house? Would you know how to act? Well just follow the crowd and they will lead you to the church. A treat will await you in the way of good music. In addition to the evening choir and orchestra, the male quartette has been requested to sing.

Sunday school at 10. Morning worship at 11. Epworth League at 6:30. Evening service at 7:30. Prayer meeting Thursday at 7:30.

The Chrismas entertainment will be on Monday evening at 7:30.

Morning subject: "God's Christmas Gift to the World." Sunday evening subject: "What Would Jesus Do if He Were in Belmond?"

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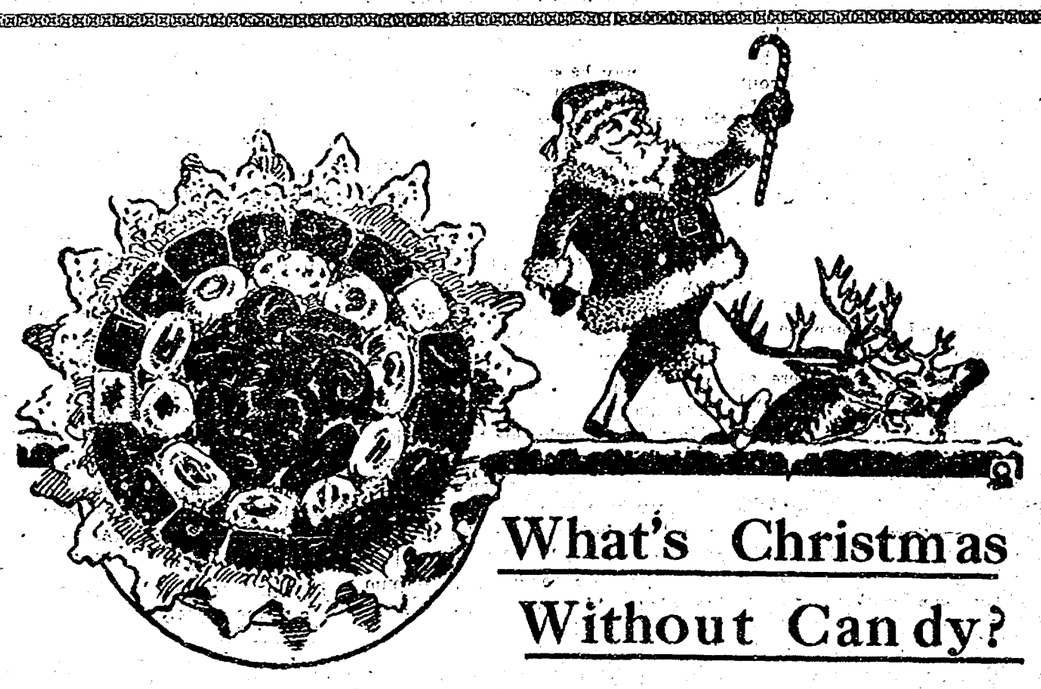

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FARM BUREAU NOTES

(By County Agnt Edwards)

Annual Meeting January 5th

The annual business meeting of the Wright county Farm Bureau will be held in the court room at Clarion on Saturday, January 5th. A program committee consisting of County Agent Edwards, Mrs. A. H. Box and O. J. Pardun has been appointed by the president to make all necessary plans for a good, lively meeting. The annual meeting of the Farm Bureau has always been a red letter day in the organization and no effort will be spared to make this meeting the most successful ever held.

Prof. J. E. Brindeyl, head of the Economics department of Iowa State College at Ames, who is admitted to be one of the best authorities on taxation, has been secured as the principal speaker of the occasion.

An effort is being made to make arrangements with some church organization to serve dinners for all those who attend the annual meeting.

Winter Short Courses Coming

The season for holding winter short courses of farmers' institutes as they were once called, has arrived and the farmers and business men of the various towns and communities of the county are now beginning to lay plans for these mid-winter agricultural exhibits. Nearly every town of our county is planning to hold a mid-winter exhibit this year.

The short course season will start off this year with a two-day agricultural exhibit at Rowan, Tuesday and Wednesday. Jan. 15 and 16. The short course committee of Goldfield reports that definite arrangements have been made for their annual short course on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 29 and 30. Farmers and business men of Woolstock territory plan to hold their short course on Monday and Tuesday, February 25 and 26. Belmond expects to follow with their mid-winter exhibit on Wednesday and Thursday, February 27 and 28. Lincoln township is planning to hold their short course some time during the month of February, definite dates to be decided upon sometime later.

County Poultry Exhibit Big Success

Last Saturday evening saw the close of one of the most successful poultry exhibits which has ever been held in Wright county. Somewhere between 600 and 700 birds from Wright county and from outside territory as far away as Iowa Falls, Eldora, Webster City, Waterloo and Ames were on exhibition.

According to the judges who passed on the birds this year, the Wright county poultry show ranked high in quality as well as in number of birds exhibited. In the opinion of the judges there were many birds exhibited which would be eligible for winning at the state show. The county is fortunate to have poultry of such high quality within its borders.

Coolidge Favors Farm Legislation

Among the paragraphs of particular interest to American farmers in President Coolidge's message to Congress were those regarding the reduction of freight rates, balancing production, securing an export market, the further negoiations on Muscle Shoals, control of national resources and the restriction of immigration.

In regard to agriculture, President Coolidge said:

"Indirectly the farmer must be relieved by a reduction of national and local taxation. He must be assisted by the organization if the freight rate structure which could reduce charges on his production. To make this fully effective there ought to be railroad consolidations. Cheaper fertilizers must be provided.

"No complicated scheme of relief, no plan for government fixing of prices, no resort to the public treasury will be of any permanent value in establishing agriculture. Simple and direct methods put into operation, by the farmer himself, are the only real sources for restoration.

"He must have oganization. His customer with whom he exchanges products of the farm for those of industry is organized, labor is organized, business is organized, and there is no way for agriculture to meet this unless it, too, is organized. The acreage of wheat is too large. Unless we can meet the world market at a profit, we must stop raising for export. Organization would help to reduce acreage. Systems of co-operative marketing created by the farmers themselves, supervised by competent management, without doubt would be of assistance, but they can not wholly solve the problem. Our agricultural schools ought to have thoro courses in the theory of organization and co-operative marketing.

"Diversification is necessary. Those farmers who raise their living on their land are not greatly in distress. Such loans as are wisely needed to assist buying stock and other materials to start in this direction should be financed thru a government agency as a temporary and emergency expedient.

"The remaining difficulty is in the disposition of exportable wheat. I do not favor the permanent interference of the government in this problem. That probably would increase the trouble by increasing production. But it seems feasible to provide government assistance to exports, and authority should be given the War Finance Corporation to grant, in its discreation, the most liberal terms of payment for fats and grains exported for the direct benefit of the farm."

On the Muscle Shoals proposition President Coolidge was rather noncommitatal. saying only, "I recommend that Congress appoint a small joint committee to consider the offer, conduct negoiations and report definite recommendations on Muscle Shoals."

The President's recommendation regarding immigration was as follows:

"It is necessary to continue a policy of restricted immigration. It would be well to make such immigration of a selective nature with some inspection at the source, and based either on a prior census or upon the record of naturalization. Either method would insure the admission of those with the largest capacity and best intention of becoming citizens. I am convinced that our present economic and social conditions warrant a limitation of those to be admitted. We should find additional safety in a law requiring the immediate restriction of all aliens."

President Coolidge also expressed himself as opposed to tax exempt securities, saying:

"Another reform which is urgent in our fiscal system is the abolition of the right to issue tax-exempt securities. The existing system not only permits a large amount of wealth of the nation to escape its just burden, but acts as a continual stimulant to municipal extravagance. This should be prohibited by constitutional amendment."

HAMPTON MAN GETS 10 DAYS

Chronicle—William Hunt was arrested last Sunday night on the complaint of his neighbors in the north part of Hampton for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and Monday morning he was arraigned before Justice of the Peace J. J. Sharpe and given ten days in the county jail. The Hunt residence was searched after the arrest was made and a gallon can containing about a pint of raw alcohol was found at the place.

Hunt stated that he had received his alcohol from some bootleggers in Hampton but he later changed his statement and said that he purchased the liquor in Mason City, but he would not divulge the names of the parties who sold him the booze.

Enthusiasm

"Why don't you give us some of the good old-time oratory?" asked the constituent.

"Can't get up the inspiration, somehow," answered Senator Sorghum. "Why don't you give us some of the good old-time audiences?"

BELMOND TRAIN SCHEDULES

(Corrected to date.)

ROCK ISLAND

Going North

Freight, daily ..... 11:46 a. m.
Passenger, daily, ... 2:10 p. m.

Going South

Freight, daily ..... 1:10 p. m.
Passenger, daily ..... 11:50 a. m.

M. & ST. L.

Going West.

Combination, daily .... 8:30 a. m

Going East

Combination, daily ..... 8:35 p. m.

GREAT WESTERN

Going North

Motor, daily ..... 10:03 a. m.
No. 16, pass., D & S .... 1:30 p. m.
No. 12, pass., D & S .... 1:26 a. m.
Local Freight ..... 7:55 a. m.

Going South

No. 11, pass., D & S .... 1:24 a. m.
No. 15, pass., D & S .... 3:15 p. m.
Motor ..... 5:19 p. m.
Local Freight ..... 8:20 p. m.

Last Minute Xmas Suggestions

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KODAKS
VIOLINS
TRUNKS
CUT GLASS
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HAND BAGS
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MUSIC ROLLS
TOOL CHESTS
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MANICURE SETS
MECHANICAL TOYS
WHITE IVORY SETS
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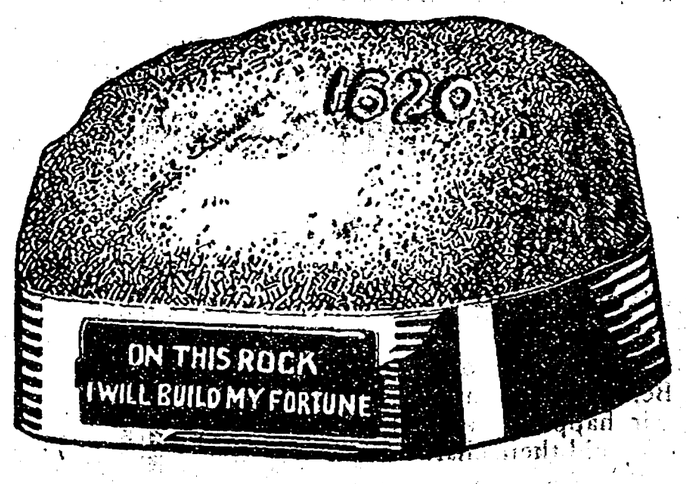

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MESERVEY SECTION

OBITUARY

Eunice Leone Faaborg, infant daughter of James and Anna Faaborg was born July 12, 1923 and died December 12 after an illness of only three days, of bronichal pneumonia. She reached the age of five months. Short indeed has been her life's little day and the sunshine of her presence in her earthly home.

Besides her sorrowing parents she leaves to mourn her early departure the grandparens Mr. and Mrs. T. Nelson of Dows, Mr. and Mrs. Soren Faaborg of Meservey, and many other relatives.

"How brief the stay, as beautiful as fleeting. The time when baby came with us to dwell. Just long enough to give a happy greeting, Just long enough to say farewell!"

Mr. and Mrs. Faaborg have the deepest sympathy of all of their friends. Funeral services were held at the Evang. church Saturday at 10:30 a. m. conducted by Rev. A. W. Schlesselman. Interment was made in the cemetery at Dows.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us during the illness and death of our darling Eunice Leone, and also for the beautiful flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Faaborg.

The following Christmas program be given at the Methodist church Friday, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p. m.

The Lost Reindeer: 1st & 2nd. grade

Recitation, "The Lookout Man": Vona Proost.

Phone Message: Bernice Blewett

Dialogue, "A Letter to Santa Claus" 3rd & 4th grade pupils.

Song, "Santa Claus": 3rd & 4th grade pupils.

"Darning the Christmas Stocking": 3rd & 4th grade pupils.

Exercise, "At Christmas Time": 5th & 6th grade pupils.

Exercise, "Christmas Greetings": 5th & 6th grade pupils.

Monologue, Mildred Janssen.

Song, Christmas Carol: High School Boys.

Recitation: Arlene Nissen

Recitation: Iva Bier

Grandmother Dale's Christmas plan: 8th grade girls.

Story, "The First Christmas Tree": Sylvia Bloom.

Pantomime, "The Holy City": 7th grade girls.

The Freshmen and Sophomores were entertained at the home of Supt. Herbster last Friday evening where games were played and refreshments served. The Sophomores agricultural class has been taking some interesting field trips the past two weeks in order to judge live stock.

The Boy Scouts have organizel again into two patrols, the "Beavers" and the "Foxes." The following officers were elected: Patrol Leader of the Beavers, Donald Muller; Asst., Clarence Paul; Patrol Leader of the Foxes, Gerald Janssen; Asst., Donald Butz. Scribe, Clarence Pals and Senior Patrol Leader, Kenneth Herbster. The Scouts have pledged themselves not to smoke and to do a good deed every day. The first hike of the season was made Saturday at which time ten Scouts accompanied by Scout Master Herbster spent the day in the country five miles from town. The Scout's regular meeting night is on Monday.

The S. O. S. Sunday school class met with Donald Muller for the last meeting of this year. After the regular business session, election of officers took place with the following result:

Pres. Bernard Butz; Vice Pres. Walter Lauster; Sec. Olliver Sprau; Treas. Franklin Fischer.

Donald Butz and Donald Muller leave the class Jan. 1 to enter the "Friends" class.

L. B. Hulsebus of Dows was a caller here Thursday enroute to Clear Lake wher he and Ralph Wendel loaded up the balance of L. B.'s household goods. L. B. returned the same evening, Ralph and K. Ostendorf driving the Wendel truck to Dows Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Kaduce are the happy parents of a new son who arrived last Friday, Dec. 14.

The Misses Fannie Bruns and Jennie Meinderts and the former's father were Belmond business callers on Friday.

The Y. P. M. C. met with Miss Marie Fischer Tuesday evening for the regular meeting.

Miss Mildred Gealow was a Mason City caller Thursday for medical treatment.

Crist Groen and family of Belmond visited at the P. H. Pals home Sunday evening.

Miss Rose Nocolet of Thornton visited with Miss Jennie Meinderts and other friends Saturday until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Sprau of Hayfield, Minn., visited at the home of his brother, F. C., last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Nissen, Mrs. A. J. Nissen and children and Mrs. Wm. Hartfelder motored to Mason City Monday to spend the day.

Those from here who attended the declamatory contest at Thornton on Friday evening were the Misses Tillie and Ollie Pals, Jennie Meinderts, Orpha Smith and Viola Lauster, and Dale Smith and Albert Pals.

A. J. Nissen and family visited at the Harry Firkens home and at the L. B. Hulsebus home at Dows last Sunday p. m.

G. Lauster and son Walter were Mason City callers last Monday.

Theo. Wendel and son Ralph and Mrs. Albert Wendel were business callers at the county seat Monday.

Rev. H. Raecker returned on last Sunday from Logan where he had spent about a week with relatives.

Miss Orpha Smith and Harry Sorenson motored to Mason City last Thursday evening to attend a play.

Mrs. Frank Nissen and baby went to Ames last Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sloss and with other relatives who will be present at a homecoming.

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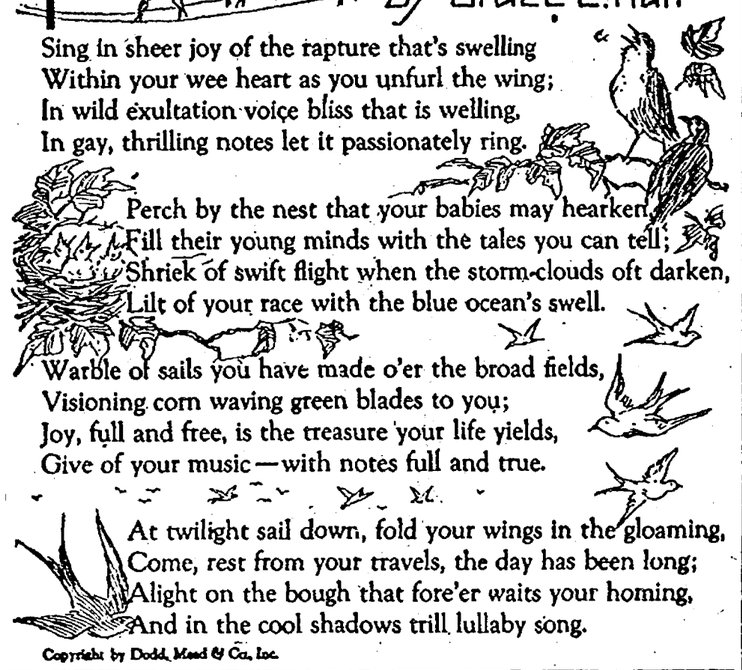

Sing in sheer joy of the rapture that's swelling
Within your wee heart as you unfurl the wing;
In wild exultation voice bliss that is welling,
In gay, thrilling notes let it passionately ring.

Perch by the nest that your babies may hearken,
Fill their young minds with the tales you can tell;
Shriek of swift flight when the storm-clouds oft darken,
Lilt of your race with the blue ocean's swell.

Warble of sails you have made o'er the broad fields,
Visioning corn waving green blades to you;
Joy, full and free, is the treasure your life yields,
Give of your music—with notes full and true.

At twilight sail down, fold your wings in the gloaming,
Come, rest from your travels, the day has been long;
Alight on the bough that fore'er waits your homing,
And in the cool shadows trill lullaby song.

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A nephew of John Jordon and a friend arrived from Germany the latter part of the last week to make their home here.

The "Friends" class, met at the church basement on Tuesday evening of last week for their monthly business meeting.

The business houses of this place will be closed all day Tuesday, Dec. 25 to observe Christmas Day.

Joe Smith was a Mason City visitor Monday.

Rev. and Mrs. Schlesselman, Naomi and Paul, and Mrs. H. Fischer motored to Mason City, Tuesday.

The Evang. and Reformed Sunday schools are both busy preparing the programs for Christmas Eve.

Miss Sadie Frohling of Belmond was a caller in town Wednesday evening of last week.

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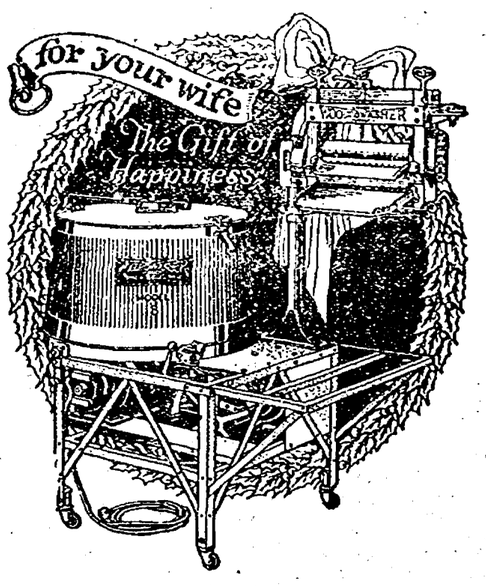

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ROWAN NEWS

Congregrational Church Notes.

Morning worship: A Christmas message at 10:30. The choir will present a Christmas anthem.

Sunday school at 11:30.

Senior Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Evening worship at 7:30.

Wednesday Junior Endeavor and prayer meeting at the regular hours.

On Christmas Eve there will be a cantata, also readings and songs.

Thru the courtesy of F. H. Brooks our church presents "Bachelor Daddy" on the evenings of Dec. 25-26. Be sure and see Thomas Meghen as the bachelor who encounters many problems with the children he has adopted.

There will be a high school debate at the school auditorium on Tuesday evening at 7:45. This is a preliminary contest for choosing a team to represent the school in the Iowa Debating League. The team chosen at this preliminary contest will debate with Stratford on Jan. 10, 1924 in the first step for state championship. Everbody is cordially invited to attend.

OBITUARY

Roy LaVerne Olson was born Feb. 28, 1905 in Scott twp., Franklin Co. and was baptised in the Methodist church April 23, 1905. Residing upon his mother's farm in Franklin county he grew to young manhood and took a great interest in farming. He was a member of the pig and calf club of Franklin county of which organization he afterwards became the president. He graduated from the Latimer public schools on May 25, 1923. His intentions were to take up the study of dairying at the agriculture college at Ames this next fall. Roy had enjoyed his usual degree of health but upon Dec. 6 he was suddenly taken ill with acute appendicitis. He was rushed to the hospital at Iowa Falls where he was operated upon but the shock was more than he could bear and he passed away at Iowa Falls Dec. 13, 1923 at the age of 18 years, 9 months and 15 days.

His friends were numbered by his acquaintances. He was a very industrious young man of pleasing personality and generous disposition.

The deceased is survived by his mother, Mrs. Bessie Olson, four brothers, Victor Herman, Lester and Albert, two sisters, Bertha and Mable, all residents of Franklin county. His father died while Roy was but a small boy. Short funeral services were conducted by Rev. Geo. A. Osborn at the home and the customary funeral services were held at the Rowan Methodist church at 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. Interment was in the Rowan cemetery.

Those from a distance attending the funeral were Mrs. Emma Heis and Son Roy of Atkinson, Neb., Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Christianson from Storm Lake, Ia., Mrs. Jennie Whitman and son Donald of Albert City, Ia., and Mrs. Edith Harkness and daughter of Harris, Ia.

Rowan Methodist Church Notes

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Classes for all ages. The Sunday school is important. Morning service at 11 a. m. A Christmas sermon. There will be no evening services as the pastor is to be with the church at Latimer on Sunday eve.

On Monday evening we will have the Christmas program at the usual hour. Much preparation is being made to make the program a success.

On Dec. 26 Prof. Joseph Waugh is to meet the singers for the chorus choir at 7 p. m. Dr. J. H. Mahood is to be with us on the 27th and the general public is invited to come and enjoy the meetings which begin on that date.

Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Osborn and Mrs. F. B. Sheldon were in Hampton Thursday calling on Mrs. Geo. Liming, who is still in the sanitarium at Hampton, but is improving.

Mrs. Will Bingham has been on the sick list the past week but is much improved at this writing.

Mrs. Ellen McCallum of Belmond was in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Baines and son Darrell of Dows were Sunday callers at the home of Mrs. Hannah Whitten.

Rev. Mershon of Sioux City was in town several days last week in the interest of raising funds for the new M. E. hospital to be built at Sioux City.

Rev. and Mrs. Osborn were Thornton callers Friday where he was called to be one of the judges in an oratorical contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tresidder spent Friday with their son Howard and family at Clarion.

Mrs. Hubbard McCallum from Mason City spent the past week at the R. H. Virden home.

Robert Holliday arrived Wednesday of this week from Cedar Falls to spend the vacation with his parents. He recently took part in a debate "That the U. S. Should Enter the League of Nations." Simpson college having the affirmative and Cedar Falls Normal the negative. The latter won.

Miss Wilda Whitten arrived home Wednesday from Galva where she has been teaching the past few months.

Miss Bonnie Thomas went to Williams to visit relatives until after Christmas.

The Cong. Mission study club met with Mrs. Fred Kercheval last Wednesday evening with about 30 in attendance. Frances Virden led the meeting. After the lesson games were played. Mesdames R. A. Azeltino and C. T. Halbert were the winners. The rooms were decorated fitting for the Christmas tide with a Christmas tree with the gifts which were brought for exchange. Lunch was served by Mrs. Kercheval with Mrs. Howard Box and Miss LaVonne Ballou as assistant hostesses.

Rev. and Mrs. O. H. Spellman of Clarion were callers at the Rev. C. T. Halbert home last Thursday.

Mrs. Theo. Hansen was quite ill the first of the week.

Mrs. Paul Keefe and children of Hampton spent a part of last week at the Fred Webber home.

Max Steffens went to LaPorte. last Wednesday to see his mother and family.

The high school students enjoyed themselves very much at a party in the school building last Friday evening when the Juniors entertained the entire high school.

Waite Reading of Churdan arrived last Tuesday for a short visit at his sister's, Mrs. L. R. Fitz.

Mr. and Mrs. James Burt and Mrs. L. A. McCallum were Clarion visitors Saturday.

G. S. Liming and daughter Lorine and Garnette Stumph were at Hampton, Sunday, to see Mrs. Liming.

Raymond Burrows and his sister Myrtle of Dows spent Friday evening at the home of their aunt, Mrs. Hannah Whitten.

F. H. Brooks and D. W. Whitten were Clarion business callers last Thursday.

The Rowan basket ball teams went to Chapin last Thursday evening and again carried off the honors in a double header. On Friday evening of this week our local teams go to Iowa Falls. This promises to be a very interesting game.

Miss Susan Duffy arrived from Cedar Falls, Saturday, to attend the Olson funeral.

R. H. Keith was a Hampton visitor last Wednesday.

F. M. Myers was in Clarion last Thursday.

The M. E. Sunday school board met in the class room Monday evening and the official board met the same evening at 8 p. m. for business sessions.

John Revo was in town Sunday, shaking hands with old friends. He has been hauling gravel near Forest City and moved with the gang to the southern part of the state the first of the week.

Mrs. Alber Emerson and daughter Esther and Miss Clio Duffy were in Belmond last Wednesday.

Mrs. Elmer Burt and brother, H. Shurson, have been at Eagle Grove the past two weeks caring for their mother who has been seriously ill. At this writing she is still with her mother, who is improving slowly.

Rev. J. T. Cruzan of Iowa Falls, a union Sunday school worker, spoke at each of the Sunday schools Sunday morning and also preached at a union service in the M. E. church Sunday evening.

Mrs. Sim Stout and Mrs. Bert Pierce were Hampton visitors on last Thursday.

Miss Tillie Coy of Belmond is spending the week with her friend Miss Dorothy Steffens.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Lindsey Mr. and Mrs. Harland Hill of Harvey neighborhood were Sunday guests at the Fred Kercheval home.

Mrs. Laura Mullins of Aberdeen, S. D., arrived last week for a visit with her brother, R. Virden.

The Farmers' Union enjoyed an oyster supper last Thursday.

Clarence Day of Iowa Falls and Mrs. Anna Snow of LaPorte were visiting at the Ben Hadley home last Friday. Mrs. Snow is an aunt of Mrs. Hadley.

Miss Nora Shaffer, Dorothy Steffens and Wm. Shaffer were Mason City shoppers last Thursday.

Mrs. Guy Sheldon entertained her daughter's. Maxine's, Sunday school class at her home Monday evening.

Mr and Mrs. Howard Box and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Azeltine were at Ft. Dodge last Tuesday.

Several from here attended the poultry show at Clarion last week. Mrs. Chas. Richards and Miss Thelma Streveler succeeded in winning several of the prizes.

Miss Florence Wilder of Iowa Falls came up Saturday to spend the week end with her friend, Mrs. Jas. Burt.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Simon were at Eagle Grove Thursday.

Mrs. Geo. Pritchett was on the sick list the first of the week.

Mrs. Byron Riley departed Saturday for Holyoke, Col., to attend the funeral of a cousin.

Rowan Methodist Church Notes

Sunday school at 10 a. m.

Morning worship at 11.

Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.

Evening worship at 7:30.

Wednesday evening Bible study and prayer meeting.

We have been fortunate in securing Dr. J. W. Mahood and his singer for a two weeks' series of meetings. The meetings will begin on Dec. 26.

GOODELL NEWS

Thor Alavig returned Saturday Thompson where he has been visiting relatives.

Ruth Ness returned from the Hampton hospital Tuesday.

The Frank Clark family moved on Wednesday to their house in the north part of town.

Mrs. Gaylord of Randall visited a few days last week at the Geo. Ness home.

Andrew Anderson of Garner and Lew Larson of Albert Lea visited on Saturday at the homes of Mrs. John Ahrenkeil and Mrs. C. Christenson.

Miss Maude Griggs entertained the lady members of the Twin Lake and Avery Farm Bureaus at her home Friday. An interesting course in nutrition was taken up.

Mr. and Mrs. Knoll are the parents of a baby girl.

Miss Barry of Belmond has consented to take up the music class that Miss Ina Ahrenkeil gave up. Work will be started after the holidays.

Will Lamar was a business caller in Klemme Saturday.

Wednesday evening a social party of friends of Ruth Ness gathered at her home to help her celebrate her 21st birthday.

Don't forget the grade Christmas program at the Opera House Friday eve., Dec. 21.

Crystal Lake boys and girls basket ball teams played with Goodell on Friday evening, Crystal Lake winning both games. Adolph Skovlin of Belmond refereed the games.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Graeber attended a birthday party at the John McCordkle home at Kanawha, last week, the affair being honor of the birthday of Thelma.

Frances Quigley opened a barber shop in Goodell Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Quigley are living in the rooms owned by Joe Heginger.

The Will Allaben family and the Mesdames Robert McNutt and Letch were Klemme shoppers Saturday.

Bob Wilson of Cornelia was a business caller here Saturday.

Miss Olive Butts will spend the winter in Goodell with her folks.

The U. B. church will give a Christmas program on Christmas Eve.

Misses Mylie and Shoenwetter were shoppers at Belmond, Saturday

Ray Bachman returned Saturday from Ventura where he had been doing some mason work.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Whitaker left Wednesday to visit her parents who live at Spencer.

Chris Deiger returned Thursday from Chicago where he has been visiting relatives.

Mr. Purdy and Miss Rena from Belmond were visitors at the Butts home Sunday.

Miss Katherine Thiltgen of Belmond visited Sunday with her friend Olive Butts.

ALEXANDER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Winwood and son Kenneth visited with relatives at Iowa Falls, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Greenfield and son were Sunday visitors at Popejoy.

Jesse Arends was a caller at Belmond last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bohlen, Mr and Mrs. Chas. Winwood and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Gillett were shoppers at Mason City last Saturday.

Mrs. Wm. Winwood and daughter Miss Mary, were callers at Hampton Monday.

John Dirksen of Hampton was a visitor at this place Sunday.

Clarence Murphy and family moved their household goods to Hampton where they will make their future home.

The Will Tinkey family move to the M. E. parsonage vacated by the Murphy family, and Mrs. Ellen Peck will move into the house vacated by Tinkey.

Peter Bohlen spent several days the past week visiting his brother, Joe, at Sac City.

The Dorcas society will be entertained by Miss Jessie Bell on next Thursday afternoon, Dec. 27. A large attendance is desired.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Osborne from Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. John Douglas and children of Galt and J. F. Douglas of Hampton spent the day Sunday at the Otto Kieslich home.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Beenen visited at the home of Mrs. Beenen's sister, Mrs. Sandy Pink, at Hampton, Sunday.

Miss Nellie Bell was a caller at Clarion the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greenfield and son and Mrs. Mabel Symens were business callers at Hampton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Raisch of Dumont were visitors at the Peter Bohlen home the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilko Pals and son Ormal, and Mr. and Mrs. Clate Symens and Susie and Ethel Schulte were Sunday visitors at the Dick Van Horn home near Aredale.

A. H. Winwood was a business caller at Clarion, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harm Dirks from Meservey were Sunday visitors at the Dick Schmidt home.

Theo. Nelson, Leonard and Ben Arends, who attend college at Elmhurst, Ill., came home Saturday to spend vacation during the holidays.

Misses Marjory Flynn, Mary Kernen and Oralee Brooks spent the week end at their respective homes in Belmond.

Arthur Winwood was a business caller at Hampton Tuesday.

John Arends and son Jesse were callers at Rowan, Saturday.

Carl Bohlen was transacting business at Belmond the first of the week.

On Tuesday evening of last week a large number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Murphy gathered at their home and gave them a very pleasant surprise. An enjoyable evening was spent after which an oyster stew was served. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy were presented with a beautiful rug as a token of remembrance. The Murphy family will be greatly missed in our community.

All In The Family.

An artist who occupied a studio on the top floor of a large building was disposed to be very pleasant to the janitress.

"How many children have you, Mrs. O'Flarity?" he asked her one morning as she was polishing the doorknob.

"It's siven I have, sor," she replied "and lucky I am too. Bless 'em! Four be the third wife of me second husband three by the second wife of me furst."

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

The Supt. and the Sunday school teachers of the Immanuel Reformed church are preparing a Christmas program which will be given the evening of the 24th.

Several of the rural schools close tomorrow for a two weeks vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Traeger and family autoed to Mason City last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Finn and children Donald and Ruth were Mason City visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCormick and family visited at the parental Halverson home near Miller, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Dorenkamp, Sr. spent Sunday afternoon at the John Wientjes home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thayer and children were Sunday afternoon visitors at the Erwin Dipple home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Barkema entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Eckhoff of near Meservey, at their home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Barker spent Sunday afternoon at the parental W. A. Gartz home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dorenkamp are the proud parents of a baby son.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frohling and children and Grace Gartz attended the primary grade program in the Alexander school last Friday evening.

SCRUB BOAR COST HIM $1,000

How a scrub boar owned by a farmer in Union county, Ky., cost him $1,000 is told by Wayland Rhoads, field agent in an animal husbandry of the Kentucky extension service. The first cost of the boar was $8. He was bred to 12 sows, each of which produced two litters of pigs while the boar was head of the herd. All the 24 litters made unsatisfactory growth.

Later, in connection with the "better sires—better stock" movement, the farmer replaced the boar with a good purebred and used the same sows. The pigs sired by the purebred boar brought the owner $1,000 more in the same length of time than the pigs which the scrub boar had sired. The two experiences caused the Union county farmer to conclude that the use of the scrub boar for 24 litters of pigs had cost him $1,000. According to United States Department of Agriculture livestock specialists, to whom Mr. Rhroads related this incident, scrub sires are the most expensive kind a farmer can keep, a fact supported by the foregoing result.—Ex.

Here and There

Miss Cora McNutt, of Belmond was a week-end guest of Miss Blanche McCallum.—Monitor.

Miss Gladys Forristal, of Belmond spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Arthur Loux.—Monitor.

Henry Saatoff, of Belmond was a brief caller in our city Tuesday afternoon.—Reporter.

Mrs. Lieuwen, of Belmond spent the first of the week here with her daughter, Mrs. M. L. Baker and family.—Rporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Pierce came over from Belmond Friday, and visited until Saturday at the E. A. Norton home, when they departed for Chicago where they will make their future home.—Monitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Eggers moved to Garner Monday where "Shorty" will be employed by the Motor Sales Company. We are sorry to lose this estimable young couple and trust they will enjoy and prosper in their new home.—Reporter.

Mr. Waltz, of Belmond was a visitor at the home of his nephew, Geo. Baldridge and family last Thursday. Mr. Waltz had been visiting in Minnesota and stopped here while enroute home.—Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Rourk and daughter, Mrs. Leo Gilligan, and their guests, Mesdames Noonan and Frank Rourk, of Britt, autoed to Belmond last Thursday afternoon to visit the former's daughter, Mrs. Wm. Parker and husband. From there they went to the farm home of their daughter, Mrs. Anson Avery and husband, near Goodell, where they were entertained at a fine six o'clock dinner.—Reporter.

A Stickler

Rescuer—Hold on tight! Hold on tight!

School Teacher (struggling in the water)—Don't say that—say "Hold on tightly!"

Yes, Who Would?

The Young Wife—The new nurse is very scientific. She never lets anyone kiss the baby while she is around.

The Husband—Who would?

And the next day the nurse left.

MRS. ANDREW BULLIS

Martha Isabelle Chapman was born at Roscoe, Winnebago county, Ill., June 18, 1852. She spent her girlhood days at home, in Illinois, coming to Iowa at the age of 29 to teach school. The deceased was united in marriage to Andrew Bullis on Aug. 26, 1882. This union proved to be a happy one, the couple having the great privilege of living together for over 41 years.

Mrs. Bullis gave her heart to her Savior early in life and has kept faith that makes for a devoted christian character. She united with the Methodist church early in life and has remained a faithful member of same. She has been active in the different societies of the church as long as health would permit. Her life is the kind that is missed when gone. Our loss is heaven's gain. All that kind hands could do were done to make her last days as pleasant and comfortable as possible. The end came Saturday morning.

She departed this life at the age of 71 years, 5 months and 27 days. Those who are left to mourn are husband, 5 sisters and one brother, besides a number of nieces and other relatives and friends.

She is gone but not forgotten. How hard is the separation, but Christ has given us a hope that reaches beyond this vale of tears and enables us to say:

Soon shall we meet again,
Meet ne'er to sever;
Soon shall peace wreath her chain
Round us forever.
Our hearts will then repose
Secure from worldy woes,
Our songs of praise shall close
Never—no, never.

Mrs. Bullis was one of those characters all too rare in this world, whose life and all that it contained was devoted to those she loved and to their advancement and pleasure and to the duties of her religion. She had many friends but was never of aggressive disposition or effort. While she had health she was faithful to all the duties of life as she knew them and left to others the civic or social leadership of the community. Withal she had thru her friendships and acquaintances a strong influence in the community and that ifluence was always for good.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist church last Sunday afternoon, conducted by the pastor, Rev. O'Connor, interment being in Belmond cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends for the beautiful flowers and kindly help given us during the illness and death of our beloved one.

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HAMPTON TO HAVE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

Hampton is arranging for a community Christmas observance this year that promises to be a good one. A big community Christmas tree is to be installed at the courthouse yard which will be decorated in true holiday style. All the electroliers on the main business street will be decorated up with Christmas decoration, the whole to be ready for the opening display Saturday. Hampton merchants will decorate their window in keeping with the occasion. Some free attractions will also be given by high school students, glee clubs and similar bodies, and a number of feature stunts will be given. The affair is under the auspices of the Hampton Commercial club.

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A Christmas Sermon Written For The Independent By Rev. J. M. Jensen.

Luke 2.11. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David. a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

We are approaching the big event of the year, Christmas! We greet our friends with "A Merry Christmas," and then in return we receive "Thanks! The same to you." A custim! Possibly, and yet the fact remains that Christmas is after all, the most happy event in the year.

Christmas is to the world in the deepest spiritual sense, what the 4th of July is to the nation. As this day is the result of a long, tedious, drawn out struggle for liberty, so Christmas is the result if God's great plan for man's redemption.

Way back in the early history of the world, the unhappy experience of sin was fully realized. Disobedience to God made havoc with Adam's and Eve's peace with God. With this came the final and irresistable estrangement from God. Oh what a pity that sin should cause such disturbance! What unhappy relationships between God and man have not since been in evidence. Hatred has taken place of love, disruption and conflict have driven peace and harmony away. And then all the other unpleasant experiences, suffering and agony. Who can measure them or count them.

All this is man's heirloom on account of sin's entrance into the world by one man. and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. Get this, believe this, honestly admit this, and confess this, and you are in a position to appreciate the angels' greeting to the Shepherds: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

First the message reads: "Unto you is born a Savior." A Savior is one who saves, preserves, or delivers from destruction or danger. This is precisely what Jesus is. "And thou shalt call his name Jesus for he shall deliver his people from their sin."

Thanks be to God, for this unspeakable gift to the world. Could He do this and would He do it? Here is the answer: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Jesus can save us if we believe in Him. This is God's decree and no alteraton will be made. This is final, saved if we believe, lost if we remain in unbelief.

Thus Jesus is Lord. "For unto you is born a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." Jesus does not only claim the right and the power to save from sin, He demands lordship over those He has saved from sin. Jesus does not only save from guilt and punishment, He saves from the power of sin. No one needs to be a slave to sin. And, what is more, no one can be a slave to sin and have the satisfying enjoyment of "A Merry Christmas."

Then, my dear friends, reading this short message, would you want to live in sin and sear the conscience that was once made happy by the redeeming faith in a merciful and loving Savior? No! You would not want to do this. Pray God for grace to remain faithful to that resolve. Then you will have A Merry Christmas every recurring 25th of December. You will have Christmas every day, because "that peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your mind and thoughts in Christ Jesus."

God grant you, dear reader, a most blessed and happy Christmas at the manger with the shepherds and all who sing praises to God for His unspeakable love.

MODERN METHODS

Jinks said he wouldn't advertise,
He didn't have to do it;
That he had worth while goods for sale
And everybody knew it.
He gave full value for their cash
And folks knew his location;
Why should he spend his profits
When there was no provocation?
He seldom changed his windows,
So nobody stopped to look.
No new names graced his ancient stock,
Folks knew it like a book.
Then young Jack Rushmore started up
A store right down the street;
Each day he ran a little ad,
His windows were a treat.
Soon it was simple that things,
For Jinks
Were on the downward grade.
He wouldn't change his old time ways
So Rushmore got the trade.
Just mention advertisement,
If you want to get Jinks sore,
For now he's running one that reads:
"For Sale or Rent, A Store."

AUTOS KILL 11,666 IN 1922

A continued increase in the death rate from automobile accidents is reported by the census bureau, which places the rate at 12.5 per 100,000 of population in the registration area last year as compared with 11.5 in 1921 and 9.0 in 1917.

Fatalities in 1922, the report says, totalled 11,666, an increase of 1,498 over the preceding year. The figures cover 85 per cent of the nation's population.

California had the highest rate—26.0 per 100,000 of population—and Mississippi had the lowest with 3.4, while Vermont showed the greatest increase with a rate of 11.1 against

Connecticut, Massachusetts, Montana, Virginia and Washington reported declines in the rate, Washington leading this division with a reduction from 14.5 per 100,000 in 1921 to 12.3 in 1922.

AN INTERESTING BIT OF EARLY IOWA HISTORY

Dexter, Dec. 5—Dexter's bridge, for more tha 50 years a familiar landmark on upper Lime creek, has at last succumbed to the onslaught of time. The rough boulder masonry has crumbled and disappeared beneath the silt of the river's bed, the low-swung truss-work has been dismantled and the last cumbersome beam carried away. Thus another old landmark has gone the way of the pioneers who built it; and the curtain has dropped for the last time on a bridge once famous from the fact that the first passenger to cross its rough-hewn plank floor was no les a personage than Jessie James, the noted southern bandit.

The passing of the old landmark recalls a bit of unwritten early Iowa history dating back nearly 70 years, when a few white "squatters" living on speculators' land southeast of Pilot Knob, spanned the first trestle-bridge ever built on Lime sreek. The crude and shaky structure was made entirely of native oak and walnut logs cut in what is now Ellington township, Hancock county. The trees were felled during the summer months and rafted down stream to the southwest corner of section 9 in Gant township, Cerro Gordo county, where the bridge was built after the river froze up in the fall.

Less than 8 feet in width, scarcely wide enough for the passage of an ox team, low and shakey with its trestle-trees wedged and keyed with oaken pins, it was the first bridge ever built by whites in the Upper Lme creek valley; and n spite of its crude and primitive construction, it gave goid service for several years, In time, however, it succumbed to the flood waters of a March thaw and every vistage if the bridge was swept away.

A second bridge, somewhat on the order of the first, was built some years later on the same site. It was built wider than the first, iron bolts were used in is construction and it was set well above high-water mark and thus not endangered by spring floods. Its life, however, was of short duration, for its trestle-trees were soon damaged by a prarie fire to such an extent that the bridge was condemned as unsafe. In time it collapsed, and like its predecessor, was carried away by the floods.

Along in the early seventies a third bridge was built on the old site. It was named "Dexter's bridge" in honor of Mark Dexter, one of the early settlers in the neighborhood and who is believed to have had a sub contract in the building of the bridge. The day on which the work was completed, according to a story current here 35 to 40 years ago Jessie James and his gang of southern bandits crossed the bridge enroute on their ill-fated expedition to North field.

The approach to the bridge from the south, so the story goes, had been graded ti a level with the floor, but at the north end of the bridge was a sheer jump-off of 10 feet. A metal sign bearing the once familiar legend "$5.00 fine for riding or diving over this bridge faster than a walk," had just been put in place by a workman when Jessie James at the head of his band of desperadies rode up from the south. The sign, surmounted by a six-pointed star, evidently amused the robber chief, and he smilingly asked a workman:

"What does that sign up there say, stranger?"

"It says that there s ia $5 fine for driving or riding over the new bridge faster than a walk," the man replied.

"That's too damned slow!" the robber replied as he struck his horse a cutting blow with the butt of a huge Colt's revolver, and then dashed at thundering speed across the bridge. As his horse took the 10 foot leap at the north end, Jessie James wheeled in his saddle and fired six shots in rapid succession at the offending sign. There was a sharp, metallc tinkle of falling metal as the six points of the star, one after the other, dropped to the floor of the bridge. Every shot had found its mark, and the bandit's companions uttered a wild cheer as they pronounced the feat the best exhibition of markmanship ever performed by their leader!—Globe Gazette.

(Editor's note—Fred Meacham of Belmond, handed us the foregoing interesting article, and we understood him to say that he was one of the man who assisted in building the bridge.)

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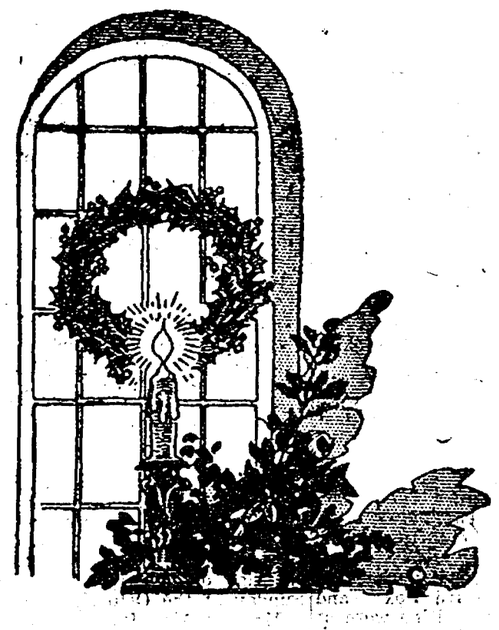

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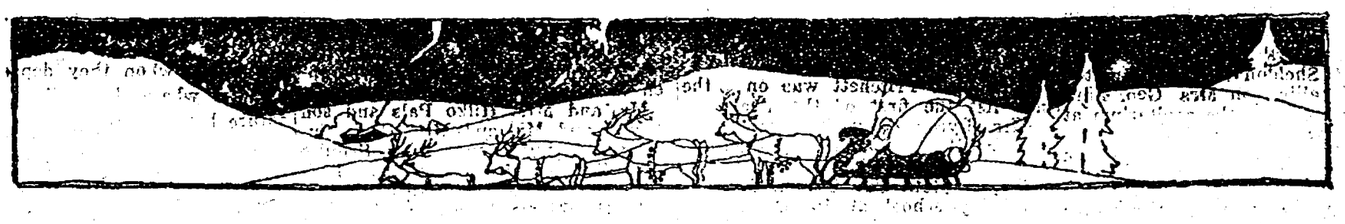

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The BROWN MOUSE

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Jennie Woodruff contemptuously refuses to marry Jim Irwin, young farm hand, because of his financial condition and poor prospects. He is intellectually above his station, and has advanced ideas concerning the possibilities of expert school teaching, for which he is ridiculed by many.

CHAPTER II.—More as a joke than otherwise Jim is selected as teacher of the Woodruff district school.

CHAPTER III.—Jim, in his new position, sets out to make stanch friends of his pupils, especially two boys, Newton Bronson and "Buddy" Simms, the latter the son of a shiftless farmer. Colonel Woodruff, Jennie's father, has little faith in Jim's ideas of improving rural educational methods. He nicknames him the "Brown Mouse," in illustration of an anecdote.

Jim Irwin was the least conspicuous person in the gathering, but the colonel, who was a seasoned politician, observed that the farm-hand had become a fisher of men, and was angling for the souls of these boys, and their interest in the school. Jim was careful not to flush the covey, but every boy received from the next winter's teacher some confidential hint as to plans, and some suggestion that Jim was relying on the aid and comfort of that particular boy.

Newt Bronson, especially, was leaned on as a strong staff and a very present help in time of trouble. As for Raymond Simms, it was clearly best to leave him alone. All this talk of corn selection and related things was new to him, and he drank it in thirstily. He had an inestimable advantage over Newt in that he was starved, while Newt was surfeited with "advantages" for which he had no use.

"Jennie," said Colonel Woodruff, after the party had broken up, "I'm losing the best hand I ever had, and I've been sorry."

"I'm glad he's leaving you," said Jennie. "He ought to do something except work in the field for wages."

"I've had no idea he could make good as a teacher—and what is there in it if he does?"

"What has he lost if he doesn't?" rejoined Jennie. "And why can't he make good?"

"The school board's against him, for one thing," replied the colonel. "They'll fire him if they get a chance. They're the laughing-stock of the country for hiring him by mistake, and they're irritated. But after seeing him perform tonight, I wonder if he can't make good."

"If he could feel like anything but an underling, he'd succeed," said Jennie.

"That's his heredity," stated the colonel, whose live stock operations were based on heredity. "Jim's a scrub, I suppose; but he acts as if he might turn out to be a Brown Mouse."

"What do you mean, pa," scoffed Jennie—"a Brown Mouse!"

"A fellow in Edinburgh," said the colonel, "crossed the Japanese waltzing mouse with the common white mouse. Jim's peddling father was a waltzing mouse, no good except to jump from one spot to another for no good reason. Jim's mother is an albino of a woman, with all the color washed out in one way or another. Jim ought to be a mongrel, and I've always considered him one. But the Edinburgh fellow every once in a while got out of his variously-colored, waltzing and albino hybrids, a brown mouse. It wasn't a common house mouse, either, but a wild mouse unlike any he had ever seen. It ran away, and bit and gnawed and raised hob. It was what we breeders call a Mendelian segregation of genetic factors that had been in the waltzers and albinos all the time—their original wild ancestor of the woods and fields. If Jim turns out to be a brown mouse, he may be a bigger man than any of us. Anyhow, I'm for him."

"He'll have to be a big man to make anything out of the job of a country school teacher," said Jennie.

"Any job's as big as the man who holds it down," said her father.

Next day Jim received a letter from Jennie.

"Dear Jim," it ran. "Father says you are sure to have a hard time—the school board's against you, and all that. But he added 'I'm for Jim, anyhow!' I thought you'd like to know this. Also he said, 'Any job's as big as the man who holds it down.' And I believe this also, and I'm for you, too! You are doing wonders even before the school starts in getting the pupils interested in a lot of things, which, while they don't belong to school work, will make them friends of yours. I don't see how this will help you much, but it's a fine thing, and shows your interest in them. Don't be too original. The wheel runs easiest in the beaten track. Yours, Jennie."

Jennie's caution made no impression on Jim—but he put the letter away, and every evening took it out and read the words, "I'm for you, too!" The colonel's dictum, "Any job's as big as the man who holds it down," was an Emersonian truism to Jim. It reduced all jobs to an equality, and it meant equality in intellectual and spiritual development. It didn't mean, for instance, that any job was as good as another in making it possible for a man to marry—and Jennie Woodruff's "Humph!" returned to kill and drag off her "I'm for you, too!"

CHAPTER IV

The First Day of School.

Jim Irwin was full of his Emerson's "Representative Men," and his Carlyle's "French Revolution," and the other old-fashioned, excellent, good literature which did not cost over 25 cents a volume; and he had pored long and with many thrills over the pages of Matthews' "Getting On in the World." His view of efficiency was that it is the capacity to see opportunity where others overlook it, and make the most of it.

All through his life he had had his own plans for becoming great. And all the time he was bare-footed, ill-clad and dreamed his dreams to the accompaniment of the growl of the plow cutting the roots under the brown furrow-slice, or the wooshing of the milk in the pail. At twenty-eight, he considered these dreams over.

As for this new employment, he saw no great opportunity in it. He went into the small, mean, ill-paid task as a part of the day's work, with no knowledge of the stirring of the nation for a different sort of rural school, and no suspicion that there lay in it any highway to success in life. He rather wondered why he had allowed Jennie's sneer to sting him into the course of action which put him in this new relation to his neighbors.

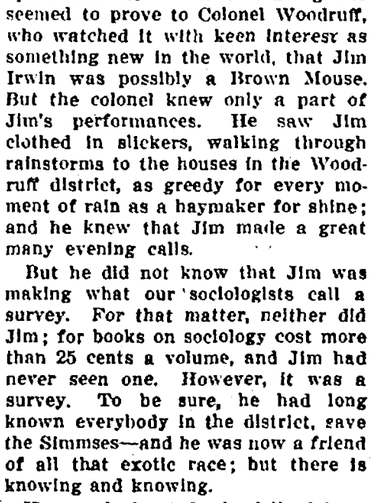
But, true to his belief in honest, thorough work, like a general preparing for battle, he examined his field of operations. His manner of doing this seemed to prove to Colonel Woodruff, who watched it with keen interest as something new in the world, that Jim Irwin was possibly a Brown Mouse. But the colonel knew only a part of Jim's performances. He saw Jim clothed in slickers, walking through rainstorms to the houses in the Woodruff district, as greedy for every moment of rain as a haymaker for shine; and he knew that Jim made a great many evening calls.

But he did not know that Jim was making what our sociologists call a survey. For that matter, neither did Jim; for books on sociology cost more than 25 cents a volume, and Jim had never seen one. However, it was a survey. To be sure, he had long known everybody in the district, save the Simmses—and he was now a friend of all that exotic race; but there is knowing and knowing.

He now had note-books full of facts about people and their farms. He knew how many acres each family possessed, and what sort of farming each husband was doing—live stock, grain or mixed. He knew about the mortgages, and the debts. He knew whether the family atmosphere was happy and contented, or the reverse. He knew which boys and girls were wayward and insubordinate. He made a record of the advancement in their studies of all the children, and what they liked to read. He knew their favorite amusements. He talked with their mothers and sisters—not about the school, to any extent, but on the weather, the horses, the automobiles, the silo-filling machinery and the profits of farming.

Really, though Jennie Woodruff did not see how such doings related to school work, Jim Irwin's school was running full blast in the homes of the district and the minds of many pupils, weeks and weeks before that day when he called them to order on the Monday specified in his contract as the first day of school.

Con Bonner, who came to see the opening, voiced the sentiments of the older people when he condemned the



"That Feller'll Never Do."

school as disorderly. To be sure, there were more pupils enrolled than had ever entered on a first day in the whole history of the school, and it was hard to accommodate them all. But the director's criticism was leveled against the free-and-easy air of the children. Most of them had brought seed corn and a good-sized corn show was on view. There was much argument as to the merits of the various entries. Instead of a language lesson from the text-book, Jim had given them an exercise based on an examination of the ears of corn.

The number exercises of the little chaps had been worked out with ears and kernels of corn. One class in arithmetic calculated the percentage of inferior kernels at tip and butt to the full-sized grains in the middle of the ear.

All the time, Jim Irwin, awkward and uncouth, clad in his none-too-good Sunday suit and trying to hide behind his Lincolnian smile the fact that he was pretty badly frightened and much embarrassed, passed among them, getting them enrolled, setting them to work, wasting much time and laboring like a heavy-laden barge in a seaway.

"That feller'll never do," said Bonner to Bronson next day. "Looks like a tramp in the schoolroom."

"Wearin' his best, I guess," said Bronson.

"Half the kids call him 'Jim,'" said Bonner.

"That's all right with me," replied Bronson.

"The room was as noisy as a caucus," was Bonner's next indictment, "and the flure was all over corn like a hog-pin."

"Oh! I don't suppose he can get away with it," assented Bronson disgustedly, "but that boy of mine is as tickled as a colt with the whole thing. Says he's goin' reg'lar this winter."

"That's because Jim don't keep no order," said Bonner. "He lets Newt do as he pleases."

"First time he's ever pleased to do anything but deviltry," protested Bronson. "Oh, I suppose Jim'll fall down, and we'll have to fire him—but I wish we could git a good teacher that would git hold of Newt the way he seems to!"

CHAPTER V

The Promotion of Jennie.

If Jennie Woodruff was the cause of Jim Irwin's sudden irruption into the educational field by her scoffing "Humph!" at the idea of a farm-hand's ever being able to marry, she also gave him the opportunity to knock down t. driver of the big motorcar, and perceptibly elevate himself in the opinion of the neighborhood, while filling his own heart with something like shame.

The fat man who had said "Cut it out" to his driver, was Mr. Charles Dilly, a business man in the village at the extreme opposite corner of the county. Mr. Dilly was a candidate for county treasurer, and wished to be nominated at the approaching county convention. In his part of the county lived the county superintendent—a candidate for renomination. He was just a plain garden or field county superintendent of schools, no better and no worse than the general political run of them, but he had local pride enlisted in his cause, and was a good politician.

Mr. Dilly was in the Woodruff district to build a backfire against this conflagration of the county superintendent. He expected to use Jennie Woodruff to light it withal. That is, while denying that he wished to make any deal or trade—every candidate in every convention always says that—he wished to say to Miss Woodruff and her father, that if Miss Woodruff would permit her name to be used for the office of county superintendent of schools, a goodly group of delegates could be selected in the other corner of the county who would be glad to reciprocate any favors Mr. Charles J. Dilly might receive in the way of votes for county treasurer with ballots for Miss Jennie Woodruff for superintendent of schools.

Mr. Dilly never inquired as to Miss Woodruff's abilities as an educator. That would have been eccentric. Miss Woodruff never asked herself if she knew anything about rural education which especially fitted her for the task; for was she not a popular and successful teacher—and was not that enough? So are the officials chosen who supervise and control the education of the farm children of America.

When Jim Irwin started home from putting out his team the day after his first call on the Simms family, Jennie was waiting at the gate to be congratulated on her nomination.

"I hope you're elected," Jim said, holding the hand she had extended; "but there's no doubt of that."

"They say not," replied Jennie; "but father believes in working just as if we didn't have a big majority for the ticket. Say a word for me when on your pastoral rounds."

"All right said Jim, "what shall I say you'll do for the schools?"

"Why," said Jennie, rather perplexed, "I'll be fair in my examinations of teachers, try to keep the unfit teachers out of the schools, visit schools as often as I can, and—why, what does any good superintendent do?"

"I never heard of a good county superintendent," said Jim.

"Never heard of one—why, Jim Irwin!"

"I don't believe there is any such thing," persisted Jim, "and if you do no more than you say, you'll be off the same piece as the rest. Your system won't give us any better schools than we have—of the old sort—and we need a new kind."

"Oh, Jim, Jim! Dreaming as of yore! Why can't you be practical! What do you mean by a new kind of rural school?"

"It would be correlated with rural life. It would get education out of the things the farmers and farmers' wives are interested in as a part of their lives."

Jennie looked serious, after smothering a laugh.

"Jim," said she, "you're going to have a hard enough time to succeed in the Woodruff school, if you confine yourself to methods that have been tested, and found good."

"But the old methods," urged Jim, "have been tested and found bad. Shall I keep to them?"

"They have made the American people what they are," said Jennie. "Don't be unpatriotic, Jim."

"They have educated our farm children for the cities," said Jim. "This county is losing population—and it's the best county in the world."

"Pessimism never wins," said Jennie.

"Neither does blindness," answered Jim. "It is losing the farms their dwellers, and swelling the cities with a proletariat."

For some time, now, Jim had ceased to hold Jennie's hand; and their sweetheart days had never seemed farther away.

"Jim," said Jennie, "I may be elected to a position in which I shall be obliged to pass on your acts as teacher—in an official way, I mean. I hope they will be justifiable."

Jim smiled his slowest and saddest smile.

"If they're not, I'll not ask you to condone them," said he. "But first

"Good Night," Said Jennie Curtly.

they must be justifiable to me, Jennie."

"Good night," said Jennie curtly, and left him.

Jennie, I am obliged to admit, gave scant attention to the new career upon which her old sweetheart seemed to be entering. She was in politics, and was playing the game as became the daughter of a local politician. Col. Albert Woodruff went South with the army as a corporal in 1861, and came back a lieutenant. His title of colonel was conferred by appointment as a [illegible] governor.

[illegible] to him, whether they were greatly concerned about it or not.

Such being her family history, Jennie was something of a politician herself. She was in no way surprised when approached by party managers on the subject of accepting the nomination for county superintendent of schools. Colonel Woodruff could deliver some delegates to his daughter, though he rather shied at the proposal at first, but on thinking it over, warmed somewhat to the notion of having a Woodruff on the county pay roll once more.

CHAPTER VI

Jim Talks the Weather Cold.

"Going to the rally, James?"

Jim had finished his supper, and yearned for a long evening in his attic den with his cheap literature. But as the district schoolmaster he was to some extent responsible for the protection of the school property, and felt some sense of duty as to exhibiting an interest in public affairs.

"I guess I'll have to go, mother," he replied regretfully. "I want to see Mr. Woodruff about borrowing his Babcock milk tester, and I'll go that way. I guess I'll go on to the meeting."

He kissed his mother when he went—a habit from which he never deviated, and another of those personal peculiarities which had marked him as different from the other boys of the neighborhood. His mother urged his overcoat upon him in vain—for Jim's overcoat was distinctly a bad one, while his best suit, now worn every day as a concession to his scholastic position, still looked passably well after several weeks of schoolroom duty. It seemed more logical to assume that the weather was milder than it really was, on that sharp October evening and appear at his best, albeit rather aware of the cold. Jennie was at home, and he was likely to see and be seen of her.

"You can borrow that tester," said the colonel, "and the cows that go with it, if you can use 'em. They ain't earning their keep here. But how does the milk tester fit into the curriculum of the school? A decoration?"

"We want to make a few tests of the cows in the neighborhood," answered Jim. "Just another of my fool notions."

"All right," said the colonel. "Take it along. Going to the speakin'?"

"Certainly, he's going," said Jennie, entering. "This is my meeting, Jim."

"Surely, I'm going," assented Jim. "And I think I'll run along."

"I wish we had room for you in the car," said the colonel. "But I'm going around by Bronson's to pick up the speaker, and I'll have a chuck-up load."

"Not so much of a load as you think," said Jennie. "I'm going with Jim. The walk will do me good."

Any candidate warms to her voting population just before election; but Jennie had a special kindness for Jim. He was no longer a farm hand. The fact that he was coming to be a center of disturbance in the district, and that she quite failed to understand how his eccentric behavior could be harmonized with those principles of teaching which she had imbibed at the state normal school in itself lifted him nearer to equality with her. A public nuisance is really more respectable than a nonentity.

She gave Jim a thrill as she passed through the gate that he opened for her. White moonlight on her white furs suggested purity, exaltation, the essence of womanhood—things far finer in the woman of twenty-seven than the glamour thrown over him by the school girl of sixteen.

Jim gave her no thrill; for he looked gaunt and angular in his skimpy, ready-made suit, too short in legs and sleeves, and too thin for the season. Yet, as they walked along, Jim grew upon her. He strode on with immense strides, made slow to accommodate her shorter steps, and embarrassing her by his entire absence of effort to keep step. For all that, he lifted his face to the stars, and he pointed out the great open spaces in the Milky Way, wondering at their emptiness and at the fact that no telescope can find stars in them.

They stopped and looked. Jim laid his hard hands on the shoulders of her white fur collarette.

"What's the use of political meetings," said Jim, "when you and I can stand here and think our way out, even beyond the limits of our universe?"

"A wonderful journey," said she, not quite understanding his mood, "but [illegible] roam beyond the Milky Way, [illegible] votes for me for

[illegible] ter. There were files of farm papers piled about, and racks of agricultural bulletins. In one corner of the room was a typewriting machine, and in another a sewing machine. Parts of an old telephone were scattered about on the teacher's desk. A model of a piggery stood on a shelf, done in cardboard.

Instead of the usual collection of text-books in the desk, there were hectograph copies of exercises, reading lessons, arithmetical tables and essays on various matters relating to agriculture, all of which were accounted for by two or three hand-made hectographs—a very fair sort of printing plant—lying on a table.

The members of the school board were there, looking on these evidences of innovation with wonder and more or less disfavor. Things were disorderly. The text-books recently adopted by the board against some popular protest had evidently been pitched, neck and crop, out of the school by the man whom Bonner had termed a dub. It was a sort of contempt for the powers that be.

Colonel Woodruff was in the chair. After the speechifying was over, and the stereotyped, though rather illogical, appeal had been made for voters of the one party to cast the straight ticket, and for those of the other faction to scratch, the colonel rose to adjourn the meeting.

Newton Bronson, safely concealed behind taller people, called out, "Jim Irwin! speech!"

There was a giggle, a slight sensation, and many voices joined in the call for the new schoolmaster.

Colonel Woodruff felt the unwisdom of ignoring the demand. Probably he relied upon Jim's discretion and expected a declination.

Jim arose, seedy and lank, and the voices ceased, save for another suppressed titter.

"I don't know," said Jim, "whether this call upon me is a joke or not. If it is, it isn't a practical one, for I can't talk. I don't care much about parties or politics. I don't know whether I'm a Democrat, a Republican or a Populist."

This caused a real sensation. The nerve of the fellow! Really, it must in justice be said, Jim was losing himself in a desire to tell his true feelings. He forgot all about Jennie and her candidacy—about everything except his real, true feelings. This proves that he was no politician.

"I don't see much in this county campaign that interests me," he went on—and Jennie Woodruff reddened, while her seasoned father covered his mouth with his hand to conceal a smile. "The politicians come out into the farming districts every campaign and get us hayseeds for anything they want. They always have got us. They've got us again! They give us clodhoppers the glad hand, a cheap cigar, and a cheaper smile after election; and that's all. I know it, you all know it, they know it. I don't blame them so very much. The trouble is we don't ask them to do anything better.

"I want a new kind of rural school; but I don't see any prospect, no matter how this election goes, for any change in them. We in the Woodruff district will have to work out our own salvation. Our political ring never'll do anything but the old things. They don't want to, and they haven't sense enough to do it if they did. That's all—and I don't suppose I should have said as much as I have!"

There was stark silence for a moment when he sat down, and then as many cheers for Jim as for the principal speaker of the evening, cheers mingled with titters and catcalls. Jim felt as if he had made an ass of himself. And as he walked out of the door, the future county superintendent passed by him in high displeasure, and walked home with someone else.

Jim found the weather much colder than it had been while coming. He really needed an Eskimo's fur suit.

CHAPTER VII

New Wine and Old Bottles.

In the little strip of forest which divided the sown from the sown wandered two boys in earnest converse. They seemed to be Boy Trappers, and from their backloads of steel-traps one of them might have been Frank

[illegible] lect Colonel Woodruff's next year's seed corn. Newton's mother had a mother's confidence that Newton was now a good boy, who had been led astray by other boys, but had reformed. Jim Irwin had a distinct feeling of optimism. Newton had quit tobacco and beer, casually stating to Jim that he was "in training." Since Jim had shown his ability to administer a knockout to that angry chauffeur, he seemed to this hobbledehoy peculiarly a proper person for athletic confidences.

Newton's mind seemed gradually filling up with new interests. Jim attributed much of this to the clear mountain atmosphere which surrounded Raymond Simms, the ignorant barbarian driven out of his native hills by a feud. Raymond was of the open spaces, and refused to hear fetid things that seemed out of place in them.

As the reason for Newton's improvement in manner of living, Raymond, out of his own experience, would have had no hesitation in naming the school and the schoolmaster.

"I wouldn't go back on a friend," said Newton, seated on the stump with his traps on the ground at his feet, "the way you're going back on me."

Continued next week

LOCAL NEWS

BASKET SOCIAL

There will be a basket social at school district No. 4, Belmond township, on Friday evening, Dec. 21. Ladies please bring baskets.—Gladys Johnson, teacher.

Miss Rena Purdy and father were visitors Sunday at the home of Mrs. Butts, a Goodell.

Miss Katherine Thiltgen was a guest Sunday of Miss Olive Butts, at Goodell.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Leonard are rejoicing over the arrival at their home Tuesday afternoon of a fine new son.

Mrs. R. H. Klemme was hostess Tuesday afternoon to the Progress club.

Christ Groen and family spent the day Sunday at Meservey, visiting at the home of relatives.

Miss Marvyl Robinson, who attends Coe college, has been sick at the hospital with scarlet fever. She is improving now and will probably be home by Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Snyder received word yesterday that her sister's husband, A. L. Bergsma, at Huron, South Dakota, has been injured in an automobile accident and was in the hospital there.

Mrs. Cecil Jones was hostess to the Priscilla club on Wednesday afternoon.

Dorothy Purcell was hostess to the Standard Bearer girls Saturday last. Mrs. O'Connor is superintendent of this organization. They went over the lesson and made plans for work this year. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Snyder leave Saturday of this week for Huron, South Dakota, where they expect to spend a couple of weeks with their son, Clair, and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Eggers spent Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Benson. Mr. and Mrs. Eggers have moved from Kanawha to Garner, where he is now an employee of the Motor Sales Company there.

Geo. Peterson spent a few days last week with his family h... returned to Des M...

The Community club will meet next week Friday, Dec. 28. A splendid program of short stories and music has been arranged by Mrs. H. F. Luick. Everyone is urged to attend.

Those who succeed in life take advantage of their opportunities. Get an education while you have the chance. Enroll at The Hamilton University, Mason City, Iowa.

George Whitten of Rowan was a visitor in town Tuesday.

Our readers' attention is called to a splendid Christmas sermon on page six of this issue, which was written especially for the Independent by Rev. J. M. Jensen, of the Trinity Lutheran church.

Mrs. Hajo Pals, who has been ill, is much improved and able to be around again.

Mrs. Hajo Pals and Miss Mary Brown were callers at Mason City last Saturday.

March Nordschow arrived Saturday for a short visit with his brother, Harry, and family. He has been in Wyoming the past summer, employed in a sugar factory.

Miss Virgie Jenison and Dale visited the Joe Graham family at Forest City last Saturday, returning on Sunday.

Mrs. Guthrie has been on the sick list the past week, being quite seriously ill.

Miss Clara Johnson came over from Sheffield, Friday evening, as chaperone for the Sheffield girls.

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Now that the fall work is over, you should plan to put in at least three months in self-improvement. Enroll for the Farmer's Short Course or any one of the regular courses, January 2, The Hamilton University, Mason City, Iowa.

Mrs. C. T. Enger and son were visiting at the Tom Hake home in Klemme a few days last week.

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Belmond Short Course, January 22 and 23.

Olaf Eliason, 2 miles west of Olaf, closing out farm sale, Jan. 8.

C. H. Thayer, closing out farm sale, 6 miles southwest, Jan. 10.

Roy Jenison, January 25, pure bred Spotted Poland China hog sale, in town.

Harry McClernon, Monday, January 7. Closing out farm sale.

M. B. Wharton, Dec. 27, closing out farm sale.

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For Sale—Dressed geese.—Mrs. Earl Jenison.

For Sale—One young and one old Poland China boar.—Earl Jenison.

For Sale—Some pure bred Brown Leghorn roosters. John Chapman. 1*

For Sale—Pure bred White Rock roosters, early hatch.—Mrs. H. O. Emerson. Kanawha. Belmond phone 1520. 1c

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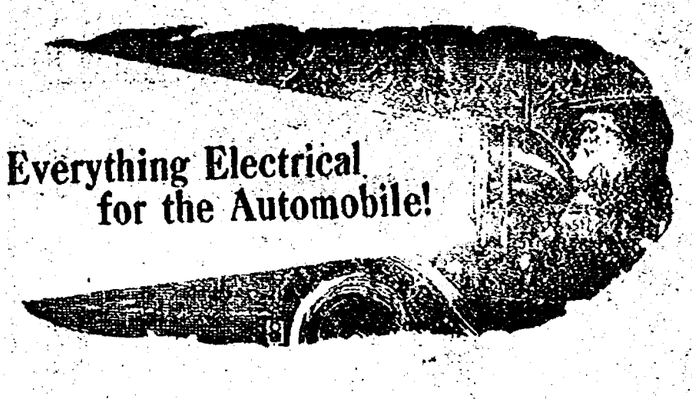

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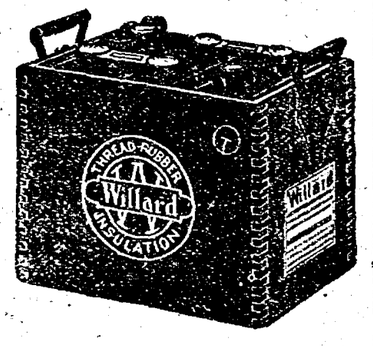

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